

**Minutes of the Loanhead & District Community Council Meeting
Tuesday 11th February 2020 at 7.000 pm, Loanhead Library.**

In attendance: Charles Hamilton, Annabel Hamilton, Pat Kenny, Ruth Stephen, Norman Scott, Peter Frame, David Temple, Daya Feldwick, Gina Temple, Dorothy Rigg, John Rigg and Councillor Pauline Winchester.

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

- 1. Apologies** – John Thomson, Jack Aitchison, Ben Shore and Paul Mephram.
- 2. Minutes of previous meeting** were approved, proposed by David Temple, seconded by Norman Scott.
- 3. Matters Arising:**
 - The printing of the poster has been temporarily halted. Over the past month, since Microsoft withdrew security updates for Windows 7, a flood of phishing emails had been received to the community council inbox, therefore it was agreed to change the email address. Once this has been done the poster will go ahead.
 - John Rigg had contacted the Planning Department at MLC and they confirmed that planning permission was required for the illuminated sign at the dental surgery. Pat Kenny had also spoken to the dentist and he would be willing to move the sign if it is found to be causing an obstruction.
 - David Temple had received responses from Councillors Parry and Imrie re the parking congestion on Fountain Place. Someone from MLC will come out and inspect this, and if found necessary, will put in place parking restrictions to alleviate the problem, but this could take at least six months.

4. Planning Applications

20/00004/DPP

15 January 2020

Mr Pat McGlynn, 2 Liberton Brae, Edinburgh, EH16 6AE

Erection of 6 workshop units and associated service yard (application for extension of timeframe in which to implement planning permission 07/00595/OUT (as previously extended by 13/00735/DPP and 16/00806/DPP) and associated matters specified in conditions approval 09/00595/MS) at Loanview Holdings, Lang Loan, Loanhead, EH20 9QT

Ward: Midlothian West

Case Officer: Graeme King 0131 271 3332

20/00076/DPP

4 February 2020

Mr and Mrs Paul and Charlotte Rimmer and Park., 23 Mayfield Crescent, Loanhead, EH20 9RJ

Extension to dwellinghouse and erection of porch at 23 Mayfield Crescent, Loanhead,

Ward: Midlothian West

Case Officer: Ingrid Forteath 0131 271 3316

20/00079/DPP

5 February 2020

Mr and Mrs Ross Anderson, 46 Gaynor Avenue, Loanhead, EH20 9LT Two storey extension to dwellinghouse and erection of garage at 46 Gaynor Avenue, Loanhead, EH20 9LT,

Ward: Midlothian West

Case Officer:

20/00080/DPP

7 February 2020

Mr Steven Green, 80 Mayburn Avenue, Loanhead, EH20 9HE Erection of fence at 80 Mayburn Avenue, Loanhead, EH20 9HE,

Ward: Midlothian West

Case Officer:

20/00083/DPP

7 February 2020

Mr Lee Brown, JB Foods Ltd, 12 Edgfield Road, Loanhead, EH20 9TB Change of use from storage and distribution (class 6) to a mix use of general industry and storage and distribution (class 5 and 6) at Dimensions Ltd, Edgfield Road Industrial Estate, Loanhead, Midlothian,

Ward: Midlothian West

Case Officer:

Planning within the wider area – for information only

20/00044/DPP

21 January 2020

Mr David Hamilton, J Haig Hamilton and Sons, West Fortune, Drem, North Berwick

Infilling of land (extension to area approved in terms of planning permission 14/00203/DPP)

at Land between Pentland Burn and A720 City Bypass, Pentland Road, Edinburgh. **The applications is for an extension of the area of fill; the works would be carried out over a 2 year period running concurrently with the neighbouring site.** Access arrangements would be as per existing. **Do you have any comments to make on the proposal or on the infill operations that have been carried out so far?**

Ward: Midlothian West

Case Officer: Graeme King 0131 271 3332

20/00046/DPP

24 January 2020

Mr William Callander, Rosemains Farm, Rosemains Farm, Rosemains, Pathhead
Conversion of farm steading to form 9 business/light industrial (class 4) units and associated external alterations and formation of car parking at Rosemains Farm, Pathhead,

Ward: Midlothian East

Case Officer: Mhairi-Anne Cowie 0131 271 3308

20/00052/LA

24 January 2020

University Court of The University of Edinburgh, Old College, South Bridge, Edinburgh
Application to modify a planning obligation within a legal agreement associated with planning permission 18/00535/DPP at Land North West of Moat View, Roslin

Ward: Midlothian West

Case Officer: Mr Matthew Atkins 0131 271 3027

19/01053/DPP

6 February 2020

Mr Colin Noble, AF Noble and Son, 2A Eastfield Farm Road, Eastfield Farm Industrial Estate, Penicuik
Erection of retail (class 1) and food and drink (class 5) units, formation of car park, creation of external seating area and erection of fence and gates at 18 - 20 Edinburgh Road, Penicuik, EH26 8NW.

