

LOANHEAD & DISTRICT COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting held on Tuesday 13th February 2018 in Loanhead Library.

Jack Aitchison welcomed everyone to the meeting.

In attendance: Charles Hamilton, Annabel Hamilton, John Thomson, Daya Feldwick, Cllr Pauline Winchester, Peter Frame, Norma Bews, Jack Aitchison, Ben Shore, Joyce Davidson, Dianne Kennedy, Margaret Aikman, Gina Temple and PC Graham Black.

Police Report: PC Black reported that there were 41 recorded crimes in January, 17 solved, and 255 calls to the police. The full crime report is appended to these Minutes.

1. **Apologies:** Pat Kenny..

2. **Minutes of previous meeting** were approved – proposer Peter Frame, seconder Charles Hamilton.

3. **Matters Arising**

- **Edinburgh Airport flight paths meeting at the Scottish Parliament** – The Civil Aviation Authority rejected the Airport’s plan for technical reasons. NB this is only temporary. One major concern was the gross underestimation of the number of people the new flight paths would affect. The planners did not take into account the vast amount of house building in Edinburgh, the Lothians and Fife. An Edinburgh Airport Noise Advisory Board has been set up with the Chair a former pilot (Lindsay Cole) this is funded by Edinburgh Airport. Their terms of reference are: to ascertain and co-ordinate concerns of the community; ascertain future airport proposals; independent noise measurement; monitor noise improvement issues agreed with the airport; and to report back to the committees and airport. The airport is expected to re-submit their proposals within the next few months. It would appear that once routes are approved by CAA, no local planning authority can object, neither can the Government. The only way to achieve government intervention is by making the airport a “designated” airport. Some discussion took place as to whether the community concerns should be raised at a more local level, but the majority of CCs represented at the meeting felt that MSPs need to be involved and the current forum was the most appropriate.
- Dianne Kennedy raised concerns about the state of **Mayburn House** and its grounds. Jack explained that the Community Council are in regular contact with Midlothian Council Planning department re this. The Council has issued statutory notices on the owner, he makes some improvements, then the Council has to start the process all over again.
- The Kabin has been renamed ‘**The Link**’. Daya Feldwick raised concerns that the community garden is to be replaced with a new extension to the building. It was agreed to write to the Manager of the Link to request an update on their plans.

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4. **Planning: Applications:**

17/01001/DPP For information only 10 January 2018
Oakridge Group, 17 Hardengreen Business Centre, Dalhousie Road, Dalkeith
Alterations and conversion of former hospital and existing buildings to form 71 dwellings; erection of 30 new dwellinghouses and associated works
at Former Rosslin Hospital, Roslin
Ward: Midlothian West

18/00003/DPP 4 January 2018
Mr and Mrs Scott Johnson, 6 Traprain Terrace, Loanhead, EH20 9DA
Extensions to dwellinghouse
at 6 Traprain Terrace, Loanhead, EH20 9DA
Ward: Midlothian West
Case Officer: Ingrid Forteath 0131 271 3316

18/00065/DPP

29 January 2018

Mrs Louise McVay, Ace Car Disposal and Spares Ltd, Yard 1, Camps Yards, Camps Industrial Estate

Change of use of land to vehicle destruction yard at 17 - 29 Engine Road, Loanhead

Ward:

Case Officer: *Mhairi-Anne Cowie 0131 271 3308*

18/00068/DPP

30 January 2018

Mr K Cienciala, 116 Paradykes Avenue, Straiton, Loanhead

Erection of porch

at 116 Paradykes Avenue, Loanhead, EH20 9LF

Ward: *Midlothian West*

Case Officer: *Ingrid Forteath 0131 271 3316*

18/00091/DPP 9 February 2018

Mr Kris Cienciala, 116 Paradykes Avenue, Straiton, Loanhead

Erection of boundary wall, fence and entrance gates (part retrospective)

at 116 Paradykes Avenue, Loanhead, EH20 9LF,

Ward: *Midlothian West*

Case Officer:

