

LOANHEAD & DISTRICT COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting held on Tuesday 12th February 2019 in Loanhead Library.

In attendance: Annabel Hamilton, Charles Hamilton, John Thomson, Daya Feldwick, Norma Bews, Jack Aitchison, Adam Armit, Ben Shore, Peter Frame, Ashley Watt, Nan Haddow, Ruth Stephen, Cllr Kelly Parry, Cllr Pauline Winchester, David Temple, Gina Temple and PC Alannah Jochiewicz.

Jack Aitchison welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Police Report: PC Jochiewicz from Penicuik beat reported that there were 81 recorded crimes in January, 33 solved, and 295 calls to the police. She encouraged everyone to phone 101 if they see anything untowards. The full crime report is appended to these Minutes.

1. **Apologies:** Pat Kenny.

2. **Minutes of previous meeting** were approved.

3. **Matters Arising:**

- Cllr Parry reported that the Licensing Committee approved the licence for the Vehicle Dismantling Facility in Engine Road.
- The planning application for 18/00777/DP for Braeside Road has been approved with conditions e.g. Archaeological survey.
- The Midlothian Council Budget meeting was held earlier today. Some of the main facts: Musical tuition has not been dropped, most of the education cuts proposed will not go ahead. There will be redundancies within the Council – some voluntary. Grass cutting in parks etc. will be reduced in frequency, Christmas Lights will not be funded, Gala Day and other grants will be cut. Removal of web casting of council business. Pricing of hall/room lets in Schools to be revised. Youth and lifelong learning saved. Council Tax to be increased by 4.79%. 50% school crossing patrols saved. Taxi card scheme stopped. LCTS Dalkeith depot saved. However before finalising the budget more scrutiny and diligence has to be carried out to see how these decisions impact on the community. In future the budgets will be set for 3 years instead of annually.
- Cllr Parry reported on the street lighting problems being experienced in Loanhead - Kennington Avenue, George and Dalum Drives in particular. The issue is with underground cables, Scottish Power and the Council know about it but this is going to take some time to be resolved.

4. **Planning Applications**

- 19/00001/DPP Formation of dormer at 5 George Crescent, Loanhead
- 19/00015/ADV and 19/00024/DPP both for Iceland Foods at Straiton Mains – illuminated signage and installation of air condition units.
- 19/00046/WTT felling trees at The Gardens, Mavisbank.
- 19/00056/DPP Removal of mullion and installation of patio doors at 25 Herd Terrace, Loanhead.
- 19/00075/DPP Extension to flatted dwelling at 9 Burghlee Terrace, Loanhead.

Additional Planning Applications not included with Agenda Papers

19/00078/DPP

Mrs Poppy Kyles, 21 Church Street, Loanhead, EH20 9AA

Extension to dwellinghouse and formation of dormer windows at 21 Church Street,

Loanhead, EH20 9AA

Ward: Midlothian West

Case Officer:

19/00080/DPP

Mr Adam Rankin, DBJ Developments (Edinburgh) LLP, 46 Charlotte Square, EDINBURGH, EH2 4HQ

Change of use from general industry (class 5) to bus depot (sui generis)

at 7C Pentland Industrial Estate, Loanhead, ,

Ward: *Midlothian West*

Case Officer: *Graeme King 0131 271 3332*

19/00082/DPP

Mr Andrew Roache, 3 Mayshade Road, Loanhead, EH20 9HJ

Two storey and single storey extension to dwellinghouse

at 3 Mayshade Road, Loanhead, EH20 9HJ,

Ward: *Midlothian West*

Case Officer: *Ingrid Forteach 0131 271 3316*

Applications of interest within the wider area:

19/00012/PAC Proposal for a film and TV studio including workshops, reception, commissary, gatehouse, backlot, trailer park, film academy and associated student accommodation with access, parking and infrastructure at Land East of Salters Road, Dalkeith.

19/00051/DPP Change of use from police station to community facility at 35 Hunterfield Road, Gorebridge.

There were no objections raised to the planning applications. The proposal for the film and TV studios was welcomed, especially as this facility will remain within Midlothian.

