

ECDT

Meeting: 10 June 2024, Red Lion

Present: Mags Powell, Gill Cooper, Rosie Cooper, Morag McGlashan, Jackie Kinmond, guest David Parker

Apologies: Tracy Anderson, Sarah Petrie, Francis Enid, John Paton-Day

Minutes – ok

Primary School Update – David Parker confirmed that due to weather and certain building supplies the opening of the new school is due to happen in October. Following opening next stage will be to demolish the old school possibly by January 2025 then ground works and landscaping will be started.

Library and community room – no definite plans in place, will engage with community within next few weeks to check what residents want to see.

Play park – consultation with community on options January 2025 with work to start hopefully June/July 2025 with completion in September 2025.

Combined project with NHS – David confirmed that the Health Centre have now pulled out due to funding. Land maybe kept available for NHS but will need to be landscaped and this will be looked at the same time as the playpark consultation.

Gill pointed out that community groups can apply for lottery/grant funding to provide extra funding to promote the entrance and landscaping.

David confirmed that can still play about with plans following consultation.

Gill expressed concern regarding the area of drainage near the new houses now full of nettle and fenced, also the upgraded pedestrian route via tennis courts to Leader Valley has not been completed fully. David agreed he would look into this.

Concerns were raised regarding current library provision as now only 3 hours per week on a Friday afternoon, on move to the new school it would be good to increase provision plus need funding for new books.

Mags thanked David for attending the meeting.

Seed Swap 8 June – well attended, plants and seeds brought and swapped, although no food from Morrisons.

Earlston in Bloom - Gill reported that spaces still available in watering rota everyone welcome to join.

Community Larder – hardly anything in cupboards, nothing from Morrisons – ask **Tracy** to clarify situation with Morrisons as have been told surplus has been put in the bin. Could Coop at Melrose be contacted? Also **Tracy** to check with Fairshare re delivery's.

Discussed possible social media campaign 'Don't Bin it Give it – check your sell by dates ...' .

Book swap up and running. Have had visitors to the larders – finance/well-being advisors.

Planter – Gill to source some herbs for the planter.

Winter Trail – agreed to look at in August.

Primary School Concert – two tickets have been gifted to EC DT to say thank you, Jackie agreed to take them and represent EC DT.

Rhymers Café – up for sale again, discussion followed regarding revisiting previous project. Agreed that **Gill** would arrange to speak to current owners and explore ideas.

AOB – Gill suggested welcome note from EC DT to all the new houses. Agreed good idea.

Date of Next meeting: 8 July 2024