

'LOANHEAD AND DISTRICT COMMUNITY COUNCIL'

MINUTES

MEETING HELD ON 8th March 2011, 7.30pm
IN LOANHEAD EX-SERVICEMEN'S CLUB

1. Present

P. Kenny (Chair), B. Hogg (Vice Chair) , J. Peacock (Secretary), J. Bee (Press), C. Baxter, J. Thomson, Mr & Mrs. Hamilton, Gillian Lumley (Community Officer L&B Police), Cllr. Russell Imrie, Cllr. Les Thacker(M/C), Allan Johnston(L.Y.F.C)

2. Apologies

H. Fisher (Treasurer), Cllr. Owen Thompson (M/C), E. Veitch, M. Harkness

3. PREVIOUS MINUTES

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

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

The Chair opened the meeting by thanking everyone for attending on such a cold miserable night

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

Incidents of Note;

- In the early hours on 4 February, 2 sheds were broken into at Pentland Park, nothing stolen from within.
- In the early hours of 5 February, there was a further break in to another shed in Pentland Park where 2 large speakers were stolen from within. 3 local males aged 15, 17 and 18 were traced nearby within a vehicle in possession of the speakers. They have been C&C accordingly and in the addition the 18 year old male also C&C with resisting arrest.
- During the day of 7 February, a house in Mayburn Avenue was broken into by smashing a rear double glazed door using a large stone. A purple Dell laptop, an Ipod and various items of jewellery were stolen.
- On the evening of 8 February, the perimeter fence of Watson and Lyall at Bilston Ind Est was forced. Scrap metal from the yard was stolen to the value of approx £1200.
- About 0230 hours on 26 February two 21 year old males broke into the LOGY Centre. A quantity of cash was stolen from within. Both males have been C&C with this offence.
- About 2215 hours on 26 February, a male broke into an office room within a residential house in Hawthorn Gardens. Cash was stolen from within. One witness saw the male leaving the property and a line of enquiry is currently being followed.

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

Councillors had nothing to report

PONY STATUE**June 2010**

A long time has passed since pony was replaced, Councilors will organize something for the unveiling, Chair added that he had spoken with Jeff Burns and talk of lights and railing had been discussed, shrubbery also needs tidied

RELIEF ROAD**Change**

A meeting has been arranged for the Chair to meet with Head of Planning and Development on 22nd March 2011

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

A list of areas effected is to be sent to John Blair

LEAKING SEWER**Change****Scottish Water**

Letter from Steven Greenhill was read; Sorry about the delay. There was a problem with the data logger software but it is fixed now.
Please find attached a spreadsheet showing the data and graph of spills from 18th Jan to 8th Feb. The logger recorded the overflow operating 10 times, during 4 rainfall events. Only 2 of these were of a significant duration, on the 29th January for 45 minutes and again on the 7th of February for 2hrs and 15 mins.
So basically the sewer overflowed 4 times in that period.

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

We hoped representation from Asda was attending this meeting but no reply had been received,
Action; Will contact again

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

Clock Face still not working, no reply from John

Bus Shelter;**Change**

Shelter has been replaced and timetables fitted inside

Zebra Crossing;**No Change****Nov 2010**

TK Maxx/Macdonalds; Markings have faded;
ACTION;Letter to be written to Peel Development

Fire Hydrants

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

BOARDED UP HOUSE at Mckinlay Terrace**Change****Ongoing Jan 09**

Boards have been removed

Bayne Memorial Hall**Change****Ongoing**

Allan a volunteer for L.Y.F.C. attended tonight's meeting and updated the Community Council; sadly the original contractor had gone bust and work was now being completed by 'John Dennis. Floor in the gym hall is damp and contractors cannot lie on top of old, a meeting this week on site to discuss where this damp is coming from will hopefully help the situation.

An e-mail concerning the up keep of the grounds was forwarded by Russell after last month's meeting was read; Dear Russell

I have spoken to Mark Kenmure in Estates and Mark reckons that if the ground is part of the lease for the Football Club and it is not being properly cared for; it is the club's responsibility and they are technically in breach of the lease.

Hope this clarifies.