5. Correspondence.

- Irene Hogg has confirmed that the Community Garden is still available to the community gardeners and that the Mother and Tots Group are using the polytunnel and garden.
- Planning Democracy is still trying for Community Representation at the Gatecheck Stage of the Planning Process, requesting that community members are involved in panels overseeing the applications. Full details can be found at the link given in the Agenda Papers. The Planning Bill will enter stage 3 of the parliamentary process after being buffeted by a number of amendments which will impose some new duties to already resource-strapped planning authorities. All interested parties are invited to their Annual Gathering 7-9 pm Monday 25th February, Methodist Church, 25 Nicholson Square, Edinburgh.
- Temporary road closure for Mayburn Walk Loanhead, 4 weeks from Monday 11th March 2019 to install sewer works for the new housing development.
- Midlothian Council will be adding parking places for disabled motorists outside 12 Mavisbank, Mayburn Avenue at Paradykes Primary School (East) and Mayburn Avenue at Paradykes Primary School (West).
- Email correspondence from the Federation of Community Councils suggesting that local residents could take responsibility for reporting inferior road remedial works after utility companies have been digging them up. This would take the form of a photograph and perhaps rough measurements. This would help resource strapped councils. This item to be discussed more fully at next meeting.
- Invitation to take part in a survey of Community Councils from University of Glasgow exploring the approaches to planning for, and responding to, natural hazards at a community level.
- We have been forwarded an email from a journalist from Common Space working on a piece about the failings of Local Review Bodies, specifically looking at Glasgow planning review committees as an example. However also interested in Scotland wide data and is asking for examples from Midlothian. It was suggested we cite the Vehicle Dismantling Yard at Engine Road.

6. Any other competent business

- Mayburn House is up for sale. It was agreed this would be an ideal opportunity for the Council to acquire this property and the land at the back either to convert the building or demolish it and build social housing.

7. Date of next meeting: 12th March 2019 at 7.00 pm in Loanhead Library.



Criminal Activity January 2019



Incidents of Note

- About 1pm on 12/1/2019 police were called to Straiton Retail Park, Loanhead following a report of a male trying to sell TV's from a van. Police attended with no trace of the suspects.
- About 12.40am on 13/01/2019 police were called to outside Forrester's following reports of a disturbance. 2 males were issued with Recorded Police Warnings. A further male was issued with a Fixed Penalty Ticket for a breach of the peace.
- About 11.45am on 16/01/2019 it was discovered that a theft of work tools had occurred at a building site on Edgefield Road, Loanhead.
- About 7.25pm on 18/01/2019 police attended Clerk Street, Loanhead following a vehicle collision. A 33 year old male was charged for driving without insurance.
- About 8.15pm on 19/01/2019 police were called to Mayburn Avenue, Loanhead after a 14 year old male was caught running over the top of a car. Police attended with no damage caused to the car.
- About 8.30pm on 19/1/2019 police were called to McNeil Avenue, Loanhead after a report of youths kicking off car wing mirrors. On police attendance damage was found to a car. Police enquiries ongoing.
- About 6pm on 20/01/2019 police and Fire Service were called to Engine Road, Loanhead following reports of a large fire. On attendance a number of vehicles were found to be well alight. Police enquiries carried out and no criminality detected.
- About 9.45pm on 22/1/2019 police were called to outside Paradykes Primary School following a report of a vehicle having collided with a lamppost. Police attended and the female driver was conveyed to hospital due to neck pain. No offences detected.
- About 1pm on 25/1/2019 police were called to Memorial Park, Loanhead following a report of youths fighting each other. Police attended with all the youths making off on foot and being lost to sight.
- About 9.30pm on 25/1/2019 police were called to Memorial Park, Loanhead following a report of youths causing issues and hitting the bus stop. Police attended with no trace of the youths.
- About 8.50am on 29/1/2019 police carried out a drug search warrant at an address on Burghlee Terrace, Loanhead. A quantity of drugs was found during the search. Police enquiries are ongoing.
- About 4.30am on 31/1/2019 police were called to Subway, Straiton Retail Park, following a break in to the premises. Police enquiries are ongoing.

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 Beat Areas MW01 and MW03 – Loanhead & District**