- It was agreed to object to **18/00065/DPP** on the grounds of increased traffic on Engine Road (the main route) for children walking to Loanhead/St Margaret's schools also the noise and environmental impact this would have on residential property backing on to the yard.
- John Thomson was surprised that the Council approved permission for **17/00902/S42** as there appear to be no toilet facilities in the car lot.
- The Council approved **17/00905/S42** Scallywag's nursery application but restricted the numbers to 80 for 1 year. Additional noise and traffic will be assessed after that time.
- The Council rejected **17/00930/DPP** Erection of 3 flatted dwellings; change of use of existing garage to form dwelling house and installation of rooflight, door and windows at Land West Of 14 - 18 The Loan due to the lack of parking spaces on the plan. The Coal Authority also confirmed that this was an area of shallow mine working and extensive testing would be required.

5. Correspondence

- The community council have been invited to send a representative to the inaugural meeting of the Midlothian Play Forum on Thursday 1st March at 10 am in Dalkeith Arts Centre. It was felt that there would be sufficient representation at this meeting from local nurseries and after school clubs.
- Midlothian Council has added further enforceable parking bays for disabled motorists in Hunter Terrace, Loanhead Centre (former Loanhead Library, former Paradykes School).
- There will be temporary parking restrictions at 56 to 60 Straiton Road (A701) from 16th February for 5 days.
- The Communities Team from Midlothian Council have written to the Federation asking them to consider a standing agreement whereby the Council will take responsibility for archiving Minutes of Community Councils (and associated copyright). There was no objection to this.

6. Any other competent business

- It was confirmed the Old Library HQ building site is earmarked for council housing, but no plans have been drawn up yet.
- The resurfacing of George Avenue was raised again. Cllr Winchester reported that no resurfacing work will take place until the Spring, she would raise this with the relevant dept.
- Cllr Winchester reported that Midlothian Council had approved their budget for 2017/18. Community teams, libraries, waste collections, Penicuik Recycling Centre, grass cutting, street sweeping, school crossings and support for gala days will all be unchanged. Ring & Go Service and Taxi cards for areas without public transport will be retained. However, there will be a cross party group making an extensive review of all areas of the Council over the next year to propose what efficiencies could be gained in the future.

- 7. Date of next meeting** 13th March 2018.

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Criminal Activity January 2018

Beat Areas MW01 and MW03 – Loanhead & District



During the month of January in the beat areas of Loanhead & District there were 41 recorded crimes reported, of which 17 were solved. During this time period there were 255 calls to police.

Incidents of Note

- About 2pm on Wednesday 3rd January 2018 police were called to The Kabin, Loanhead after a report was received with regards to youths aged 8 to 10 years old attempting to break into a shed. Police attended with no youths traced and no apparent damage caused.
- About 8.30pm on Monday 8th January police stopped and searched a male at Straiton Retail Park, Loanhead. An 18 year old male was subsequently given a police warning for possession of a small amount of cannabis.
- About 1.20pm on Tuesday 9th January at Nivensknowe Road, Loanhead, an uninsured car was seized by police.
- About 8am on Wednesday 10th January a drugs search warrant was executed at an address on Paradykes Avenue, Loanhead. An 18 year old male has subsequently been charged with a number of drugs related offences and a report submitted to the procurator fiscal.
- About 4.30pm on Saturday 13th January a report was made to police of a male trying to sell TV's from a white van whilst at Straiton Retail Park.
- About 9.15am on Monday 15th January police attended at Dryden Place, Loanhead where a car was found to have no insurance and the driver of the vehicle having no driving licence. A 19 year old male was subsequently arrested and charged with a number of driving offences and held for court.
- About 7pm on Monday 29th January police were called to ikea, Straiton following reports a group of youths were running around within the store. The youths left prior to police attendance.

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

Additional Information

Hate crime and domestic abuse can now be reported online via the official Police Scotland website at www.scotland.police.uk or by visiting a Third Party Reporting Centre – details of which are also on our website.

Information regarding crime can be passed to Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111 or through an Online Form - both of these routes are completely anonymous and available 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.

Police Scotland use social media to circulate the latest news, events and information to the public via Twitter (@LothBordPolice and @MidLothPolice) and Facebook (www.facebook.com/LothiansScottishBordersPoliceDivision and www.facebook.com/MidlothianPolice).

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