

4th September 2025 WLLP AGM minutes

Opening address and election of committee – Jason Wilcox

Introduction to the admins:

Chair – Jason Wilcox

Secretary – Becky Gallagher

Treasurer – Kathy Parker (apologies given as couldn't attend)

Fundraiser specialist – John Matthews

General admin – Carol Salem

Jim Allan has resigned

All current members on the committee wish to continue in their roles. They were subsequently all re-elected by their own wishes. There were no objections from member's attending the meeting.

38 members present at meeting.

Minutes from previous AGM-Jason Wilcox

Previous AGM minutes agreed. Constitution has been amended due to a change in admins.

Chair report – Jason Wilcox

History of WLLP given – commenced over 6 years ago in a bid to make a difference to our environment with regards to the amount of litter deliberately discarded. The group now has a total of 3,900 members. The facebook group remains private as when it was public there was persistent issues with spamming. Gratitude extended to every individual member, sub group and committee member for all their hard work and dedication. Acknowledgements - WLLP logo jackets were handed out to those members who have gone above and beyond in recent months. We also have a supply of various coloured WLLP branded T-shirts in medium/large/X large sponsored by Norty. Get in touch with an admin if you would like to pick one up. Huge thanks and appreciation given to Jim Allan for all his work over the years, he has been a huge asset to WLLP and will be missed as an admin. If any of our members would be interested in becoming an admin, please get in touch. We are specifically looking for someone who would be keen to work alongside our local schools.

Secretary report – Becky Gallagher

Role of secretary is to co-ordinate quarterly meetings between WLC/WLLP. The agenda is made up of ideas/suggestions/questions/common themes gathered from Facebook posts and direct messages from our members and admins. At the end of each meeting, action points are agreed upon. Minutes

from every meeting are posted on Facebook and stored under the file section. The minutes are worth reading as they often contain useful information regarding questions we get asked regularly. Partnership working continues with West Lothian Council, thanks goes out to Paul Mallis, Victoria Mungall and Jane Ritchie for attending tonight and their continued support of WLLP . Thanks given to our WLLP members for another successful Keep Scotland Beautiful (KSB) Spring Clean Challenge where WLLP came 3rd. WLC successfully got more businesses and schools to engage compared to 2024. Becky is part of the KSB Community Reference Group (CRG) – the aim is to pull together a wide range of community representatives to work together and share ideas to help KSB deliver action plans to support the government National Litter and Fly tipping Strategy. It involves many voluntary groups and local authorities. This summer saw our first collaborative pick between WLC and WLLP on the A899 and we are hoping it will continue.

Becky continues with her bin clip campaign and is always up for suggestions of ways to tackle litter and fly tipping. All of the admins work tirelessly trying to make a difference. Over the years we have tried so many angles including the government, councillors, celebrities, police, road haulage association and many local businesses and schools. It can be disheartening at times seeing the explosion of litter and fly tipping across the UK but it is amazing to see what community spirit and pride WLLP has brought to West Lothian.

Following on from Jason, Becky paid homage again to Jim Allan for giving up so much of his time and acknowledging the effort he has put in to this group to help fight the cause. He secured vital funding and helped create successful partnerships with key businesses and many of our local and secondary schools.

Treasurer report/donations and sources – John Matthews

John went through a detailed account of all monetary donations, grants, fundraising events and equipment/items donated to WLLP. We are very grateful for all donations especially those that have continued to support us yearly like Biffa, Woodland Trust, WLC councillors and Co-op. We have recently received our 4th donation from The National Lottery.

The presentation slides are available to view under the files section on WLLP Facebook page.

Guest Speakers from WLC and Keep Scotland Beautiful

Thanks to Paul Mallis (WLC Strategy Support Officer for NETs, Land and Countryside Services) and Carly Ramsay (KSB campaigns and interventions officer) for their presentations on cleaner communities, general data and upcoming campaigns – Don't Waste West Lothian and Roadside Litter Intervention Partnership

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