

# 'LOANHEAD AND DISTRICT COMMUNITY COUNCIL'

## MINUTES

### MEETING HELD ON 12<sup>th</sup> April 2011, 7.30pm IN LOANHEAD EX-SERVICEMEN'S CLUB

#### 1. Present

P. Kenny (Chair), J. Peacock (Secretary), J. Bee (Press), C. Baxter, J. Thomson, E. Veitch, Mr. Hamilton, Gillian Lumley (Community Officer L&B Police), M.O.P. Stuart Macdonald

#### 2. Apologies

B. Hogg (Vice Chair), H. Fisher (Treasurer), Cllr. Russell Imrie (M/C), M. Harkness, Mrs. Hamilton

#### 3. PREVIOUS MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> March 2011 having been distributed, read, and were approved

**Proposed by;** Charlie Hamilton **Seconded by;** J.Thomson

The Chair opened the meeting by thanking everyone for attending

#### 4. POLICE REPORT; A full detailed statistic report was made available.

##### **Incidents of Note;**

- Between 28 February and 3 March a metallic shed was broken into at the rear of Oak Avenue, Nivensknowe, no items were stolen.
- Overnight 2-3 March, a shed was broken into in Fir View, Nivensknowe, no items were stolen.
- On 5 March, at Mayburn Walk, a male suspect pulled up in a stolen motor vehicle (stolen from Edinburgh), he approached a 15 year old male, punched him to the face and stole his mobile phone. The 15 year old male then returned home, told his mother what had happened and went back out armed with a knife. His mother contacted Police and he was later traced and reported for carrying an offensive weapon. The suspect who assaulted him is to be traced once the forensic evidence has been obtained.
- Between 8-9 March, an attempt was made to break into an unoccupied house in Hawthorn Gardens, no entry was gained. The suspects have then stolen scaffolding poles and cast iron guttering from the rear garden.
- On 10 March, a 17 year old male was caught on the roof of Mayburn House, he has been reported with intending to commit theft. He was also found to be in possession of drugs.
- Between 15-16 March, a garage was broken into in the Burghlee area, nothing was stolen. However there is usually a motor bike stored in this premises and it is believed that is what the thief was after.
- On 16 March, a 22 year old male was seen in a garden in Mayburn Loan in suspicious circumstances. The male later made off from Police, after a short chase he was caught and found to be in possession of possible stolen items. These items were later found to be stolen from a shed in Mayburn Avenue. The male has been reported for this offence as well as the intent to commit further thefts.
- On 26 March, an off-road quad bike was stolen from a garden in Pentland Park Caravan Park. The quad is green in colour.
- On 29 March, a 19 year old male was caught riding an un-registered motor bike. He was charged with no driving licence, no insurance and no helmet.
- Between 29-30 March, a shed has been forced at Paradykes Avenue, entry was gained and a silver and green trials bike was stolen from within. This was recovered a short time later in Burdiehouse.

P.C. Lumley advised on getting a shed alarm fitted; these can be bought from your local police station, for £10. To arrange advice from the police on crime prevention in the home or for your business; contact PC.Lumley;

**MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES**

**MEMORIAL PARK**      No Change      **Ongoing- 2007**

No further update

**PONY STATUE**      **June 2010**

No update on official unveiling; railing; lights

**RELIEF ROAD**      Change

Chair met with Ian Johnson; Head of Planning. Cllr Russell Imrie; Jim Gilfillan Highways & Parking M/C, Simon, David, Grant Developers for Straiton Park Ltd, on 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2011. Very little progress was made. **Action;** Chair will arrange a meeting with elected members.

**OVERHANGING TREES OVER ROAD SIGNS;**      No Change      **Sept 2009**

A list of areas effected is to be sent to John Blair; **Action;** Chair and Jill will have a walkabout

**LEAKING SEWER**      Change

**Scottish Water**

Spadsheet had been e-mailed to the Chair but was unable to open it. This will be forwarded to Jill.

**NEW DEVELOPMENT at Straiton Park etc...**      No Change      **Ongoing- 2008**

Contacted Asda, person who covers Scotland is on maternity leave at the moment.

**CHURCH CLOCK at Fountain Place**      No Change      **Sept 2010**

Clock is working

**Fire Hydrants**

**Action;** Contact to be made to Rhona's office, hi-lighting areas of concern.

**Zebra Crossing;**      Change      **Nov 2010**

Markings have been painted

**ROAD GULLEY'S****Sign;**

Street sign on the Loan has slipped down the post and now at a dangerous level;

**Action;** Check sign

**John Chant Centre**      **August 2010**

Back seat until we see how things pan out

<b>Bayne Memorial Hall</b>	<b><u>Change</u></b>	<b>Ongoing</b>
Situation remains the same; <b>Action</b> -mail reminder to Cllr. Russell Imrie		
<b>WALL AT REAR OF ST MARGARET'S CHAPEL</b>	<b><u>No Change</u></b>	<b>Ongoing- 2008</b>
No further work has been done		
<b><u>19 Clerk St</u></b>	<b><u>Change</u></b>	<b>Sept 2009</b>
No further update		
<b><u>Double Yellow Lines</u></b>		<b>Feb 2011</b>
At the main traffic lights in Loanhead lines have faded, this is making it difficult for warden to police as the lines are not visible <b>Action</b> ; E-mail Ricky Moffat		

**PLANNING**; Applications pertaining to our area were read out there was no contentious issue.

**CORRESPONDENCE**;

**Midlothian Council**; Feb Minutes

**Midlothian Council**; Midlothian News

**Midlothian Council**; E-mail from Cllr. Thacker concerning Lets for Community Schools was read, reply from Donald Mackay was read and response from Russell Imrie was read. There was no further response from Donald Mackay

**Midlothian Council**; Application for Premises Licence; Home Bargains unit 3A Straiton Mains Loanhead

**Health Links**; NHS; Midlothian & West Lothian

**Nature Scotland**; spring 2011

**Newbattle Abbey**; Celtic Festival; Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> May 2011; 11am-5pm

**AOB**

There was no other business discussed

**Loanhead Community Development Association**;

- A.G.M. 18<sup>TH</sup> May 2011 7.15pm 'The Kabin' L.C.L.C. Mayburn

**Loanhead Twinning Association**;

- New members Welcome

\*Meeting terminated 20.50

Next meeting; 10<sup>th</sup> May 2011 at 7.30pm Loanhead Ex-Serviceman's Club