

MINUTE of MEETING of the BROXBURN, UPHALL AND WINCHBURGH LOCAL AREA COMMITTEE held within COUNCIL CHAMBERS, WEST LOTHIAN CIVIC CENTRE, LIVINGSTON, on 21 OCTOBER 2022.

Present – Councillors Angela Doran-Timson (Chair) and Diane Calder

Apologies – Councillor Janet Campbell; Lynda McGivern (Dechmont Community Council)

In Attendance

Jim McGinley, Lead Officer, West Lothian Council
Douglas Grierson, Community Regeneration Officer, West Lothian Council
Lorraine Donnelly, Area Housing Manager, West Lothian Council
David Lees, Cleaner Communities Manager, West Lothian Council
Christopher Nelson, Income Maximisation Manager, West Lothian Council
Mike Harte, Police Scotland
James Robertson, Scottish Fire & Rescue Service
Irene Bishop, Uphall Community Council
Keith McLeod, Broxburn Community Council

1 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Agenda item 8 – Housing, Customer and Building Services

Councillor Angela Doran-Timson stated a connection in that she was employed as a work coach.

2 MINUTES

The committee approved the minute of its meeting held on 2 September 2022. The Chair thereafter signed the minute.

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 1 October 2022.

It is recommended that the committee note the content of the report.

Decision

To note the terms of the report.

4 FIRE SERVICE REPORT

The committee considered a report (copies of which had been circulated) by Scottish Fire and Rescue Service providing an update on the activity within the Broxburn, Uphall and Winchburgh Multi-Member Ward for the

period up to 30 September 2022.

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 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 July 2022 – 30 September 2022.

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 work plans.

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 Broxburn ward.

It was recommended that the committee note Housing, Customer and Building Service activity as detailed in the ward report for Quarter 2 – 1 July 2022 to 30 September 2022.

Decision

To note the terms of the report.

7 ANTI-POVERTY SERVICE UPDATE

The committee considered a report (copies of which had been circulated) by the Head of Finance and Property Services informing members of the work undertaken by the Anti-Poverty Service from April 2021 to March 2022.

It was recommended that the committee note:

1. The Anti-Poverty Service provision in the ward; and
2. The impact provision was having in terms of supporting the outcomes of the Community and the Planning Partnership's Anti-Poverty Strategy 2018–23.

Decision

To note the terms of the report.

8 COVID-19 LOCAL RECOVERY AND RENEWAL FUND

The committee considered a report (copies of which had been circulated) by the Lead Officer providing an update on the projects allocated funding from the £150,000 COVID-19 Recovery and Renewal Fund approved by the committee on 14 December 2021. The report also provided an update on projects from the original list that were to be funded from resources available under the Town Centre Management Fund.

It was recommended that Local Area Committee (LAC) note the update on the approved projects.

During discussion, members requested specific updates as to the progress of each project and expressed concern about delays in project implementation.

Decision

1. To note the terms of the report.
2. To note that the Chair would call a special meeting on 18 November 2022 to allow committee to consider a further update on the projects including confirmed costs and delivery timescales.

9 PENSIONERS GROUPS CHRISTMAS FUND ALLOCATIONS 2022/23

The committee considered a report (copies of which had been circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive (Education, Planning and Economic Development) informing members of the final allocations that had been made from the Pensioners' Groups Christmas Fund 2022–23 to groups in the Broxburn Uphall and Winchburgh ward, Livingston-wide groups and West Lothian-wide groups. The committee was asked to note that applicants had been offered, as in 2020 and 2021, an additional option of a pre-prepared chilled meal as an alternative to a direct grant award.

It was recommended that the committee note:

1. That seven groups in Broxburn Uphall and Winchburgh ward were being supported through the Pensioner's Christmas Fund 2022–23; and

2. The continued inclusion of a pre-prepared meal option.

Decision

To note the terms of the report.

10 WORKPLAN

A workplan had been circulated for information.

Decision

To note the workplan.