

Dechmont Community Council Bangour sub-group meeting Wednesday the 11th of Dec 2019

The meeting started at 7.30pm after a short delay in entering the community hall.

The first meeting of the Bangour sub group was attended by Jim Watson, Ian Ferrel, Diane Telfer, Liz Swarbuck & myself Greg Colhoun.

After a short introduction the sub-group appointed Greg Colhoun as the co-ordinator / record keeper of the sub-group.

I hope I can keep you all up to date with any discussions & meetings in the future.

The first discussion was about transport issues as a direct result from the development of Bangour. Everybody was agreed that more substantial traffic calming measures would be required in the future due to an increase in traffic through the village.

It was also agreed that the previous survey was not satisfactory where a total of only 600 cars was identified to be entering the roads from Bangour on any given day with only 7 cars due to drive through Dechmont.

A new survey is being conducted but if this is being funded by the developers, we can expect another pro development document to be produced soon.

I would like to state we are not against the development of Bangour but would like to ensure all safety measures available are in place before the village becomes a short cut for traffic on route to Linlithgow or Uphall.

We were all agreed a 20mph speed limit & HGV access only should be seriously considered by West Lothian Council to ensure the safety of the villagers old & young.

This brought us onto the possible location of the new primary school that would replace the primary school in Dechmont. It has been discussed a few times in the past with a few different locations put forward. One being the Recreation Hall & another being the old cricket pitch.

We all agreed that any new primary school should be located as close to Dechmont as possible to join the two communities with good well light paths for children & parents to make the short walk to school.

The next discussion was about the general poor condition of the front of the site with damaged trees due to HGV traffic breaking the lower branches along with rubbish build up making the site that runs parallel to the A89 look very poor.

This general tidy up request could easily be incorporated in the roads & infrastructure phase of the development as tree surgeons are already on site.

The next sub-group meeting will be on the 22nd of January where we will ask Bob Evans & Chris Nicol from West Lothian Council to attend to discuss our proposals.