

**Minutes of the Loanhead & District Community Council Annual General Meeting
Tuesday 8th November 2016 at 7.00 pm, Loanhead Library.**

In attendance: Annabel Hamilton, Charles Hamilton, Bernard Foy (RTO Housing Trust), Kevin Quinn (Midlothian Advertiser) Julia Critchley & Valerie Watt (the Kabin), Pauline Winchester (prospective candidate for 2017 council elections), John Thomson, Pat Kenny, Peter Frame, Andrew Coventry (councillor) and Gina Temple.

Action

1. **Apologies** – none.
2. **Chairman's Report.** Pat Kenny reported that due to lack of secretarial support no written minutes were taken of the last AGM and subsequent meetings – all business was conducted verbally.
3. **Financial Report** – John Thomson reported that the current bank balance was £1074.61.
4. **Minutes of AGM 12th November 2016** – not available.
5. **Matters arising** – none.
6. **Election of Office Bearers.** Jill Peacock had resigned as secretary and Gina Temple had agreed to take over the role - there were no objections. Jill had been secretary for 5 years and was thanked for her contribution to the work of the CC. All other office bearers remaining in post. Pat Kenny (chairman), Jackie Aitcheson (vice chairman), John Thomson (treasurer).

This concluded the business of the AGM.

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7. **Police Report** – none received..
8. **Minutes of previous meeting** – none, business conducted verbally.
9. **Matters arising** – none.

Correspondence

- The Small Grants Committee require a copy of the LDCC Constitution **PK**
- Pat Kenny read out Jill Peacock's letter of resignation citing her frustration and disappointment that despite all the input the CC had made to the planning process no affordable or social housing was to be provided in the new developments. Andrew Coventry has raised this several times with Planning and read out an email from them explaining that as the developers were required to pay for the Edgefield Relief Road the Planning Department had to compromise on this requirement. Pat Kenny commented that the district had campaigned for many years for a relief road and that any developer would have known in advance of this requirement.
- Sports Gala Day AGM had passed.
- Pat Kenny distributed information leaflets from SPOKES.
- A letter had been received from Midlothian Council requesting copies of minutes – we will contact them and explain the circumstances. **PK/GT**
- The CC noticeboard still has a notice in it stating the meetings will be in the Ex-Serviceman's Club – this will be removed and the board cleaned up within the next month. **PK**

Action

- The Masons Arms has made an application to the Midlothian Licencing Board to extend opening hours from 11am–1am Monday – Saturday and 10am -12 midnight on a Sunday. Pat Kenny asked for comments, but took no part in the brief discussion that took place due to conflict of interest. Some people were unhappy about the extended opening hours during the week, but it was assumed that the residents affected by this change would also have had the chance to comment and none had contacted the CC regarding this issue.
- Bill Keir Smith, Eskbank Community Council had emailed suggesting Kevin Quinn be invited to CC meetings as he was writing an article about the work of CCs. Although the article had appeared in last week's paper Kevin was in attendance.
- Costco have applied for planning permission to erect a Petrol Filling Station at Costkea Way. It was suggested that we would need to see a plan for the position of the filling station before commenting.
- BT propose to remove two telephone boxes from Loanhead. Dalum Drive (3 calls) and Clerk Street (416 calls) made in the past year. It was agreed that the Dalum Drive box should be removed and the Clerk Street box retained. The local community can adopt the disused boxes for a sum of £1 but would then be responsible for their upkeep.

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12. Any other current business.

- Julie Critchley (Parents and Tots Group) and Valerie Watt (gardening volunteer) both from the Kabin had come to the meeting to discuss the plans to erect houses on the grounds of the Paradykes School. In particular, they were concerned that the development would take away some of the garden area, and were not happy about the positioning of the new play park. In fact they had hoped that extra ground could be made available to the Kabin to increase the allotments and poly tunnels. Pat Kenny said that the plans had been available for consultation for a number of months and it was unlikely that the developers would change them now. However, if the Kabin did not want the play park equipment at that site, this was not a problem. The CC had suggested moving the equipment to the ground adjacent to the Kabin rather than lose the facility, but another site could be identified. Andrew Coventry asked the Kabin to email him with their concerns and he will take this forward.
- RTO Trust houses at Hawthorn Gardens has 35 flats and only 17 bins, with an uplift of once a fortnight which means that the bins are full to capacity and additional rubbish is lying around attracting vermin. The Trust has contacted Midlothian Council but they have refused to make weekly uplifts. Pat Kenny commented that they would have to pay the Council to increase the frequency to weekly. Andrew Coventry suggested the Trust email him and he will take this forward with the Cleansing Department.
- There is a need for additional bins for dog litter in Burghlee Park (East Side) and also down by the pond.
- Pat Kenny to contact the Community Police Officer to see if there have been any problems within the area lately.

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13 Date of next Community Council meeting 13th December 2016.