

MINUTE of MEETING of the EAST LIVINGSTON AND EAST CALDER LOCAL AREA COMMITTEE held within COUNCIL CHAMBERS, WEST LOTHIAN CIVIC CENTRE, LIVINGSTON, on 2 MARCH 2023.

Present – Councillors Danny Logue (Chair), Damian Doran-Timson, Carl John, Veronica Smith

In attendance

David Maule – Lead Officer, West Lothian Council
Gordon Brown – Operational Services Service Manager, West Lothian Council
Karen Chappell – Transform Craigshill
PC Ewan Hannay – Police Scotland
Lesley Keirnan – Community Regeneration Officer, West Lothian Council
David Lees – Operational Services, West Lothian Council
Phyllis McFadyen – Housing Manager, West Lothian Council
James Robertson – Scottish Fire & Rescue Service
Eleanor Blair – Mid Calder Community Council
Chris Davidson – East Calder and District Community Council
Wilma Pincott – West Calder and Harburn Community Council
John Sives – Kirknewton Community Council

1 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Agenda Item 12 – Report on Progress of Local Regeneration Planning

Councillor Carl John stated that he was a Director of East Calder Development Trust.

Chris Davidson stated that he was the Chair of East Calder and District Community Council that had submitted an application to the Town Centre Capital Fund.

2 MINUTES

The committee approved the minutes of its meeting held on 1 December 2022 as a correct record subject to noting councillor Damian Doran-Timson under Apologies in the sederunt. The Minute was thereafter signed by the Chair.

3 TRANSFORM CRAIGSHILL PRESENTATION

The committee considered a presentation (copies of which had been circulated) providing an overview of the Transform Craigshill initiative. The presentation listed the organisation's priorities and partners. It then went on to describe some of its prior achievement's, which included care and maintenance of the area and striving to eliminate flytipping and littering. Further commitments included play and recreation, planting initiatives and supporting parties affected by the Katherine Street fire.

Finally, it listed the organisation's aspirations and future initiatives.

Decision

To note 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 2022.

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

Decision

To note the terms of the report.

5 FIRE SERVICE UPDATE

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 East Livingston and East Calder Multi-Member Ward for the period up to 31 December 2022.

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

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 East Livingston and East Calder 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 2022.

Decision

To note the terms 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 members of the recent activity of the NETs Land & Countryside Services teams for the period 1 October 2022 to 31 December 2022.

It was recommended that the committee:

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

Decision

To note the terms of the report.

8 SPACES FOR PEOPLE CONSULTATION

The committee considered a report (copies of which had been circulated) by the Head of Operational Services consulting members in accordance with the amendment approved by Council on 22 November 2022. The approved amendment provided an opportunity for the committee to provide feedback on whether the council's remaining temporary Spaces for People measures should be permanently retained or removed.

It was recommended that the committee:

1. Note the contents of the report and provide any appropriate feedback on the remaining temporary Spaces for People measures contained within the report; and
2. Note that officers would report back to a future meeting of the Environment and Sustainability PDSP with any feedback received.

Decision

1. To note the terms of the report.
2. To note that Mid-Calder, East Calder and Kirknewton community councils would like their footway build outs to be retained.

9 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, regeneration planning and other activities within the ward.

It was recommended that the committee note:

1. The progress and developing actions and activity of the local plan;

and

2. The updates provided by partner organisations and services.

Decision

To note the terms of the report.

10 PLACE BASED INVESTMENT PROGRAMME 2022/23 TOWN CENTRE CAPITAL FUND

The committee considered a report (copies of which had been circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive (Education, Planning and Economic Development) inviting members to consider the reallocation of the decommitted funding of £2,824 from the East Calder allocation of the Place Based Investment Fund Town Centre Fund projects and to agree the allocation as set out in the report.

It was recommended that the committee:

1. Note the underspend of £2,824(ECA20-02) in the East Calder allocation as set out in the report;
2. Note the application ECA20-01 (car park) application amendments;
3. Note the three-step process to be used to decide the allocation;
4. Note that the committee had agreed to reallocate the £2,824 to East Calder allocation to amended application ECA20-01;
5. Note that some of the funding costs remained as estimates and delegate the Head of Planning, Economic Development & Regeneration to finalise award amounts within the overall value of the funding available within the ward;
6. Note that as projects were implemented the detail and associated costs might change and so delegate the Head of Planning, Economic Development & Regeneration to agree such changes and to re-allocate any money that became available as a result to other projects in the ward, both so long as projects remained within the aims, purposes and overall intent of the original applications and approvals; and
7. Agree to award funding as set out in the report; notes the terms and conditions associated to the awarding of grants as set out in the report.

Decision

To approve the terms of the report.

11 WORKPLAN

A workplan had been circulated for information.

Decision

To note the workplan.

12 TIMETABLE OF MEETINGS 2023-2024

The committee considered a timetable of proposed meetings (copies of which had been circulated) for the period 2023/24.

The committee was asked to approve the timetable of meetings for 2023/24.

Decision

To approve the timetable of meetings for 2023/24.