Ward: Penicuik

Case Officer:

27 January 2020

Mr Andy Horwood, Tesco, Highwoods, Kestrel Way, Welwyn Garden City
Installation of 2 electric vehicle charging points at Tesco, 9 - 11 Edinburgh Road, Penicuik, EH26 8NP.

Ward: Penicuik

Case Officer: Ms Whitney Lindsay 0131 271 3315

20/00070/DPP

3 February 2020

Mr Andrew Horrix, Dobbies Garden Centres, Melville Nursery, Lasswade, EH18 1AZ
Part change of use from retail (class1) to escape room (class 11) at Dobbies Garden Centres Plc, Melville Nurseries, Lasswade, EH18 1AZ.

Ward: Midlothian East

Case Officer: Graeme King 0131 271 3332

Reminder. The Federation are holding a Planning information day on 25/2/20 from 1-4 pm Dalkeith Arts Centre which will look at the planning framework, Local Place Plans and the new RAMPs software for accessing planning applications, sign up via Eventbrite.

Pat Kenny will get more information on 20/00044/DPP to ensure it is intended for agricultural use.

5. Correspondence

- The “Declaration of Kinlochchart” was discussed and it was agreed that this community council would sign up to it – Daya to do so at the next Federation meeting.
- Still places available on 14 February at 10.30 am to visit the Recycling Plant.
- Scottish Community Councils & VE Day celebrations. It was agreed to liaise and assist with other Loanhead community organisations already planning celebrations.
- The Police Scotland Contact Assessment Model (CAM) project meeting has been postponed, a new date to be announced.

6. Any other competent business

- The closure of the Bank of Scotland Loanhead Branch was discussed. Pat Kenny had already spoken to Owen Thompson (MP) about this and will speak to our councillors to see what the community can do to stop this. However, he reminded the meeting that the same thing happened in Bonnyrigg last year and although the community tried to put a stop to the closure the operation had been scaled back to self service. BoS are suggesting that day to day banking can be done at the Post Office, however with the government contract paying pensions and other allowances into a post office account coming to a close, it may be necessary to have a bank account to collect these pensions. It was agreed to get a petition drawn up to gauge local support for retaining some banking facility in Loanhead.

- Jack Aitchison had put forward a suggestion for the use of the bank building, if the closure goes ahead. He would like to see a charity shop (with BoS ATMs still insitu) to raise funds for the Loanhead gala. He had been involved with a similar operation in Bonnyrigg and it had generated a good income. It was agreed that this might be a plan, but would have to be in co-operation with the other local groups.
- Cllr Winchester updated the meeting on the Council plans for the old Loanhead Police Station – this is to be converted into accommodation for the homeless.
- Ruth Stephen asked if there would be further public consultation on the proposed new High School at Gowkley Moss – yes.
- Two fund raising events for the Loanhead Gala will take place on Friday 21st February 2020, Quiz Night, 19.00 - 22.00 in the Masonic Lodge, 47 Clerk Street. Teams of 4, Tickets £5/head (includes a light supper). Friday, 27th March 2020, Race Night and Disco, 7 pm for 7.30 start in Loanhead Miners Club, The Loan. Tickets £2/head (Stand Up Bingo, Raffle etc.) Contact the Gala Committee for tickets.

7. Date of next Meeting: 10th March 2020 at 7.00 pm in Loanhead Library.



Criminal Activity January 2020

Beat Areas MW01 and MW03 – Loanhead & District



During the month of January 2020 in the beat areas of Loanhead & District there were 46 recorded crimes reported, of which 10 were solved. During this time period there were 203 calls to police.

Incidents of Note

- About 5.30am on 1/1/20 police were called to Wheatfield Walk, Loanhead after a report of a male running through gardens. Police attended and arrested a 40 year old male for housebreaking. A report has been submitted to the Procurator Fiscal.
- About 3.50pm on 3/1/20 it was discovered that a window at a property on McNeill Place, Loanhead was smashed by unknown person/s.
- About 2.50pm on 8/1/20 Police stopped a vehicle on Edgefield Relief Road, Loanhead. The 36 year old male driver was arrested for being a disqualified driver as well as other road traffic offences. A report has been submitted to the Procurator Fiscal.
- About 3.40am on 22/01/2020 it was reported to police that a business premises on Clerk Street, Loanhead had been broken into. A white Audi was seen speeding from the area. Police attended and found the main front door having been smashed to allow access. A large quantity of money was stolen from within.
- About 4.20pm on 30/1/2020 Police were called to Sainsburys, Straiton after a bag of white powder was found in a public place within the store. Police attended and seized the white powder.

If any person has any information about the incident(s) listed above, or indeed any other crime, please contact your Community Police Officer's PC Graham Black and Alan Forbes via 101 or email:

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