

## DRAFT

### LOANHEAD & DISTRICT COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting held on Tuesday 11<sup>TH</sup> April 2017 at 7.00pm

Loanhead Library

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Action

**Present:** Pat Kenny, Ben Shore, Charles Hamilton, Annabel Hamilton, Peter Frame, Gina Temple, Daya Feldwick and Councillor Andrew Coventry.

**Police Report** – P.C. David Shirley (Community Officer Penicuik) attended the meeting. During the month of March there were 53 recorded crimes, 21 solved and 229 call outs to police. A number of calls involved youths under-age drinking, causing vandalism or damage. Two separate thefts of alcohol from Asda and Sainsburys supermarkets. Daya Feldwick asked for an update on the attack on the woman in the Memorial Park on 6<sup>th</sup> January – he would look into this and report back. There is no easy answer to the youth problem as there is not a lot for them to do in Loanhead except football and dancing. PC Shirley described an Recreation Roadshow he set up 5 years ago at Dalkeith High School where 32 organisations were invited to come to the School to share information on their activities. The school now run this as an annual event and the pupils' attendance is mandatory as part of the school day. In future something along these lines could be done for Loanhead once the new hub is open. Andrew Coventry agreed to raise this at Council. The full crime report is appended to the Minutes.

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1. **Apologies** – Harry Fisher and Jamie Moffat.

2. **Minutes of previous meeting** approved – proposed Ben Shore, seconded Annabel Hamilton.

### 3. **Matters Arising**

- Road Humps on The Loan – Midlothian Council has accepted our objection so this will not go ahead.
- Playpark Equipment – The Kabin are in discussion with the Council about the proposed play park they have received a grant of £85K. There will be a public consultation about the plans in the Kabin between **10.00am and 12.30pm on Saturday 22 April.**

### 4. **Planning:**

- LDCC submitted a response on Planning for People and Places by the deadline.
- **Planning applications:**
  - Ref No. 17/00186/DPP 41 McKinley Terrace - single storey extension to dwelling house
  - Ref No. 17/00203/DPP 3 Hunter Court– 2 storey extension to dwelling house
  - Ref No. 17/00212/DPP – Alex F. Noble Garage, Swinton Place change of use from public open space to car sales and formation of hard standing..
  - Ref No. 17/00234/DPP – Arthur Mackay Building Services 41 Dryden Road convert roller shutter door to curtain glazed wall.
  - Ref No. 17/00252/DPP -McDonalds Restaurants Ltd., Erection of a Goal Post Height restrictor to replace existing gateway.
  - 17/00265/DPP 15 Polton Road – Attic conversion to dwelling house.
  - 17/00273/S42 – Land between Loanhead Road and Edgefield Road planning permission in principle expired. New application 17/00273/S42 submitted for dwelling houses. Andrew Coventry had raised this at the council meeting as 25% of this development should be social/council housing. It was agreed to monitor this closely.

**The only objection raised was to the proposal from Alex F. Noble to change the use of public space. The main objections were loss of yet another green space, restricting vision of traffic turning left and most importantly this would limit the scope of any improvements required to this road junction in future to relieve traffic congestion because of all the additional housing planned for the area. It was also noted that Costco has changed the position of the petrol station.**

- **Mayburn House** – We have requested an update from Planning on their next move as the vehicles were not removed by 29<sup>th</sup> March.
- **Planning Sub Group:** Daya Feldwick was formally co-opted to the committee and it was agreed that this sub-group would comprise Pat Kenny, Gina Temple, Daya Feldwick and Annabel Hamilton.

## 5. Correspondence

- The headmaster at Paradykes School has replied intimating that the School and parents want the name to remain, stating the same reasons as the Council.
- There is to be a meeting of Neighbourhood Planning groups across Midlothian on Tuesday 25 April at 7 pm in the Conference Room, Lasswade Leisure Centre – Neil Dougall, Road Service Manager will provide details of the capital programme for the year and will have information available from the road conditions survey to assist in the conversation and discussion.
- There was a meeting of Lifelong Learning and Employability on Wednesday 29 March. Andrew Coventry reminded the meeting that he is able to assist with skills development, including preparing CVs and for interviews.
- The draft Constitution and Standing Orders have been returned from the Council with a few minor amendments.
- FOCUS service for cancer sufferers – noticeboard.
- Edinburgh Airport Consultation there will be a round table briefing event for community councillors at the Scottish Parliament, Holyrood on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> April between 6 – 8 pm. Consultation ends 7<sup>th</sup> May 2017. Pat Kenny and Gina Temple to attend.
- Small Grants Midlothian Council – we have received a grant but have to give details of expenditure. JT

