

'LOANHEAD AND DISTRICT COMMUNITY COUNCIL'
MINUTES
MEETING HELD ON 8th November 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. Thomson, C.Baxter A. Hamilton, C .Hamilton, PC Gillian Lumley (Community Officer L&B Police), Mat Davies (Asda) , J.Bee (Press)

2. Apologies

Cllr. Thacker (M/C)

3. PREVIOUS MINUTES

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

Proposed by;C.Hamilton **Seconded by;** B.Hogg

The Chair opened the meeting by thanking everyone for attending

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

- Between 1130 - 2250 hours on 1 October, a portacabin was broken into to the rear of the old Callyr Inn and a power tool stolen from within. Also at this time the culprit has set alight an old hut causing damage to surrounding items.
- About 2000 hours on 12 October, the disused cottages on Straiton Road (near to Next retail unit) were set alight. These 2 incidents are not thought to be linked.
- On both 2 and 3 October, the unoccupied premises previously used by Noble Foods in Edgefield Industrial Estate were broken into. Four males were apprehended aged from 15 years to 33 years and reported for this and for theft of scrap metal from the premises.
- About 2200 hours on 21 October, 2 males aged 15 and 17 years, stole a motor scooter from Asda car park. Both males apprehended and reported for this offence as well as the 15 year old being reported for resisting arrest.

Inspector Simpson had asked P.C.Lumley to distribute spreadsheet detailing 'dispatch time in attending reported emergency calls' Table showed that figures were on target for Loanhead.

Discussions took place on the proposed 'L. & B.P. Property Review 'questions were asked which

P.C. Lumley will try to get the answer to. Chair read an article printed in Edinburgh Evening

News on 'Senior officers salaries.'

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.

PC 4574E Gillian Lumley

Community Officer Loanhead

E-mail: EDivCBOPKGroup@lbp.pnn.police.uk

Telephone Loanhead Police Station: 01314400506 or Crimestoppers: 0800 555 111

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

No Change

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

C.C. and local Cllr.s. need to get area tidied up and lighting as promised.

RELIEF ROAD**Change**

Permissions all in place, sadly 'Transport Scotland' have put a hold on progress of the road due to traffic building at Straiton roundabout. Cllrs. suggested the C.C. writing to transport Scotland.

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

Scottish Water

No Update

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

Collection from 'Asda price guarantee' was £2,600 which was donated to Midlothian Women's Aid' Calendar was already full to Xmas for bag packing, local organizations were involved. Mat will e-mail update about donation to L.C.L.C. for the garden

ROAD GULLEY'S

Many blocked. Letter to be written to Ricky Moffat

Garage

Car wash has been moved to the rear

Fire Hydrants

New contact details. E-mail to be sent.

John Chant Centre**August 2010**

Back seat until we see how things pan out

School Lets**April 2011**

No further update

Mayburn House

Mr David Reid had been in touch and hopes to attend our meeting in January

Memorial 'Sundial Sculpture'

Repair and restoration continuing

Clerk Street

Buckets Clerk St;

Response from M/C 'No adequate way of securing buckets.'

2A George Drive; Short Cut; George V Park

Area was highlighted to Cllrs. Comments made to planning application. 11/00645/DPP

Double Yellow Lines; Church St;

lines have not been replaced after work was carried out and this is causing mayhem; e-mail to be written to Ricky Moffat M/C

19 Clerk St

No Change

Sept 2009

Matter is being dealt with, take time.

Double Yellow Lines; Clerk Street

Feb 2011

Another reminder is to be sent to Ricky.

11/00674/CL Loanview House Lang Loan; certificate of lawfulness for an existing operation or development (house-class9) Cllrs have been made aware of this application.

11/00645/DPP 2A George Drive; revision to parking arrangements (amendment to planning permission 08/00252/FUL-Erection of 8 flatted dwelling and associated vehicular access and parking) Cllrs have been made aware of this application and the issues with access, parking and land ownership. Comment was also made on application which was read.

11/00613/DPP; Artemis; unit 3 3 Edgefield Industrial Estate; Erection of chamber over electrical equipment- an extension has been started but no planning application has been submitted; Permission granted with Ikea application

11/00575/PNDEM; Demolition of loanhead hospital; applicant eskgrove homes llp; check midlothian plan as area thought to be for industrial/commercial use;

E-mail from Cllr. Thompson who had a response from Ian Johnston(head of planning) to our question, 'what the designation of the land at Loanhead hospital is, was read *'whilst the principle of development on the site is established, it is not formally allocated for any particular use. Any prospective developer(s) could contact us for pre-application advice.'* A planning application was also read for the erection of 9 dwellinghouses and associated works on this site.

11/00591/DPP; Unit 9 Eldin Industrial Estate Loanhead Midlothian; Change of use of industrial yard to waste transfer station (retrospective) **Owner had approached the Chair and offered him to visit site. He was adamant there was no increase of vehicles using the road. Chair offered him to bring facts and figures to him or our meeting.**

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

CORRESPONDENCE:

Midlothian Council; Extension of public consultation period supplementary planning guidance on affordable housing and developer contributions

Midlothian Council; Minutes; Oct

Midlothian Council; Proposed Traffic Regulation Order; Pentland Road Loanhead; Revocation of Prohibition

Midlothian Council; Straiton Park & Ride; variation-

Nature of Scotland; winter 2011

A.O.C.B

Podiatry Service; A letter in support of saving our podiatry service was read; this was sent to all interested parties

L.C.D.A.; Skatepark and Memorial Park; Councillors were asked about development contributions; Cllr. Imrie said no developer contributions through retail; a pot with £15,000 for community benefit.

Town Clock; not working; **Action** - E-mail John Blair

Pentland Road; C.C supported the suggestion that the road

Ikea; Entrance at Ikea is causing serious problems, especially at the weekend. **Action;** An e-mail to Dave Kenny (M/C) asking for a site visit is to be written

Bus Timetable; It was noted that the bus timetable normally on the lamppost on 'The High Street' was lying on the ground; **Action;** contact first buses asking for this to be corrected

Loanhead Twinning Association;

- New members Welcome

Next meeting; 13th December 2011 at 7.30pm Loanhead Ex-Serviceman's Club