



Minutes 12th April 2022

1. Attendees: J. Sives (Chair), V. Garrad, A. Pinkerton, J. Thomas, I. Watt, S. McKenna
Apologies: Cllr D. Timpson, N. Gwynne, S. Campbell, L. Cullen, I. Masterton, K. McKeown.

Cllr C. John was unable to join due to technical issues.

Due to the unavailability of a venue with adequate social distancing, this meeting was re-arranged to be held online as a 'virtual' meeting in line with WLC guidelines, using Google Meet.

2. Declarations of interest: None.

3. Approval of previous meeting's minutes: No amendments to the draft minutes as circulated were noted. IW proposed approval. AP seconded. The Minutes were approved.

4. Matters arising

JS reported a KCC objection to the Leyden Rd application (0083/FUL/22) had been submitted.

5. Kirknewton Community Development Trust Report

SM reported that an evening to celebrate volunteers in the village was to be held at Cairns Farm on the 3rd May. The Kirknewton Comic would also be launched at the event.

Funding for two staff members had been secured for 2-3 years. A further position to support older people in the village had been funded by Gateway Livingston.

Repainting of the Green Room was to occur.

Funding has been applied for to enable four homes at the East of the village to connect over a wireless link to faster broadband.

6. Village Hall

IW reported that the keys to the Village Hall had been handed over and painting the hallway was all that remained to be done.

7. Pavilion

A replacement for the broken door has been ordered.



8. Town Centre Fund

JS advised that uses for the £13,999 available for the village had been identified and quotes for installation of a permanent Christmas tree were being invited; AP was obtaining quotes for native Scottish apple trees; JS obtaining quotes for table and chair sets for prospective movie nights. Other suggestions included steel benches to replace rotting ones (AP) and a public access box for the second defibrillator (JT).

9. Planning

There was no further information on the dog training facility to the East of the village.

10. Ukraine

JT asked if any contacts were available for the “Homes for Ukraine” scheme for hosts or refugees. JT to contact the Linlithgow group organising refugee assistance to see if useful contacts can be established.

11. AOB

There was a discussion regarding WLC’s inadequate response to consultations. In particular, the double yellow lines proposed for outside Kirknewton’s village shop, which had not been consulted on. JT asked if Living Streets, active in Edinburgh, had any West Lothian groups.

12. Next Meeting

The next meeting will be on the 10th May 2022 at 18.45. Format and location TBD.

The Chair concluded the meeting with thanks to all who had taken part.