

# 'LOANHEAD AND DISTRICT COMMUNITY COUNCIL'

## MINUTES

MEETING HELD ON 14<sup>th</sup> June 2011, 7.30pm  
IN LOANHEAD EX-SERVICEMEN'S CLUB

### 1. Present

P. Kenny (Chair), B. Hogg (Vice Chair), H. Fisher (Treasurer), C. Baxter, J. Thomson, A. Hamilton, C. Hamilton, E. Veitch, Cllr Thompson (M/C), J. Bee (Press),

### 2. Apologies

J. Peacock (Secretary), Gillian Lumley (Community Officer L&B Police), Cllr. Thacker (M/C), Michael Harkness

### 3. PREVIOUS MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 10<sup>h</sup> May 2011 having been distributed, read, and were approved

Proposed by; C.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.

- About 1.20am on the morning of Sunday 22 May, a 21-year-old female was walking in Polton Vale, when she was approached from behind by a male who grabbed her resulting in her falling to the ground. A passing vehicle resulted in the male making off towards Mavisbank.

Police are keen to talk to anyone who was driving or walking in Loanhead around this time and may have seen this incident or anything suspicious. The male is described as white in his late 30's to early 40's, with short dark hair. He was wearing a dark coloured jacket.

- On the evening of 7 May, two mobile phones were stolen from the changing area in Loanhead Leisure Centre valued at £130. A 17 year old male has been identified for the theft of one of the phones and further enquiries are ongoing to trace the culprit for the second phone.

- Late on 10 May, the premises of Pentland Plants was broken into by smashing a window. Loose change and juice was stolen from within.

- About 12.45pm on 15 May, a motor cycle was stolen from the rear of Costa Coffee at Straiton Retail Park. This was later recovered near to Straiton roundabout.

- About 6.30pm on 16 May, youths set a fire within the former Lynx Express building in Pentland Industrial Estate causing damage to part of the flooring. A 15 year old male has been identified and charged with this offence.

- In the early hours of 24 May, the security fence at MacTaggart Scott & Co Ltd was breached and an outbuilding broken into. Nothing was stolen from within.

- In the evening of 29 May, a Go-Kart was stolen from a garden in Paradykes Avenue. This was distinctive as it was originally a ride-on lawnmower which had been converted. It was black and red in colour

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. Telephone Loanhead Police Station: 01314400506 or Crimestoppers: 0800 555 111  
PC 4574E Gillian Lumley Community Officer Loanhead E-mail: [EDivCBOPKGroup@lbp.pnn.police.uk](mailto:EDivCBOPKGroup@lbp.pnn.police.uk)

The Chair then reported that the Memorial erected to commemorate the Queen's visit to Loanhead which at our last meeting had been reported as stolen had mysteriously been returned. He had asked Ross Perfect to check if it was secure or if any work was required to make it so.

**MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES**

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

Action; Developers contribution unknown

**PONY STATUE**      No Change      **June 2010**

Action; C.C. will now take the initiative regarding official opening

**RELIEF ROAD**      Change

No Change; Members commented on an ever increasing number of vehicles using Edgefield Road

**OVERHANGING TREES OVER ROAD SIGNS;**      No Change      **Sept 2010**

Chair and Secretary still to have a walkabout

**LEAKING SEWER**      Change

**Scottish Water**

No Update

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

Sarah Mills has now left Asda. Philip Bartram, Property Communications Manager, Asda House had been in touch and was invited to our meeting. No reply has been received. They have opened a recruitment office (Andersons CA old building) There seems to be some difficulty with recruitment for the Straiton store.

**Fire Hydrants**

Letter sent

**ROAD GULLEY'S**

Many blocked; Water still ponding outside 5 Hawthornden Gardens

**John Chant Centre**

**August 2010**

Back seat until we see how things pan out

**School Lets**

**April 2011**

No further update

**Buckets;**      Clerk Street

Community Council member asked if the buckets which are situated in Clerk Street at the bus stops could be fastened to the ground as they are being removed daily and thrown onto the road.

**Short Cut;**

Za George Drive, Site visit with Councillors to be arranged as site being used as short cut to King Georg v park. Areas are dangerous and it is likely someone could get hurt.

**Bayne Memorial Hall**

Chair advised that the Bayne Memorial Park Pavillion had been officially opened but owing to business commitments he had been unable to attend

**WALL AT REAR OF ST MARGARET'S CHAPEL**

No Change

Ongoing- 2008

Wall still not completed, coping stones still lying there. Cllr. Thompson to chase.

19 Clerk St

No Change

Sept 2009

Official letter has been sent to J.Hendry

Double Yellow Lines

Feb 2011

E-mail was sent to Ricky Moffat and reply received on 11/05/2011 stating 'I'll get this looked at.'

No works had yet been carried out.

PLANNING; Applications pertaining to our area were read out there was one contentious issue.

Clerk Street; Application for sales, repairs, car wash etc. C.C. not sure of position, Cllr. Thompson to look into this.

Academy Lane; Only required to be closed on the odd occasion

CORRESPONDENCE;

Midlothian Council; May Minutes

Midlothian Council; Midlothian News

A.O.C.B

Housing Allocation; Questions were asked of Cllr. Thompson about the allocation of the new local authority houses. He advised that they had been allocated on a transfer led policy and that there had been a very recent audit, the report was not confidential and should be available on the web.

Road Signs; Bruce Hogg commented on road signs being placed on the pavement causing inconvenience to pedestrians in the High Street

Midlothian Advertiser ; The Chair advised that 'The Advertiser' would no longer have an office in Midlothian. The press representative advised that in spite of the inconvenience it would be business as usual.

Loanhead Twinning Association;

- New members Welcome

Next meeting; 12<sup>th</sup> July 2011 at 7.30pm Loanhead Ex-Serviceman's Club