

'LOANHEAD AND DISTRICT COMMUNITY COUNCIL'

MINUTES

MEETING HELD ON 10th May 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, Mrs Hamilton, Mr. Hamilton

2. Apologies

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

3. PREVIOUS MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 12th April 2011 having been distributed, read, and were approved

Proposed by; J.Thomson Seconded by; C.Baxter

The Chair opened the meeting by thanking everyone for attending

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

Incidents of Note;

•Some time during April (exact date unknown), a quantity of lead flashing was stolen from the roof of Paradykes Primary School. Theft only discovered due to a leak in the school.

• On the evening of 2 April, a pony was stolen from a field at Wadingburn, the pony was later recovered in the possession of an 18 year old male in Burdiehouse. Male reported accordingly.

• Overnight 2 - 3 April, a motor car was stolen from Albany in Clerk Street, vehicle later recovered in West Lothian and a positive line of enquiry being followed.

• Overnight 7 - 8 April, £6k worth of metal was stolen from Lothian Auto Salvage, Engine Road.

• In the early hours of 9 April, attempts were made to steal 3 motor vehicles in Clerk Street/Engine Road. Enquiries ongoing.

• Overnight 11 - 12 April, a blue Peugeot Speedfight motorcycle was stolen from Park Avenue, Loanhead.

• On 3 separate nights in April, copper sheeting was stolen from the roof of Loanhead Social Work Centre, Clerk Street. They are currently replacing all copper with non-valuable material.

• Between 18 - 26 April, the Pavilion in George V Park was broken into and a telephone stolen.

• On the evening of 25 April, a bus shelter was vandalised in Lawrie Terrace, a 14 year old female has been reported for this offence.

Again this summer we have an initiative running to target anti-social use of Off-Road Motor Cycles (Operation Estate).

The Chair reported that the memorial erected to commemorate a visit to Loanhead by the Queen 50 years ago has been stolen. The ornate sundial sculpture has sat in Loanhead Memorial Park Gardens since 1962. The sundial was taken on Wednesday 4th May night or Thursday morning, and police have appealed for anyone with information to get in touch. It is likely to have been stolen for scrap.

The Chair added that it was very, very sad.

MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

MEMORIAL PARK No Change **Ongoing- 2007**

Action; Councillors to be asked for update

PONY STATUE **June 2010**

Action; Speak to councillors

RELIEF ROAD Change

Simon Dormer (Development Consultant for Straiton Park ltd) had been in touch with 'Chair' about a change to the original plan. Land which is planned for industrial use to be developed for affordable housing. Applying for a change of use would hopefully not slow the process.

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

A list of areas effected is to be sent to John Blair; Action; Chair and Jill will have a walkabout

LEAKING SEWER Change

Scottish Water

No update; Chair added we have been let down by Scottish Water; Action; Contact Bill Elliot

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

No update; Action; Contact to be made asking if someone can come and discuss development.

Fire Hydrants

Name and contact details of a person who can hopefully help has been contacted

ROAD GULLEY'S

Many blocked; Water ponding outside 5 Hawthornden Gardens again Action; Notify Ricky Moffat

Sign;

Sign has been removed

John Chant Centre

August 2010

Back seat until we see how things pan out

School Lets

April 2011

No further update

Bayne Memorial Hall	<u>Change</u>	Ongoing
Trees have been removed		
WALL AT REAR OF ST MARGARET'S CHAPEL	<u>No Change</u>	Ongoing- 2008
No further work has been done		
<u>19 Clerk St</u>	<u>No Change</u>	Sept 2009
No further update		
<u>Double Yellow Lines</u>		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 Action; E-mail Ricky Moffat		

PLANNING: Applications pertaining to our area were read out there was no contentious issue.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Midlothian Council; March Minutes

Midlothian Council; Midlothian News

Midlothian Council; Development Plan Scheme No3. March 2011

Midlothian Council; Application for Variation of Premises License; Gaffers 93 Clerk Street Loanhead;Action; Questions to be asked

Loanhead Childrens Gala Day; Programme advertisement; Full page purchased £100

Fauch Hill; Wind Farm

Komplan; Playgrounds

Music Festival; 10th-11th-12th June; information can be found on web site;

AOB

Buckets; 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; 2a 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.

Loanhead Community Development Association;

- A.G.M. 18TH May 2011 7.15pm 'The Kabin' L.C.L.C. Mayburn

Loanhead Twinning Association;

- New members Welcome

*Meeting terminated 20.40

Next meeting; 14th June 2011 at 7.30pm Loanhead Ex-Serviceman's Club