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**LOANHEAD & DISTRICT COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

Minutes of meeting held on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> August 2017 in the Kabin, Loanhead.

Action

**Present:** Pat Kenny, Charles Hamilton, Annabel Hamilton, Brian Hamilton, Jack Aitchison, Gina Temple, Norma Bews, Councillor Pauline Winchester and Peter Frame.

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

1. **Apologies:** Daya Feldwick and Ben Shore.
2. **Minutes of previous meeting** were approved by Jack Aitchison and Peter Frame.
3. **Matters Arising:**
  - Our objection to the change of licence for Stewart Brewing arrived too late, the change of licence was approved.
  - Planning Review, Daya is submitting our views on the Position Statement and Environmental Report.

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4. **Planning:**

**Planning applications:**

**17/00567/DPP**

14 July 2017

Miss Jacqueline Stevenson, 15 Paradykes Avenue, Loanhead, EH20 9LB

Formation of driveway

at 15 Paradykes Avenue, Loanhead, EH20 9LB,

*Ward: Midlothian West*

*Case Officer:*

**17/00586/DPP**

25 July 2017

Mrs Lynsey Watson, 3 Engine Road, Loanhead, EH20 9RF

Change of Use from Class 1 to Class 2 (chiroprapist)

at 5 Engine Road, Loanhead, EH20 9RF,

*Ward: Midlothian West*

*Case Officer: Graeme King 0131 271 3332*

**17/00593/DPP**

27 July 2017

Mr Kevin Dalgetty, Midlothian Skip Hire, Unit 9, Eldin Industrial Estate, Loanhead

Change of use from nil use storage of skips

at Land At Lang Loan, Loanhead, ,

*Ward: Midlothian West*

*Case Officer:*

No action was necessary on the first two, but more information is required on the Midlothian Skip Hire application. **Update: This is a retrospective application to allow the storage of 48x4=192 empty skips on land at or near Lang Loan. Objections have to be raised by 24 August 2017, so please let Pat Kenny know if you wish the Community Council to raise an objection.**

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- **Mayburn House** Councillor Winchester reported that the Council are now looking at other ways to get action perhaps on environmental grounds. Pat Kenny reported the CC is constantly receiving complaints about the state of the grounds and the cars around the house.

## 5. Correspondence.

- Additional disabled parking bays have, or will be created, at Burghlee Crescent, Edgefield Road, and Gaynor Avenue and these sites will be included in the Parent Traffic Plan.
- Temporary Road Closure: Foundry Lane, Loanhead from Mon 14 August for 3 days to install speed reducing measures outside MacTaggart Scott's premises.

## 6. Any other Competent Business

- Jack Aitchison reported that the road from the farm down to MacTaggart Scott's premises needs a footpath. Many pedestrians use this cut through and now that so many cars are using the Edgefield Relief Road to bypass the town centre it is very busy. Councillor Winchester agreed to take this up with the Highways Department. PW
- Pat Kenny reported that with the Council cutbacks on the Gardening budget the Cemetery grounds were not being maintained. Especially Loanhead Cemetery where the signpost with the contact number is out of date with a number no longer in use and the children's area of the cemetery was a disgrace. Councillor Winchester said it was her understanding that the cemetery grounds were a high priority but would look into this and report the out of date noticeboard. PW
- New Paradykes School. Doubts were expressed that the new school would be ready for the start of term later this month. We have been assured the school will be open in time for the start of term, but there may still be some work going on in the building. The library and doctor's surgery are due to move in within the next week.
- Annabel Hamilton complained that the old boundary fence between the new school and the houses on Fountain Place has been patched up, but a new fence has been erected round the perimeter of the complex. The grassy area bounding the fence is to be left as a meadow, presumably to encourage wildlife.
- Pat Kenny reported that Lasswade High School is having major roof repairs carried out. The School is only 4 years old but has had problems with the roof from the outset. He asked Councillor Winchester to find out who was paying for the roof repairs and he hoped it would not be Midlothian Council, and indirectly the council tax payers. PW
- Peter Frame reported that the "Loanhead" signs are being moved to Straiton and alongside Noble Garage at long last.

## 7. Date of Next Meeting – 12<sup>th</sup> September 2017 in the new Loanhead Library.