

MINUTE of MEETING of the FAULDHOUSE AND THE BREICH VALLEY LOCAL AREA COMMITTEE held within COUNCIL CHAMBERS, WEST LOTHIAN CIVIC CENTRE, LIVINGSTON, on 10 JANUARY 2023.

Present – Councillors Craig Meek (Chair), Cathy Muldoon and Pauline Clark

In Attendance

Alice Mitchell, Lead Officer, West Lothian Council
Douglas Grierson, Community Regeneration Officer
Paul Harvey, Scottish Fire & Rescue Service
Heidi Simpson, Police Scotland
Ronnie Fisher, Roads Design Manager, West Lothian Council
Nicola Hughes, Community Housing Officer, West Lothian Council
Pat McArdle, Operational Services, West Lothian Council
Christopher Nelson, Income Maximisation Manager, West Lothian Council
Allan McLaughlan, West Calder & Harburn Community Council

1 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Agenda Item 12 – Pensioners Groups Christmas Fund Allocations 2022/23

Councillor Craig Meek stated a connection as he was a member of one of the pensioners' groups (Polbeth Community Hub). As there were no decisions to be made, he would participate in the item of business.

2 MINUTES

The committee approved the minute of its meeting held on 4 October 2022. The Chair thereafter signed the minute.

3 POLICE SCOTLAND 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 was recommended that the committee note the content of the report.

Decision

To note the terms of the report.

4 FAULDHOUSE AND THE BREICH VALLEY MULTI-MEMBER WARD PERFORMANCE REPORT

The committee considered a report (copies of which had been circulated) by the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service providing an update on the activity within the ward for the period up to 30 September 2022.

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

Decision

To note the terms of the report.

5 REPORT ON PROGRESS OF LOCAL REGENERATION PLANNING

The committee considered a report (copies of which had been circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive (Education Planning and Economic Development) informing members of progress on partner activities, local planning in the four regeneration areas and other activities within the ward.

It was recommended that the committee note:

1. The successful delivery of winter events and activities;
2. Regeneration activity across the ward including recent engagement undertaken around locality planning and the West Lothian Local Outcome Improvement Plan (LOIP); and
3. Business Gateway and access2employment activity.

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 ward.

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

Decision

To note the terms of the report.

7 SERVICE UPDATE – NETS, LAND & 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 require further investigation or inclusion in future work plans.

Decision

To note the terms of the report.

8 STONEYBURN TO FAULDHOUSE CYCLEPATH - UPDATE REPORT

The committee considered a report (copies of which had been circulated) by the Head of Operational Services providing an update on the progress made to date on the provision of cyclepaths from Stoneyburn to Fauldhouse.

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

Decision

1. To note the terms of the report.
2. To provide regular updates on cyclepaths progress to the committee.

9 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 is 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.

10 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 were made from the Pensioners' Groups Christmas Fund 2022–23 to groups in the Fauldhouse and The Breich Valley Ward, Livingston-wide groups and West Lothian-wide groups. The committee was asked to note that applicants had been offered, as they had been 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 fifteen groups in Fauldhouse and The Breich Valley 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.

11 WORKPLAN

A workplan had been circulated for information.

Decision

1. To note the workplan.
2. To include regular updates on the Stoneyburn to Fauldhouse Cyclepath.

