POLTONHALL AND HOPEFIELD COMMUNITY COUNCIL

ZOOM MEETING 13 APRIL 2022

Unfortunately the meeting was not quorate. There was an informal discussion on a number of issues, which are shown below.

The following were present:

J Aitchison

Dougie West

James Cameron

Jan Irvine

Diane Easton

Cllr Derek Milligan

Cllr Diane Alexander attended the final part of the discussions.

Minute of 9 March 2022

Item 8.2 - Delete:

DW reported that he attended the ENTRAP meeting as a member of the Midlothian Federation of Community Councils. He had been advised that Colin Beattie MSP’s office wanted to attend. If a place was given to one group then consideration needed to be given to offer the same opportunities to all political groups or else none should be invited. In DW’s absence JI would attend the next ENTRAP meeting on his behalf.

Item 8.2 - Insert:

DW advised that Colin Beattie MSP’s office wanted to attend the MTRaP meeting, which is a sub group of the Midlothian Federation of Community Councils (MFCC). DW said If a place was given to one political group then consideration needed to be given to offer the same opportunity to all political groups. MFCC has requested comments. This was agreed.

In DW’s absence JI would attend the next MFCC meeting and convey the thoughts of PHCC.

Item 8.4 - Amend:

An EGM would be called as soon as the merger was given the go ahead

Anne Oliver

Mrs Oliver was attending the meeting after raising issues regarding litter in the Poltonhall area. She had emailed the Council and PHCC regarding the issue. There was a general discussion on the problem of litter and actions that could be considered. DM advised that he had raised the issue with the relevant department. Mrs Oliver advised that the Council had since taken action to clear the different areas. Possible solutions to the littering problem in general could be looked at after the merger of PHCC and BLCC.

Cllr D Milligan

DM referred to a number of items, including the failure to approve his groups budget for 2022/23. The amended budget which was approved, will result in an income shortfall of £2.0m per annum.

DM advised that the Council were addressing issues with adult social care. He had taken up the case of the need for a pharmacy in Rosewell, with the Chief Executive of NHS Lothian, who in turn, had raised the matter with Scottish Government officials.

DM advised that the area in Hopefield originally intended as a depot would become an area where units would be constructed for small businesses.

Finance

JA advised that finance report would be made available as soon as possible.

Secretary: No report

Police: No report

Associated Member: No report

Future Meetings:

DW advised that Skeltiemuir Residents Association had held their AGM in person, in the meeting room of Bonnyrigg Rose Community Football Club, at the Poltonhall Pavilion.

Consideration will be given on how future meetings of the Community Council could take place.

Poltonhall Gala Day

JA advised the decision had been taken not to hold the Gala Day this year. There is insufficient time to arrange events, with the small number of people who had attended the meeting of the Committee.

Next meeting

The next meeting of PHCC is scheduled for Wed 11 May at 19.30hrs.