## 6. Any other Competent Business

- Macmillan Cancer Support Massage Therapy Service – a new support for people living with cancer. – Noticeboard.
- The Scottish Government is currently running a public consultation on Unconventional Oil and Gas in Scotland. The consultation explores the evidence on the potential impacts of shale oil and gas, and coal bed methane, and the technologies involved in extraction, including hydraulic fracturing. The deadline for responses to the consultation is 31 May.
- Distribution of Minutes and Agendas. Currently Pat Kenny keeps copies of the minutes at the Mayflower and distributes them. As this will no longer be possible he asked everyone who had an email address to let Gina Temple know and she will send them by email. Gina also said she would ask the librarian if it was possible to keep an LDCC folder in the library which would have copies of the minutes for everyone to access. GT
- Daya Feldwick asked that the Skatepark be put back on the agenda for future meetings. Pat Kenny said it had already been agreed that the Ramsay Bing would be an ideal location for sports grounds as this land was not suitable for house building.
- Foreign exchange students are currently here and the coaches have been dropping them off at Herd Terrace in the middle of the road – this raised safety concerns.
- Work on electricity cables was now in its third week at the crossroads of the Loan/High Street if this has not be reinstated within the next few days we need to contact the contractor for an update.
- Peter Frame reported that he had been asked to move the football training to Penicuik again.

## 7. Date of Next Meeting – 9 May 2017.



### CRIMINAL ACTIVITY MARCH 2017 BEAT AREAS MW01 AND MW03 – LOANHEAD & DISTRICT



During the month of March in the beat areas of Loanhead & District there were 53 recorded crimes reported, of which 21 were solved. During this time period there were 229 calls to police.

#### Incidents of Note

- About 5.20pm on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March a call was made to police of youths throwing stones at houses and cars parked on Gaynor Avenue, Loanhead. Police attended with no trace of the youths in the area.
- About 7pm on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March a report was made to the police of a large group of youths congregating at the bing behind Burghlee Farm, Loanhead whilst screaming and shouting. Police attended. The group had already dispersed.

- About 8pm on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March a teenage male was seen jumping on the bonnet of a car parked on Kennington Avenue, Loanhead. He was subsequently traced and cautioned and charged with vandalism, having caused considerable and costly damage.
- About 9.15pm on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March a group of youths were seen at a bus stop on the Loan, Loanhead causing a disturbance. Police attended but the youths had already left the area on the bus.
- About 8am on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> March a car parked on Kennington Avenue was found with its rear window smashed.
- About 9am on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> March a window at a house on George Drive, Loanhead was smashed by an unknown person.
- About 8.25pm on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> March a window at a house on Hunter Terrace, Loanhead was smashed by an unknown person.
- About 5.45pm on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> March a group of youths were causing a disturbance and swearing at residents on Paradykes Avenue, Loanhead. Police carried out enquiries resulting in two males, 12years old, being cautioned and charged with a breach of the peace.
- About 1.45pm on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> March a group of youths were reported to be banging the bus stop on The Loan, Loanhead. Police attended and traced a number of youths nearby, who were warned regarding their behaviour. No damage was caused to the bus stop.
- About 6.50pm on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> March a large group of youths were reported to be consuming alcohol and causing a nuisance at Loanhead Viaduct. Police attended with the youths making off on foot. No alcohol was found.
- About 4.50pm on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> March a quantity of alcohol was stolen from Asda, Pentland Road, Loanhead. Police are following a positive line of enquiry.
- About 9.45pm on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> March a quantity of alcohol was stolen from Sainsburys, Straiton Retail Park, Loanhead. Police are following a positive line of enquiry.
- Overnight on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> March a business premises on Clerk Street, Loanhead was subject to an attempted break in with the front door damaged. No persons gained entry to the premises.
- About 8pm on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> March a bus travelling on the Loan, Loanhead had its window smashed by unknown person/s.
- About 3.20pm on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> March it was discovered that person/s have entered Paradykes Primary School via a previously boarded up window and thrown paint around two rooms within.
- About 2.30am on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> March a skip fire to the rear of Straiton Retail Park was extinguished by the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service.
- About 12.50pm on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> March a 25 year old male was arrested by police for numerous road traffic offences after he failed to stop his car before making off on foot and being apprehended by officers nearby. He was later held in police custody for his appearance at Edinburgh Sheriff Court.
- About 6.45pm on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> March a group of youths were seen to throw stones at houses on Mayburn Avenue, Loanhead. Police attended with no trace of the youths.
- On Monday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2017, a female was charged and reported to the Procurator Fiscal following an incident of shoplifting at Next, Straiton Mains, on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> March 2017.
- Police are following a definite line of enquiry into fly-tipping that occurred in Straiton Road, Loanhead on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2017.
- Overnight between Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> and Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> March, a garden hut in Burghlee Terrace, Loanhead was broken into. Police enquiries are continuing.
- During the early hours on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> March an attempt was made to break into a garage at a house on Burghlee Terrace, Loanhead. A padlock was found broken off but no entry was gained.
- During the early hours on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> March an attempt was made to break into a garden shed at a house on Burghlee Terrace, Loanhead with the door being damaged but no apparent theft of items from within.
- During the afternoon of Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March 2017, a quantity of goods was stolen from the Nike Factory Store at Straiton, Loanhead. A positive line of enquiry by Police Scotland is on-going.
- Police are in the process of tracing a man and a woman responsible for a theft that occurred at Sainsbury's, Straiton, Loanhead, about 9.30pm on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March
- On Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March 2017 a man was charged following an assault at Straiton Retail Park, Loanhead. A report will be sent to the Procurator Fiscal in Edinburgh regarding the matter.
- At 2.35pm on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> March an attempt was made to steal a KTM 990 Adventure motorcycle when it was parked outside the premises of Artemis, Edgefield Industrial Estate, Loanhead.
- At 7.55pm on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> April, police arrested two men in relation to drink driving offences after police stopped two transit vans within Bilston Industrial Estate, Loanhead. Both men were held in police custody to appear at Edinburgh Sheriff Court on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> April.

