**BONNYRIGG AND LASSWADE COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

**Minutes of the meeting held on 1 September 2022, at Lasswade Library**

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| Present: | (Chair) Diane Easton |
|  | (Treasurer) Bill MacDonald |
|  | James Cameron |
|  | Marnie Crawford |
|  | Jammy Gracoeiro |
|  | Bill Hunter (guest) |
|  | Jan Irvine |
|  | Flora Kenny (guest) |
|  | (Minutes) Liz MacDonald |
|  | Kirstie Malley |
|  | Sheila Metcalfe |
|  | Owen Proudfoot |
|  | Ruth Scott |
|  | Alison Thomson |
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| Apologies: | John Aitchison  |
|  | Rhona Matthews |
|  | Fiona Warner |
|  | Dougie West |
|  | Paul Whyte |

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| **ITEM** | **1** | **In attendance and apologies** |  |
| Noted | (i) | Those in attendance and apologies noted above. PW had decided to stand down from the Community Council for family reasons. |  |
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| **ITEM** | **2** | **Introduction and welcome** |  |
| Noted | (i) | DE welcome everyone to the meeting. |  |
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| **ITEM** | **3** | **Minutes and matters arising from minutes of 16 June meeting**  |  |
| Noted | (i) | Incorrect spelling of JA’s surname to be corrected. |  |
|  | (ii) | DE had not yet written to Midlothian Council about the traffic problems around St Mary’s Primary School. |  |
|  | (iii) | Potholes near Drummond Grange have been filled in. |  |
| Noted  | (iv) | FK raised the problem of cars parking in Chesters Court during school hours and her concern about emergency access, especially for the elderly and disabled. The cars were not there during the holidays. |  |
| **Action** | **(i)** | **DE to write to Midlothian Council about traffic problems and car parking near St Mary’s.** | **DE** |
| Noted  | (v) | The motion to approve the June draft minutes was proposed by SM and seconded by JG. The minutes were adopted as an accurate reflection of the June meeting. |  |
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| **ITEM** | **4** | **Report from Midlothian Councillors** |  |
| Noted | (i) | No councillors were present and no reports had been received. |  |
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| **ITEM** | **5** | **Visitor Matters** |  |
| Noted | (i) | No visitor matters were raised. |  |
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| **ITEM**  | **6** | **Midlothian Traffic, Roads and Paths [MTRAP] Update** |  |
| Noted | (i) | There was a query about overhanging branches in Carrington Road. This issue should be directed to the Land and Resources Team at Midlothian Council. |  |
| Noted | (ii) | Lothian Street was meant to be closed for resurfacing, but some people are ignoring this and moving traffic cones. Polton Road West was to be resurfaced week of 5 Sept.  |  |
| Noted | (iii) | If temporary traffic lights fail, there is an emergency contact number on the notice by the lights. |  |
| Noted | (iv) | Councillor Alexander will attend the next MTRAP meeting on 24 October, when winter roads planning will be discussed. |  |
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| **ITEM** | **7** | **Midlothian Federation of Community Councils update** |  |
| Noted | (i) | Next meeting on 21 September.  |  |
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| **ITEM**  | **8** | **Update on merger activity** |  |
| Noted | (i) | Paul Johnstone has to be contacted about the new email address for BDCC and to remove the separate ones for BLCC and PHCC. |  |
| Noted | (ii) | We have to re-apply for Zurich Insurance. MC and JI felt Paul Johnstone’s team should deal with this, but he had requested the CC deal with it, as a new policy was required. BMacD offered to contact Zurich. |  |
| **Action** | **(i)** | **BMacD to contact Zurich.** | **BMacD** |
| Noted | (iii) | No word yet from Bank of Scotland on the new name for the bank account. |  |
| Noted  | (iv) | DE will create a new Facebook page for BDCC. KM will then update the Residents’ Forum page with a link to the new BDCC. |  |
| **Action** | **(ii)** | **DE and KM to do amendments on Facebook pages.** | **DE/KM** |
| Noted | (v) | Information Commissioner still had to be contacted. BMacD offered to do this. |  |
| **Action** | **(iii)** | **BMacD to contact Information Commissioner about new name of CC.** | **BMacD** |
| Noted | (vi) | Rules would be created to enable forwarding of any messages from the old email addresses to the new one. |  |
| Noted  | (vii) | First meeting of the new BDCC to be held on Thursday 15 September. Thereafter meetings would be every 2nd Thursday of the month. |  |
| Noted | (viii) | DE expressed her gratitude to everyone for their input to the extra meetings held over the last few weeks, when the Standing Orders and other documents were examined, and looked forward to seeing as many as possible at the new CC meetings. |  |
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| **ITEM** | **9** | **Financial Report and note of BLCC assets** |  |
| Received | (i) | Update previously circulated by BMacD. |  |
| Noted | (i) | JI queried why printing costs were required. DE explained her use of a printing plan to produce documents for meetings. This totalled £33.97 since June. Printing costs were less than the Zoom subscriptions had been. LMacD suggested we should only print for those who required it.  |  |
| Noted  | (ii) | £3,581.81 was the current balance. This included £1,160 left over from the Hub funds, to be used for specific projects, making a final balance of £2,421.81. |  |
| Noted | (iii) | A printer held by DE was the main asset of BLCC, plus 2 debit cards held by DE and BMacD which were linked to the bank account. |  |
| Noted | (iv) | JI thanked BMacD for his work as treasurer. |  |
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| **ITEM** | **10** | **Retiring Community Councillors** |  |
| Noted | (i) | SM will stand down.  |  |
| Noted  | (ii) | DE expressed gratitude to SM, who had been a volunteer in Midlothian for 50 years, involved with a play group, guide company, as a swimming coach, in a club for people with Alzheimer’s and most recently as a community councillor for several years. Her service to the community was most appreciated.  |  |
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| **ITEM**  | **11** | **Planning** |  |
| Noted | (i) | No further information on the proposed Sainsbury’s at Cockpen roundabout. |  |
| Noted | (ii) | No further work had been carried out at the new flats opposite the Co-op or in the old St Mary’s Primary School. |  |
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| **ITEM** | **12** | **AOCB** |  |
| Noted | (i) | BMacD distributed David Dunn Fitness Trail cards he had commissioned some years ago, following sponsorship.  |  |
| Noted  | (ii) | MC reported that a paper on developer contributions to Midlothian Council was presented to the Planning Committee meeting on 31 August and was on the Council website. |  |
| Noted | (iii) | LMacD thanked DE for her work as Chair of BLCC. |  |
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| **ITEM** | **13** | **Date of next meeting** |  |
| Noted | (i) | Inaugural meeting of the Bonnyrigg and District Community Council Thursday 15 September 2022 at 7pm. Venue: Lasswade High School. |  |