James

The Chair added that responsibility depended on conditions of lease but also felt that L.Y.F.C. could not be responsible for removing trees etc. Allan added that they were volunteers giving their time. The Chair asked the Councillors if the council could help the club and could the trees be removed from people's gardens. **Action;** Cllr. Imrie will facilitate a meeting with L.Y.F.C. council & Chic to help get a resolution to the problem of the grounds

WALL AT REAR OF ST MARGARET'S CHAPEL**No Change****Ongoing- 2008**

No further work has been done

19 Clerk St**Change****Sept 2009**

Cllr. Imrie had made enquiries into reported falling masonry and a visit by building standard surveyor found no evidence of any falling masonry although remedial work is necessary to the masonry infills below the window openings on the front elevations of the property and the owners have been notified.

Enforcement action is still ongoing and the council are working very hard to resolve the problem with the alterations which have not been approved in terms of the planning consent.

Double Yellow Lines**Feb 2011**

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

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

ROAD GULLEY'S

Change

Sept 2009

Sign;

Feb 2011

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 was one contentious issue.

11/00102/DPP; 93 Clerk St.; Alterations to shop front and installation of Roller shutter door;

Action; photo of shutter to be looked at

CORRESPONDENCE;

Midlothian Council; Minutes

Midlothian Council; Midlothian News

Midlothian Council; Disabled Persons Parking Places; Proposed Traffic Regulation Order; a further period will be allowed for the submission of any objections when proposals are advertised, but M/C would be pleased to consider any views which they receive by 31ST March 2011

Girl Guiding; Magic Moments; invitation; Tues 22nd March 7.30pm

Midlothian Travelmap; February 2011

L.C.D.A.; Letter asking if L.C.D.A. could be involved in talks concerning developer contributions in the area, ideas of where money could be spent was suggested. Chair said, L.C.D.A. would be kept in the loop and suggestions taken on board

Newbattle Abbey; Short Course Programme Spring 2011

SNP; Proposed Budget

Midlothian Council; Midlothian Meeting the Challenge; Community Engagement outcome report.

AOB

Signage; 36 Clerk St; Issue was raised at last month's meeting concerning signs and paintwork at premises in Clerk St. Cllr. Imrie raised query with relevant officer and reply was read; permission granted in 2005 for Change of use of retail premises to motor vehicle sales and car

wash, signage also approved including canopy and illuminated signage on building in 2005. Has changed wording/style and colour on fascia and canopy but this does not need permission. C.C. Member said more signs had been erected in the last fortnight and car wash seemed to be operating out with licence hours. **Action;**Enquiry to be made.

Re-Surfacing Clerk St.; Questions were raised about works carried out on Sunday 5th March in Clerk St.

Why 15 Border Council vehicles blocked the main St?

Why Sunday morning?

Why such an upheaval for a little bit of tarring?

Action; Cllrs. To E-mail answers to Jill

Pyramid; Cllrs. were asked why contractors from Airdrie were being used when local tradesmen could be used, especially in these economic times, was it not better to 'shop local'. Cllr. Imrie explained that legally we don't have a choice. Contracts are put out to tender and procurement officers have final decision, usually 'best value' gets contract.

43 The Loan; Question was asked if a warden was present at all times. There was loud music and people in the garden late on Friday night.

Mr Dolphin; The Chair explained the concern of some people who are scared Mr Dolphin will be released back into this community. The Chair had spoken with Cllr. Thompson and Insp. Neil Simpson. Who had put him in touch with Ian Neil- M/C Criminal Justice Team; Ian was unable to discuss matters but would show letter to people concerned.

New Community Schools; are unsuitable for holding Community Council meetings, as the rules at present state that the person making the booking

Must be present for the meeting; As we operate to a fixed schedule, we have to block-book. We cannot guarantee that the person making the booking (the Secretary) can be present for every meeting.

Must escort visitors from the entrance to the facility to the meeting room, and back.

The Secretary cannot fulfill her role in minute taking if she has to leave the meeting to escort late arrivals/early leavers.

Must be able to vouch for everyone present. Community Council meetings are open to any member of the public; we can never fulfill this third condition.

Cllrs were asked for clarification on these points

Barrier at Railway Walk; There is no notice from the Station Road end of the walkway that there is a barrier along this walk.

Loanhead Community Development Association;
A.G.M. 18TH May 2011 7.15pm 'The Kabin' lclc

Loanhead Twinning Association;

- New members Welcome

*Meeting terminated 20.45

Next meeting; 12th April 2011 at 7.30pm Loanhead Ex-Serviceman's Club