**If any person has any information about the incident(s) listed above, or indeed any other crime, please contact your Community Policing Officer PC Graham Black via 101 or email: [LothianScotBordersPenicuikCPT@scotland.pnn.police.uk](mailto:LothianScotBordersPenicuikCPT@scotland.pnn.police.uk)**

### **Rural Crime**

Community Police Officers will be carrying out a Rural Crime Initiative in Midlothian between 25th March and 7th May 2017. As part of this initiative, officers will be working with farm staff, Natural Heritage Service Officers and volunteers within the Pentland Hills Regional Park and Penicuik Estate Ranger Service. Officers will also be carrying out quad bike patrols, providing information and advice to dog walkers and members of the public.

Sheep worrying does not only refer to animals being attacked or injured, but also includes animals being disturbed or chased. Spring is a crucial period for lamb development and disturbance can have adverse or fatal effects on their survival.

To help the farmers, and enable you and your canine friends to enjoy the countryside, we'd advise that you do not take your dog into fields where there are lambs, calves or other young animals. Keep your dog under control in areas that you're unfamiliar with, or where there are livestock.

Sheep worrying is avoidable so please help us to make a difference and report all incidents of livestock worrying by calling Police Scotland on 101; always dialling 999 in an emergency.

Please visit the following web address for more information on Rural Crime Prevention - [www.scotland.police.uk/rural-crime](http://www.scotland.police.uk/rural-crime)

Midlothian is also a popular location for day trips and during the Rural Crime Initiative officers will be providing advice and information to members of the public visiting rural locations in their vehicles. While many people in rural areas experience low levels of crime, you should always remain vigilant when securing your property.

Vehicle owners should ensure that they:

- Lock their vehicle and keep the keys secure.
- Lock all doors and close all windows every time you leave your car unattended - however briefly.
- Remove any items from within their cars, including anything kept in the boot.
- Ensure no items are left in view.
- Try and ensure your car or any other vehicle is parked in a well-lit area.
- Use security devices at all times (e.g. alarms, immobilisers, etc).
- Clean off any sat nav sucker marks from your windscreen.

Sometimes basic precautions and changes in habit can make a big difference. Please assist police to prevent crime by reporting any suspicious activity you see.

### **TELEPHONING POLICE SCOTLAND**

If you need to contact Police Scotland then the number you use will depend on whether what you are reporting is an emergency or not.

You should always use 999 when:

- there is a risk of injury or loss of life
- a crime is in progress
- someone suspected of a crime is nearby.

For non-emergency calls please use 101 to contact Police Scotland.