

'LOANHEAD AND DISTRICT COMMUNITY COUNCIL'

MINUTES

MEETING HELD ON 13th December 2011, 7.30pm
IN LOANHEAD EX-SERVICEMEN'S CLUB

1. Present

P. Kenny (Chair), B.Hogg (Vice Chair), H. Fisher (Treasurer), J. Peacock (Secretary), J. Thomson, E.Veitch, C.Baxter A. Hamilton, C .Hamilton, PC Gillian Lumley (Community Officer L&B Police), Midlothian Superintendent Liz McAinsh, Inspector Neil Simpson (L&B Police), Matt Davies (Asda) , J.Bee (Press)

2. Apologies

Cllr. Thacker (M/C)

3.Elections Cllr Thompson Chaired the meeting and carried out elections. A status quo remains

4. PREVIOUS MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 8th November 2011 having been distributed, read, and were approved

Proposed by;H.Fisher Seconded by; J.Thomson

The Chair opened the meeting by thanking everyone for attending

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

- About 1950 hours on 2 November, a 24 year old male has entered the premises of Loanhead Mini-Market in George Terrace and demanded cash from the attendant there, threatening to assault him. The attendant has handed over a sum of money and the male then made off. This male has been traced and reported for this as well as other similar offences. The male is not local to our area.
- Between 6 and 9 November, a garage was broken into on Nivensknowe Caravan Park. A Marin Mountain Bike, black and orange in colour and a Honda 125cc Trials Bike, black and white in colour, were stolen from within.
- Overnight 25-26 November, a house was broken into in Mayshade Road and several items of property stolen from within.
- In the early hours of 26 November, a 53 year old male was assaulted by being struck to the head with a bottle within a house in McNeill Terrace. The male responsible, 21 years old and related to the complainer, has been traced and reported for this offence.
- In the early hours of 27 November Midlothian Council Social Work offices in Clerk Street were broken into and a small amount of cash stolen from within.

If any person has any information about the incident(s) listed above or indeed any other issue please contact your Community Officer or Loanhead Police Station.

PC 4574E Gillian Lumley

Community Officer Loanhead

E-mail: EDivCBOPKGroup@lbp.pnn.police.uk

Telephone Loanhead Police Station: 01314400506 or Crimestoppers: 0800 555 111

Midlothian Superintendent Liz McAinsh helped explain and answer questions concerning the loss of our station assistant. Liz was keen to stress this did not mean the police station would close. £100,000 would be saved and although this is a tiny amount of the 3million savings to be found in Midlothian, every little helps.

The Chair expressed concern that people were scared the police station would close permanently and that Loanhead was being penalized because it didn't have the worst community.

Liz explained the way in which people contact the police has changed and we need to know if there is other ways in which we can serve the community better. P.C. Lumley already held a joint surgery with Cllr. Thompson, which was successful.

The Chair thanked Superintendant Liz McAinsh and Neil Simpson for attending.

MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

MEMORIAL PARK	<u>No Change</u>	Ongoing- 2007
No Change		
PONY STATUE	<u>No Change</u>	June 2010
Letter to be written to John Blair; Statue needs to be re-dedicated.		
RELIEF ROAD	<u>Change</u>	
Letter to be written to 'Transport Scotland' find out what the reasons are.		
<u>OVERHANGING TREES OVER ROAD SIGNS;</u>	<u>No Change</u>	<u>Sept 2010</u>
Locations have to be given		
LEAKING SEWER	<u>No Change</u>	
Scottish Water		
Ask for update		
NEW DEVELOPMENT at Straiton Park etc...	<u>Change</u>	Ongoing- 2008
Mat will e-mail update about donation to L.C.L.C. for the garden(Asda)		

ROAD GULLEY'S

List locations of blocked road gulleys Map of Gulley's to be asked for.

Fire Hydrants

New contact details. E-mail to be sent.

<u>John Chant Centre</u>	August 2010
Back seat until we see how things pan out	
<u>School Lets</u>	April 2011
No further update	
<u>Mayburn House</u>	
Mr David Reid had been in touch and hopes to attend our meeting in January	
<u>Memorial 'Sundial Sculpture'</u>	
Sundial is back in place...Write thanking McTaggart & Scott, and Midlothian Council for all works.	
<u>2A George Drive; Short Cut; George V Park</u>	
No further update	
<u>Double Yellow Lines; Church St;</u>	
Lines still haven't been painted, Cllr Thompson flagged this up recently	
<u>19 Clerk St</u>	<u>No Change</u> Sept 2009
Matter is being dealt with, take time.	
<u>Double Yellow Lines; Clerk Street</u>	Feb 2011
Lines have been painted	

PLANNING; Applications pertaining to our area were read out there were no contentious issues.

CORRESPONDENCE;

Midlothian Council; Disabled Persons 'Parking Places'

Midlothian Council; Saltersgate School; Funding; Donation of £50 was agreed. Matt Danes will take this to Asda also.

L.U.C.; Esk River Valleys Landscape Partnership Projects;

Sesplan Nov 2011!; Newsletter

Spokes; Newsletter

A.O.C.B

Ikea Access; E-Mail to Dave Kenny (M/C) asking for a site visit was read, no reply had yet been received.

Winter Emergency; E-Mail from Dave Kenny was read regarding our question as to why Loanhead was not included in M/C's winter emergency parking restrictions. The Mayburn Terrace bus route will be included.

Bayne Memorial Grounds; State of the grounds and trees was brought up, a letter is to be written asking MYFC if they can attend a meeting to discuss maintenance of the grounds. Cllr. Thompson was asked if he could attend the meeting.

Loanhead Twinning Association;

- New members Welcome

The Chair wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

Next meeting; 10th January 2012 at 7.30pm Loanhead Ex-Serviceman's Club