



**Minutes of Linlithgow and Linlithgow Bridge Community Council AGM
on
Tuesday 23rd April 2019 in the Burgh Halls at 19.30.**

Present: Chair Martin Crook (MC), Pamela Barnes (PB), Sue Friel (SF), Joyce Hartley (JH), Ian Kelly (IK), John Kelly (JK), Maire McCormack (MMcC), Paula Ryans Stokes (PRS), Gordon Smith (GS), Ron Smith (RS), Mike Vickers (MV), Councillor David Tait (DT), Police Scotland– Andrew Murray (AM) and 9 members of the public.

Apologies: Des Martin (DM), Councillor Tom Conn (TC), Provost Tom Kerr (TK), Fraser Falconer (FF), Scott Oliver (SO), Mukami McCrum (MMcCrum), & Neil Hunter (NH).

Declarations of interest: IK is an employee of Philip Bald, the confirmed examiner of the LLBCC accounts. IK advised that West Lothian Council was aware of the position and accepted that IK is a qualified accountant and are comfortable that, although he is employed by Philip Bald, the accounts are examined by a suitably qualified person who is not connected to the Community Council.

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Chair's Report. MC presented the report. The chair highlighted several activities described in the AGM report 2018 – 19 as follows:

- the bus group now entitled Linlithgow Community Transport Group has been very active following the talk last year on the current situation of the L1 bus given by Derek Holden, an industry specialist. The outcome was a grant of up to £27,000 for three distinct projects which are continuing into the current year.
- The Transforming your Council debate was opened by a discussion of the teaching of instrumental music in schools. Other issues considered were transportation, community policing, recycling and the Linlithgow recycling centre.
- Involving young people in the Community Council continues to be difficult.
- The Linlithgow Planning Forum prepared an option appraisal document as a part of the ongoing discussion on the future of the Vennel.
- The Community Council now has a representative on the Peace Garden committee.
- A lengthy discussion took place on the use of glyphosate as a chemical weed killer with the conclusion being to adopt the Burgh Beautiful position statement as the Community Council position. It was also agreed to send a note to West Lothian Council relating to the method of spraying. Recent court cases in the USA will no doubt bring more information on the use of glyphosate.
- West Lothian's Strategic Housing Investment Plan 2019 – 24 prompted a general discussion of Linlithgow social housing.
- The Planning Forum continues its work in considering a steady stream of planning applications.

Membership.

MC stated that he had written to Tony Harry to point out that Tony has missed several meetings and asked for his intentions. No reply has been received and therefore Tony Harry is removed from membership of the Community Council.

Treasurer's Report – IK presented the accounts which had been circulated prior to the meeting. IK highlighted the cost of the Remembrance Sunday parade which remains the Community Council's item of highest expenditure. IK pointed out that the apparently healthy position was more to do with the cash flow during the

year prompted by the point at which the West Lothian Council grant is received and the receipt of a special project grant. There is currently £1578.10 in the bank. The Chair asked for a proposer for the accounts to be forwarded for examination. SF proposed and PB seconded.

Election of Office Bearers - at this point all office bearers resigned and Councillor David Tait took the chair. The following election of office bearers took place:

Chair; IK nominated Gordon Smith, seconded by MC.

PRS nominated Sue Friel, seconded by MM.

A secret ballot was run by Councillor Tait who announced that 11 votes were received, Gordon Smith 7 votes, Sue Friel 4 votes, Gordon Smith was elected to the chair.

Vice Chair; JK nominated Des Martin, seconded by SF.

Secretary; GS nominated John Kelly, seconded by PB.

Treasurer; MC nominated Ian Kelly, seconded by MV

Planning Secretary; MC nominated John Kelly, seconded by PB

There being no other nominations for the posts above, those nominated were duly elected.

Date of next AGM and meeting dates. The date of the next AGM was confirmed as 28th April 2020 and the meeting dates for the remainder of 2019 and the whole of 2020 were confirmed as those listed on the agenda notice. Dates of all meetings are on the website.

The AGM closed at 20.05

John Kelly

Secretary

28th April 2018