

LOANHEAD & DISTRICT COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting held on Tuesday 8th January 2019 in Loanhead Library.

In attendance: Annabel Hamilton, Charles Hamilton, John Thomson, Daya Feldwick, Norma Bews, Jack Aitchison, Adam Armit, Sheila Murray, Ben Shore, Peter Frame, Ashley Watt, Ruth Stephen, Gina Temple and PC Graham Black.

Jack Aitchison welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Police Report: PC Black reported that there were 70 recorded crimes in December, 22 solved, and 323 calls to the police. Charlie reported that there were kids hanging about outside the grocers opposite Paradykes School approaching adults to buy drink for them. PC Black said this was an ongoing problem throughout the county. He encouraged residents to report such incidents on Crimestoppers. The full crime report is appended to these Minutes.

1. Apologies: Pauline Winchester.

2. Minutes of previous meeting were approved, subject to the change for the date for the Planning Committee to review 18/0777/DPP Braeside Road the date should be 22 January not 18 January 2019, proposed by Annabel Hamilton, seconded by Ben Shore.

3. Matters Arising:

- Gina reported that the next meeting of the Licensing Committee meeting re the proposed Vehicle Dismantling Facility in Engine Road will be on 22 January at 10 am. If we do not attend our objection will not be considered. JA and DF agreed to go and represent the CC.
- The Midlothian Council Budget Deficit was discussed, concerns were raised about the health & safety of residents if they have to resort to picking up litter etc. if these services are withdrawn. Concerns about the new brown bin charges were also raised and the prospect of people fly tipping and/or stealing brown bins may become an issue. The Council has a statutory duty to provide education and social services and it currently has 3000 full time employees. It may well be that a lot of the other services/grants currently provided will have to be stopped and staff made redundant. Community groups, Christmas Lights, Gala Days may all be affected by grant cuts. The Council are looking for communities to volunteer to take over services it can no longer provide.
- Bilston & Roslin Community Council have signed up as signatories to the Scottish Government on Unconventional Gas and Oil Extraction discussed at our last meeting.

4. Planning Applications

Annabel & Charlie had gone to look at the sites at 2A Straiton Mains (Iceland Foods) 18/00901/S50, 7B Pentland Industrial Estate 18/00913/CL and City Plumbing 7 Pentland Industrial Estate 18/00925/DPP they reported that the numbers are all out of sequence and it was difficult to find some units. They did not see any grounds for us to raise objections to any of these.

18/00926/CL 4 Hunter Court – Certificate of lawfulness for an existing use (garden ground) at 4 Hunter Court.

18/00943/DPP and 18/00944/DPP – Erection of a café/takeway/retail unit at 23 Straiton Mains.

18/00963/DPP Thornlea Nursing Home – Erection of a porch at the entrance.

Attention was also drawn to 18/00970/PAC A proposal for redevelopment of existing snowsports centre at Hillend to include leisure facilities, tourist accommodation; hotel; function suite and ancillary retail and restaurant, formation of access and car parking. This is one of the ways

Midlothian Council is hoping to generate revenue. Queries were raised on how this could be funded given the Council are proposing such a large deficit.

5. Correspondence.

- The Midlothian Resilience Communities Public Meetings will be held on 16 January 2019 from 6.30 – 8.00 at Edinburgh College and on 21 January 2019 from 6.30 – 8.00 at Penicuik Town Hall, JA would attend and report back.
- The guidance note on using the e-Application system on the Planning Portal was welcomed it can be accessed at https://www.midlothian.gov.uk/info/200167/planning_applications/34/search_and_comment_on_planning_applications.
- There will be temporary parking restrictions on Mayburn Terrace, Hawthorn Gardens and Fountain Place for 3 days from 9/1/19 between 9.30-15.30 for open reach utility works.

6. Any other Competent Business

- Adam Armit reported that a few street lights were out on the A768 heading into Loanhead around the Braeside Road area. This is a very dark area and one resident has already had a fall and ended up on the road whilst putting out their bin for collection last week.
- Daya Feldwick asked why the CC did not object to the 12 year lease request by the The Link for the asset transfer of additional ground at their site. This was discussed a few months ago at a CC meeting and we saw no reason to object as the community garden was to remain. Ashley Watts from the Parent & Tots Group reported that the existing poly tunnel was removed to make way for the extension to the building. They raised funds for a new poly tunnel and had it erected and have now been told that this will also have to move. He also reported that they now have very limited access to the community garden, basically only when the building is not in use by the After School Club.
- John Thomson asked what was happening at Mayburn House as large containers have now replaced the cars in the front.

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



Criminal Activity November 2018

Beat Areas MW01 and MW03 – Loanhead & District



During the month of December in the beat areas of Loanhead & District there were 70 recorded crimes reported, of which 22 were solved. During this time period there were 323 calls to police.

Incidents of Note

- About 3.45pm on 3/12/2018 police were called to High Street, Loanhead after a car collided with another car causing damage but driving off, failing to stop. A 28 year old female was subsequently charged with the offence and a report submitted to the procurator fiscal.
- About 2pm on 4/12/18 police stopped and searched a male on Arbuthnot Road, Loanhead and found him in possession of a controlled drug, namely heroin. A 46 year old male was charged with the offence and a report submitted to the procurator fiscal.

- About 7.20pm on 7/12/18 police were called to The Loan, Loanhead with regards to youths damaging a bus stop. Police attended and spoke with a group of youths and moved them on from the area. No damage was observed to the bus stop.
 - About 5.20pm on 8/12/2018 it was discovered that a wing mirror of a car parked on Kennington Avenue, Loanhead had been damaged.
 - About 6.30am on 9/12/2018 at Mavisbank, Loanhead, police arrested a 29 year old male for drink driving and a report has been submitted to the procurator fiscal.
 - About 1.40pm on 9/12/2018 it was discovered that an attempt had been made to break into a garage of a property on Burghlee Crescent, Loanhead. No access was gained and nothing stolen.
 - About 1.30pm on 11/12/2018 a break in occurred at a property on Lasswade Rd, Loanhead. A number of items were stolen from within. Police enquiries are ongoing.
 - About 9pm on 12/12/2018 police carried out a drug search warrant at an address on McNeill Terrace, Loanhead. A quantity of controlled drugs were seized together with other drugs paraphernalia. A 52 year old male and 58 year old male were charged with drug supply charges and a report submitted to the procurator fiscal.
 - About 3.45pm on 13/12/2018 police carried out a drug search warrant at a property on George Drive, Loanhead. A small amount of herbal cannabis was recovered. A 26 year old male was issued with a recorded police warning.
 - About 12.30am on 23/12/2018 police stopped a vehicle on Nivensknowe Road, Loanhead. A 23 year old male was subsequently arrested for drink driving and other road traffic offences as well as assaulting police officers and attempting to pervert the course of justice. He was held in police custody for his appearance at Edinburgh Sheriff Court.
 - About 10.45pm on 24/12/2018 police stopped and searched a male on Academy Court, Loanhead and found a small quantity of herbal cannabis in his possession. A 22 year old male was issued with a recorded police warning.
 - About 9am on 31/12/2018 police carried out a drug search warrant at a property on Gaynor Avenue, Loanhead. A 40 year old female and 39 year old male were charged with possession of controlled drugs and a report has been submitted to the procurator fiscal.
- **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**