

'LOANHEAD AND DISTRICT COMMUNITY COUNCIL'
MINUTES
MEETING HELD ON 8th February 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. Bee (Press), C. Baxter, J. Thomson, E. Veitch, Mr. Hamilton, Gillian Lumley (Community Officer L&B Police), Cllr. Russell Imrie, (M.O.P.) John Strachan, Simon Dormer (Straiton Park Ltd)

2. Apologies

Cllr. Owen Thompson (M/C), Mrs. Hamilton, M. Harkness

3. PREVIOUS MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 11th January 2011 having been distributed, read, and were approved

Proposed by; E. Veitch **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;

- About 1845 hours on 24 January, a 44 year old female was walking her dog near to Burdene Drive, Straiton when she was approached by 2 young males who attempted to steal her Jack Russell dog by force. They have pushed her over causing her to injure her left cheek, left arm and left ankle. The female has called out for help and the dog then started barking which scared off the two males. They are described as follows:

1: 17-18 years, medium build, 5'8", short brown hair, wearing a wind cheater jacket, jeans and light coloured trainers. He also had on dark, square rimmed glasses.

2: 17-18 years, slim build, 5'10" wearing a dark hoodie, jeans and trainers.

- Overnight 28-29 January, a motorcycle was stolen from a rear garden in Pentland Park Caravan Park. The motorcycle was a child's off-road Kawasaki KX65, black frame with plastic engine guards with large stickers on with the green wording 'Monster', green hoses, green chain sprocket. Value £1000.

- On the evening of 30 January, the burger van parked in Bilston Glen Ind Est was broken into, nothing stolen.

MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES**MEMORIAL PARK**No Change**Ongoing- 2007**

No new developments

PONY STATUE**June 2010**

Reminder was sent to John Blair to enquire when the official unveiling of our refurbished Horse Statue will take place.

No reply had been received.

RELIEF ROADChange

Development Consultant for Straiton Park Simon Dormer attended the meeting to give an update on the Relief Road. Developers have been in debate with council officials over section 75 matters.

Road costs have grown dramatically and extra requirements are adding to the cost. The Chair agreed to meet with elected members to help even out problems that the developers are having.

Action; Cllr. Imrie to arrange meeting.

OVERHANGING TREES OVER ROAD SIGNS;No ChangeSept 2009**LEAKING SEWER**No Change**Scottish Water**

Letter was read which was written to Steven Greenhill, no reply had been received

NEW DEVELOPMENT at Straiton Park etc...Change**Ongoing- 2008**

News of an Asda opening was public and representation for this development will hopefully attend our meeting next month.

CHURCH CLOCK atChangeSept 2010

E-mail was sent to John reporting clock face was at the wrong time, No reply was received

Bus Shelter;

Shelter is missing from outside St. Margarets hall; Cllr. Thompson will make enquiries

Zebra Crossing;**Nov 2010**

TK Maxx/Macdonalds; Markings have faded;

Fire Hydrants		
Letter to MSP Rhona Brankin and MP David Hamilton were read, Both replied and Rhona's office will work with us on this matter		
BOARDED UP HOUSE at Mckinlay Terrace	<u>Change</u>	Ongoing Jan 09
Letter from Kevin Anderson was read; house will have necessary re-let repairs carried out for new tenant to occupy		
Bayme Memorial Hall	<u>Change</u>	Ongoing
C.C. Member raised the problem of 30ft trees which had come down in the high winds. The Chair asked Cllr. Imrie for his assurance that someone would go out and see to this matter. Cllr. Imrie will arrange this. Member also suggested fitting security cameras, as all the work being carried out to the inside of the building would be spoilt by vandals targeting the roof. A letter will be drafted to the L.Y.F.C.		
Ashgrove;		Nov 2010
Access has been blocked with concrete; Simon Dormer was asked about this and said they have had problems in the past with travellers, needs must.		
	<u>No Change</u>	Oct 2009
<u>Pavements;</u>		
Similar approach as last year will be taken for severe weather damage to roads and pavements Cllr. Imrie suggested getting a list of pot holes, choked gulleys and damage then pass this on to Ricky Moffat		
'Safe Route' Loanhead Primary School, St Margaret's School Campus	<u>No Change</u>	Ongoing-June 2009
Letter from Ricky was read; Phil Riddell will examine the dog bin and other bin emptying rotas to see what needs to be done in that regard and introduce necessary changes (or additional bin) as necessary.		
WALL AT REAR OF ST MARGARET'S CHAPEL	<u>Change</u>	Ongoing- 2008
Wall still the same		
<u>19 Clerk St</u> (windows)	<u>Change</u>	Sept 2009
Enforcement involved		
<u>ROAD GULLEY'S</u>	<u>Change</u>	Sept 2009
Letter from Ian Johnson was read; member raised concern that there was rubble lying on the pavement which looked as though it was falling from this building. Cllr Imrie will follow this up.		
<u>PARADYKES PRIMARY SCHOOL</u>		May 2010
<u>(Parking);</u>		
No further news		

John Chant Centre

August 2010

Back seat until we see how things pan out

Communal Gardens

Nov 2010

E-mail from Kevin Anderson was read which outlined tenant's responsibility and action which could be taken if this was not adhered to.

PLANNING

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

CORRESPONDENCE;

Midlothian Council; Licensing Application; Loanhead Ex-Servicemens Club

EFR; Fauch Hill Sustainable Energy limited; Dates of Consultations

Scottish Natural Heritage; winter 2010 The Nature of Scotland

Midlothian Council; Midlothian News

AOB

Double Yellow Lines; At the main traffic lights in Loanhead have faded, this is making it difficult for warden to police as the lines are not visible

Pot Holes; Fountain Place/Clerk Street

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

Loanhead Twinning Association;

- New members Welcome

*Meeting terminated 20.45

Next meeting; 8th March 2011 at 7.30pm Loanhead Ex-Serviceman's Club