

MINUTE of MEETING of the ARMADALE AND BLACKRIDGE LOCAL AREA COMMITTEE held within THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, LIVINGSTON, on 13 MARCH 2023.

Present – Councillors Stuart Borrowman (Chair) and Lynda Kenna

Apologies – Councillor Andrew McGuire

In Attendance

Michelle Kirkbright, Community Regeneration Officer, West Lothian Council  
PC Heidi Simpson, Police Scotland  
Paul Harvey, Local Authority Liaison Officer, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service  
Theresa Penrice, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service  
Lorraine Donnelly, Area Housing Manager, West Lothian Council  
Simon Scott, Open Space and Cemeteries Manager, West Lothian Council  
Gordon Brown, Roads Manager, West Lothian Council

1. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest made.

2. ORDER OF BUSINESS

In terms of the council's Scheme of Administration, the meeting was inquorate. Nevertheless, the meeting could proceed with only two ward members present but any resolutions made would require to be reported to the Council Executive for approval.

3. MINUTE

The Committee confirmed the Minute of its Meeting held on 29 November 2022. The Minute was thereafter signed by the Chair.

4. SPACES FOR PEOPLE CONSULTATION

The committee considered a report (copies of which had been circulated) by Head of Operational Services consulting with 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 notes:

1. Notes the contents of the report and provides any appropriate feedback on the remaining temporary Spaces for People measures contained within the report; and

2. Notes 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; and
2. To support the continuation of the advisory cycle lane markings in Blackridge as long as there were no public objections and they did not cause parking problems for people locally.

#### 5. 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.

#### 6. FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE WARD 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 ward for the period up to 31 December 2022.

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

#### Decision

To note the terms of the report.

#### 7. 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 Armadale & Blackridge 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.

8. 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 November 2022 to 31 January 2023.

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.

9. COMMUNITY REGENERATION UPDATE

The committee considered a report (copies of which had been circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive, Education, Planning and Economic Development providing an update on the Community Wealth Building Teams activity within the ward and, in particular, the work of the Armadale Regeneration Group and work to engage with the local community around the Local Outcome Improvement (LOIP) pillars and local priorities.

It was recommended that the members:

1. Note the continuing work of the Armadale Regeneration Group;
2. Note the community engagement carried out within the area;
3. Note the new Community Connections project that was being planned for Armadale;
4. Note the new projects undertaken from the Play Works Armadale (The Dale Hub), formally Family and Community Development West Lothian; and
5. Note the update from the Street Tree project and why it was no longer feasible to be delivered.

Decision

To note the terms of the report

10. WORKPLAN

A workplan had been circulated for information.

Decision

To note the workplan.

11. TIMETABLE OF MEETINGS

The committee considered the proposed timetable of meetings for the period August 2023 to May 2024 (copies of which had been circulated).

Decision

To endorse the timetable of meetings that would be presented to the Council Executive for approval.