

MINUTE of MEETING of the LIVINGSTON SOUTH LOCAL AREA COMMITTEE held within WEBEX VIRTUAL MEETING ROOM, on 11 FEBRUARY 2021.

Present – Councillors Lawrence Fitzpatrick (Chair), Peter Heggie and Moira Shemilt

Apologies – Mary Benson, Ladywell Community Council

In attendance

James Cameron, Lead Officer, West Lothian Council
Brian Johnston, Livingston Village Community Council
Lesley Keirnan, Community Regeneration Officer, West Lothian Council
David Lees, Cleaner Communities Manager, West Lothian Council
Sandy Ross, Housing Manager, West Lothian Council
Sergeant Iain Wells, Police Scotland
Stuart McNiven, Local Authority Liaison Officer, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service
Craig McCorriston, Head of Service, West Lothian Council
Chris Alcorn, Principle Planner, West Lothian Council

1. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest made.

2. MINUTES -

- (a) The Committee confirmed the Minute of its meeting held on 12 November 2020 as a correct record. The Minute was thereafter signed by the Chair.
- (b) The Committee confirmed the Minute of its meeting held on 8 December 2020 as a correct record. The Minute was thereafter signed by the Chair.

3. POLICE REPORT - WARD 4, LIVINGSTON SOUTH UPDATE

Prior to presenting the report, Sergeant Wells spoke of the sudden passing of PC Tom Whyte, Police Scotland's Licensing Officer. On behalf of the committee, the Chair extended sincere condolences to Tom's family and friends for their loss.

The committee considered a report (copies of which had been circulated) by Police Scotland providing members with an update on performance, activities and issues across the Ward for the period up to 28 October 2020.

It was recommended that the committee note the contents of the report.

Decision

To note the terms of the report.

4. FIRE SERVICE WARD REPORT

The committee considered a report (copies of which had been circulated) by Scottish Fire and Rescue Services for the period up to 31 December 2020.

It was recommended that committee note and provide comment on the report.

Decision

To note the terms of the report.

5. SERVICE UPDATE - NETS, LAND AND COUNTRYSIDE

The committee considered a report (copies of which had been circulated) by the Head of Operational Services advising members of the recent activity of the NETs, Land & Countryside Services teams for the period 1 October 2020 – 31 December 2020.

It was recommended that the committee:

1. Note the work carried out by service within the local area; and
2. Advise of any areas that require further information or investigation.

Decision

To note the terms of the report.

6. HOUSING, CUSTOMER AND BUILDING SERVICES

The committee considered a report (copies of which had been circulated) by the Head of Housing, Customer and Building Services providing an overview of the service activities within the Livingston South Ward.

It was recommended that the committee note Housing, Customer and Building Service activity as detailed in the ward report for the period Quarter 3 – 1 October to 31 December 2020.

Decision

To note the terms of the report.

7. WEST LOTHIAN LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN ACTION PROGRAMME – FIRST REVIEW (2020) – UPDATE FOR WARD 4: LIVINGSTON SOUTH

The committee considered a report (copies of which had been circulated) by the Head of Planning, Economic Development and Regeneration informing members of the West Lothian Development Plan (LDP) Action Programme First Review – 2020 as it related to the Livingston South Ward.

It was recommended that the committee notes the contents of the report.

Decision

To note the terms of the report.

8. REPORT ON PROGRESS OF LOCAL REGENERATION PLANNING

The committee considered a report (copies of which had been circulated) by the Head of Planning, Economic Development and Regeneration providing information on locality planning within the ward.

It was recommended that the committee notes:

1. The draft findings report of the Dedridge Covid-19 community survey;
2. The progress of the development of two local regeneration plans; and
3. The progress and development of actions.

Decision

To note the terms of the report.

9. TOWN CENTRE FUND UPDATE 2019/20 & 20/21

The committee considered a report (copies of which had been circulated) by the Head of Planning, Economic Development and Regeneration providing an update on progress in delivering the Town Centre Capital Projects agreed by the committee on 3 October 2019 for the 19/20 Fund and on 8 December 2020 for the 20/21 Fund.

It was recommended that the committee:-

- a. Notes the updates for the Town Centre Fund 2019/20 and 20/21 projects for the ward.
- b. Agrees officer's recommendations for redistribution of the funds within the ward.

Decision

To approve the terms of the report.

10. WORKPLAN

A workplan had been circulated for information.

Decision

To note the workplan.