

# 'LOANHEAD AND DISTRICT COMMUNITY COUNCIL'

## MINUTES

MEETING HELD ON 11<sup>th</sup> January 2011, 7.30pm  
IN LOANHEAD EX-SERVICEMEN'S CLUB

### 1. Present

P. Kenny (Chair), B. Hogg (Vice Chair) , H. Fisher (Treasurer), J. Peacock (Secretary), Cllr. Owen Thompson(M/C), J. Bee (Press), J. Thomson, E. Veitch, Mr. & Mrs. Hamilton, Gillian Lumley (Community Officer L&B Police),

### 2. Apologies

L. Thacker (M/C), C. Baxter, M. Harkness

### 3. PREVIOUS MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> December 2010 having been distributed, read, and were approved

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

The Chair opened the meeting by thanking everyone for attending on such a miserable night and wished everyone a Happy and Peaceful New Year

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

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

- Overnight 1-2<sup>nd</sup> December, the snack van in Edgefield Road Ind Est was again broken into, £25 in cash stolen. There was an attempted break in overnight 11-12<sup>th</sup> December as well, however 3 youths were seen by staff at a nearby business, one of them on top of the snack van. On the staff member approaching however they made off. This was not reported until the following morning. There is no longer a cash float kept within this snack van and the owner has been given appropriate advice.
- Overnight 1-2<sup>nd</sup> December, there were attempt thefts of 4 vehicles in the Nivensknowe area and nearby. A 16 year old male has been identified and traced and reported for these offences.

#### **Reply from Inspector Simpson:**

This was a Force wide problem and created mainly by residents themselves. Police officers were allocated to gritters to go with them to clear bus and then waste collection routes. This was a massive job and priorities had to be set. The overall achievement was excellent and several cars were impounded. The bottom line was that there was no parking and residents took it upon themselves to abandon cars thus creating the problem. Perhaps the Community Council would like to issue a public advice on that issue and support the work of the Council.

Chairman complimented the local police force and added that the parking issue had resolved itself at the last snowfall and thanked police, Midlothian Council and residents for allowing buses etc. to drive freely, but added , a contingency Plan needs to be in place if heavy snowfall occurs in the future.



<b>Fire Hydrants</b>		
No News		
<b>ACTION;</b> Write to local fire service-ask if there is adequate cover.		
<b>BOARDED UP HOUSE at Mckinlay Terrace</b>	<u><b>Change</b></u>	<b>Ongoing Jan 09</b>
Will follow up;		
<b>Bayme Memorial Hall</b>	<u><b>No Change</b></u>	<b>Ongoing</b>
Cllr. Thompson hoped work would be started in the next week		
<b><u>Ashgrove;</u></b>		<b>Nov 2010</b>
Access has been blocked with concrete; point was raised how emergency vehicles would gain access to buildings/area		
	<u><b>No Change</b></u>	<b>Oct 2009</b>
<b><u>Pavements;</u></b>		
Similar approach as last year will be taken for severe weather damage to roads and pavements		
<b>'Safe Route' Loanhead Primary School, St Margaret's School Campus</b>	<u><b>No Change</b></u>	<b>Ongoing-June 2009</b>
Letter to be written to Ricky Moffat asking for dog bin		
<b>WALL AT REAR OF ST MARGARET'S CHAPEL</b>	<u><b>Change</b></u>	<b>Ongoing- 2008</b>
Unsure of progress		
<b><u>19 Clerk St</u></b> (windows )	<u><b>Change</b></u>	<b>Sept 2009</b>
Will take time; Enforcement involved; Write to Ian Johnston for an update		
<b><u>ROAD GULLEY'S</u></b>	<u><b>Change</b></u>	<b>Sept 2009</b>
Hopefully gulley's have been cleared		
<b><u>PARADYKES PRIMARY SCHOOL</u></b>		<b>May 2010</b>
<b><u>(Parking);</u></b>		
Cllr. Thompson added ,Possible changes to the car park could free up more spaces; being looked into;		
<b><u>John Chant Centre</u></b>		<b>August 2010</b>
Back seat until we see how things pan out		
<b><u>Communal Gardens</u></b>		<b>Nov 2010</b>
No update from Cllr. Thacker, Cllr. Thompson added that Kevin Anderson was taking a different approach and more focus was on tenancies, handbooks were there for a reason.		

## PLANNING

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

## CORRESPONDENCE:

Midlothian Council; Borders Railway Project Newsletter; We're on Track

Midlothian Council; November 2010 Minutes

Midlothian Council; Annual Open Meeting; 20<sup>th</sup> Jan 2011

Midlothian Council; Planning permission granted with conditions; Loanview Holdingd;Lang Loan; Loanhead; Erection of 6 workshop units

### AOB

High St; 65-73- this area has never been gritted. Residents have asked for a grit bin. Cllr. Thompson was asked if he could arrange this.

Heavy Snowfall; Cllr. Thompson added that after last month's meeting he had had a meeting to discuss winter maintenance; maps with priority roads marked were shown to members, council is keen for local input. Large lockable grit bins is also being looked at where there is groups of local people willing to help, a key would be given.

Pavements; Chair said an excellent job had been done on the pavements in Clerk St; Pavements tonight were treacherous; there seemed to be no gritting being done.

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

### Loanhead Twinning Association;

- New members Welcome

\*Meeting terminated 20;35

Next meeting; 8<sup>th</sup> February 2011 at 7.30pm Loanhead Ex-Serviceman's Club