

MINUTE of MEETING of the LIVINGSTON NORTH LOCAL AREA COMMITTEE held within WEBEX VIRTUAL MEETING, on 18 JUNE 2021.

Present – Councillors Dom McGuire (Chair), Alison Adamson, Robert De Bold

Apologies – Councillor Andrew Miller

In Attendance

Craig McCorriston, Head of Planning, Economic Development and Regeneration

Scott McKillop, Community Regeneration Officer, West Lothian Council

Sergeant Iain Wells, Police Scotland

Gordon McCaig, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service

Jill Parton, Carmondean Community Council

Brian Johnstone, Livingston Village Community Council

Stephen Egan – Eliburn Community Council

Julie Henderson – Knightsridge Community Council

1. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Brian Johnstone, Livingston Village Community Council, declared an interest in agenda item 7 as the community council had received town centre funding. As the report was for noting he would remain during the discussions.

2. MINUTES

The Committee approved the Minute of its meeting held on 7 May 2021 as a correct record.

3. POLICE WARD REPORT

The Committee considered a report (copies of which had been circulated) by Police Scotland providing an update on performance, activities and issues across the Ward for the period up to 29 March 2021.

It was noted that the percentage detailed within the table on page six of the report under the category Housebreaking Dwelling should detail a 275% decrease.

Clarification was sought regarding two disabled parking bays located at Hawk Brae with regards to whether any potential charges for vehicles parked without displaying the appropriate Blue Badge were enforceable. The Head of Planning, Economic Development and Regeneration would seek information and update Ward members accordingly.

The Committee was invited to note the report.

Decision

1. To note the terms of the report;

2. To note the table on page six of the report should read a 275% decrease under the Housebreaking Dwelling category; and
3. To note the Head of Planning, Economic Development and Regeneration would seek information for Ward members on whether the two disabled parking spaces located at Hawk Brae are advisory or enforceable.

4. FIRE WARD REPORT

The Committee considered a report (copies of which had been circulated) by Scottish Fire and Rescue Service updating on the activity within Livingston North Multi-Member Ward for the period up to 31 March 2021.

The requirement for smoke and heat alarms to be installed in homes by February 2022 was raised with regards to ensuring residents were aware of the requirement and how to procure installation. The Scottish Fire and Rescue Service confirmed they would provide information to those they engaged with and The Head of Planning, Economic Development and Regeneration advised local messages would be organised to assist with communication.

The Committee were invited to note the report.

Decision

1. To note the terms of the report; and
2. To note the Head of Planning, Economic Development and Regeneration would arrange local messages explaining the Scottish Government requirement for inter-linked smoke and heat alarms in all homes from February 2022.

5. COMMUNITY REGENERATION AND TOWN CENTRE FUND UPDATE - REPORT

The Committee considered a report (copies of which had been circulated) by the Head of Planning, Economic Development and Regeneration updating on regeneration activity to support communities across the Ward and update the Committee on progress in delivering the Town Centre Capital Projects for the Ward agreed by the Council Executive on 22 October 2019 and 15 December 2020.

During discussion relating to Town Centre Capital Projects it was highlighted that new projects were being added while a particular requested repair to a wall and planter at Livingston Station Community Centre had yet to be progressed. The Community Regeneration Officer agreed to discuss this repair with colleagues in Planning.

The Committee requested information on potential double lines for an area in Eliburn South. The Head of Planning, Economic Development

and Regeneration advised he would contact colleagues in Operational Services to request that they provide a written update in this regard to Ward members.

It was recommended that the Committee note:

1. An update on the new Food Pantry within Deans which is being provided by the Livingston Islamic Centre and Mosque;
2. An update on the Vennie activity including the community garden, Connecting Scotland initiative, bike project, outreach youth work and Connecting Scotland initiative;
3. Ongoing support to Livingston United Football Club in their efforts of to achieve 'senior' club status and become a community club;
4. The updates for Town Centre Fund 2019/20 and 2020/21 projects for this Ward; and
5. Local applications to the West Lothian Summer of Play fund.

Decision

1. To note the terms of the report;
2. To note the Community Regeneration Officer would discuss with Planning colleagues the wall and planter repair at Livingston Station Community Centre; and
3. To note the Head of Planning, Economic Development and Regeneration would request that Operational Services provide a written update to Ward members regarding double yellow lines in Eliburn South.

6. WORKPLAN

A workplan had been circulated for information.

Decision

1. To note the workplan; and
2. Lead Officer to approach the four community councils to ascertain if they would wish to provide the LAC with a report summarising their main activities and if so for the item to be included on the agenda for a future meeting.