

MINUTE of MEETING of the BROXBURN, UPHALL AND WINCHBURGH LOCAL AREA COMMITTEE held within MS TEAMS VIRTUAL MEETING ROOM, on 25 FEBRUARY 2022.

Present – Councillors Angela Doran-Timson (Chair), Diane Calder, Janet Campbell

Apologies – Councillor Chris Horne and Lynda McGivern (Dechmont Community Council)

In Attendance:-

Craig McCorriston, Lead Officer, West Lothian Council  
Dougie Grierson, Community Regeneration Officer, West Lothian Council  
Eirwen Hopwood, Park & Woodland Manager, West Lothian Council  
Phyllis McFadyen, Housing Manager, West Lothian Council  
James Robertson, Scottish Fire & Rescue Service  
Sergeant Iain Wells, Police Scotland  
Irene Bishop (Uphall Community Council)  
Keith McLeod (Broxburn Community Council)  
Graham Campbell (Winchburgh Community Council)  
Helen Davis (West Lothian Youth Action Project)

1 OPENING REMARKS

The Committee wished to record their condolences to the family and friends of Nick Knox, Winchburgh Development Trust and Winchburgh Community Council, following his sad passing. Nick was a stalwart of the Winchburgh community and Committee wished to express their thanks and pay tribute.

1. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Winchburgh Partnership Centre - Councillor Janet Campbell stated that she was an employee of the NHS. However, having applied the objective test she considered that this did not amount to an interest and intended to participate in discussion.

2. MINUTES

- a. The Committee confirmed the Minute of its meeting held on held on 05 November 2021 as a correct record. The Chair thereafter signed the Minute.

Members highlighted that the update on the Winchburgh Partnership Centre, noted on the Minute as to be provided at this meeting, was detailed on the workplan as being provided at a later date. Committee raised a number of questions with regards to both when the update would be available and in respect of the subject itself. Responses were provided by officers and the support of elected members was offered in assisting to secure dialogue with NHS Lothian in order to progress the

update. It was requested that an update report regarding the Winchburgh Partnership Centre was available for the next meeting on 1 April 2022.

- b. The Committee confirmed the Minute of its meeting held on 14 December 2021 as a correct record. The Chair thereafter signed the Minute.

### 3. PRESENTATION BY WEST LoTHIAN YOUTH ACTION PROJECT

The Committee welcomed Helen Davis, Projector Director of West Lothian Youth Action Project to the meeting.

The Project Director provided an overview of the West Lothian Youth Action Project explaining the projects background and expansion to meet the needs of young people and communities.

Helen continued by providing information on the work currently undertaken within the Ward detailing how the project gathered information in order to prioritise their services. The presentation also included feedback from those in receipt of their service and highlighted the areas of concern the project aimed to address.

The presentation concluded and Committee were provided the opportunity to ask the Project Director questions and provide Helen with suggestions for future interventions and activities.

#### Decision

To note the contents of the presentation.

### 4. 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 31 December 2021.

Committee noted that there were to be further pop-up engagement events, where officers attended various locations across West Lothian, providing the opportunity for engagement between Police Scotland and communities. Members suggested that it would be useful to be made aware when these events were planned within the Ward and Sergeant Wells undertook to advise members accordingly.

It was recommended that the Committee note the content of the report.

#### Decision

1. To note the contents of the report; and
2. To ask that notification of pop-up engagement events was communicated to elected members when planned in their wards.

5. FIRE SERVICE REPORT

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

It was recommended that the Committee note and provide comment on the Broxburn, Uphall and Winchburgh Multi-member Ward Performance Report.

Decision

To note the contents 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 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 2021.

Decision

To note the contents of the report.

7. SERVICE UPDATE - NETS, LAND AND COUNTRYSIDE

The Committee considered a report (copies of which had been circulated) by the Head of Operational Services advising of the recent activity of the NETs, Land and Countryside Services teams for the period 1 October 2021 – 31 December 2021.

It was recommended that the Committee:

1. note the work carried out to date and future planned work; and
2. advise of any areas that required further investigation or inclusion in future workplans.

Decision

To note the contents of the report.

8. UPDATE ON REDEVELOPMENT OF THE FORMER BANGOUR VILLAGE HOSPITAL

The Committee considered a report (copies of which had been circulated)

by the Head of Planning, Economic Development and Regeneration updating on plans for the redevelopment of the Bangour Village Hospital site.

It was recommended that the Committee note the progress on the:

1. various planning applications relating to the site; and
2. Section 75 legal agreement.

#### Decision

To note the contents of the report.

#### 9. PLACE BASED INVESTMENT PROGRAMME 2022/23 AND UPDATE ON THE TOWN CENTRE CAPITAL FUND 2019/20 AND 2020/21

The Committee considered a report (copies of which had been circulated) by the Head of Planning, Economic Development and Regeneration advising of the launch of the Place Based Investment Programme for 2022-23 that would see an estimated £1,000,000 allocated through two funding streams. One, the Town Centre Capital Fund, had been allocated £500,000 and would be delivered in the same way as the Town Centre Capital Fund in 2019/20 and 2020/21 with applications coming to this Committee for approval. The second stream focussed the other £500,000 on supporting larger projects aimed at supporting Community Wealth Building and would be of interest to some organisations within the Ward.

The report also provided an overview of the 2019/20 and 20/21 Town Centre Capital Fund Programme projects.

It was recommended that the Committee note:

1. the process proposed for 2022/23;
2. that recommendations to approve the Town Centre Capital applications would be made to Local Area Committees (LAC) for their final decision or to the Council Executive should the LAC be unable to agree on part or all of the Ward allocation;
3. the Community Wealth Building stream and the potential interest to local organisations;
4. that authority had been delegated to the Head of Planning, Economic Development and Regeneration to implement the process;
5. that regular contact would be made with awardees for 2022-23 to monitor project progress; and
6. the update on the 2019/20 and 2020/21 Town Centre Capital Projects.

Decision

To note the contents of the report.

10. WORKPLAN

A workplan had been circulated for information.

Decision

To note the workplan.

11. TIMETABLE OF MEETINGS 2022/23

The Committee considered a timetable of proposed meetings (copies of which had been circulated) for the period 2022/23.

The Committee was asked to approve the timetable of meetings for 2022/23.

Decision

To approve the timetable of meetings for 2022/23.