

LOANHEAD & DISTRICT COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting held on Tuesday 11th July 2017 in Loanhead Library

Action

Present: Pat Kenny, Ben Shore, Charles Hamilton, Annabel Hamilton, Jack Aitchison, Gina Temple, Daya Feldwick, Norma Bews, Councillor Pauline Winchester and Peter Frame.

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting, including Eddie McGuigian and Kevin Hughes from Virgin Media.

Eddie and Kevin outlined the work being undertaken in Loanhead and the benefits that broadband customers will see once the new fibre cable is installed. Unlike BT where the cable is only connected to the nearest box, the Virgin cable will be installed directly to homes that wish it. The work is progressing well with the aim to lay 100m cable per day. All households should receive a letter from Virgin in advance warning of the disruption to their street. This appeared to be patchy as some residents had, and some had not, received this communication. Virgin are holding a drop-in Meeting in the Kabin on Monday 17th July from 5.00 7.00 and will be happy to address any concerns or answer questions at this meeting. They also supplied plans of the work to be carried out. The Chairman commented that the CC had not received any complaints from residents, except that other streets were being used as “rat-runs” to avoid temporary traffic lights.

1. Apologies: Police.

2. Minutes of previous meeting were approved by Jack Aitchison and Annabel Hamilton.

3. Matters Arising:

- A letter was sent to the Chief Executive of Midlothian Council to raise our interest in keeping the current library building for community use – this has been passed to the relevant department to respond.
- The Land and Countryside Manager responded to our letter re the lack of grass cutting on Mayburn Hill. The grass cutting budget has been reduced by £40,000, therefore the Council have prioritised areas that overlook properties to maintain. This area will now only be cut 3 times per year.

4. Planning:

Planning applications:

17/00475/DPP

16 June 2017

Mr Adrian Davison, Arthur McKay, 42 Dryden Road, Bilston Industrial Estate,
Edinburgh

Formation of window openings and alterations to existing window and door openings
at Units At 42, Dryden Road, Loanhead

Case Officer: Mhairi-Anne Cowie 0131 271 3308

17/00486/WTT

22 June 2017

Mr And Mrs Hugh Cullen, Nivensknowe Park, Admin Block, Nivensknowe Park

Felling of trees protected by Tree Preservation Order 4 of 1999

at 3 Cedar Road, Nivensknowe Caravan Park, Loanhead, EH20 9PN

Ward: Midlothian West

17/00492/S42

27 June 2017

Travis Perkins, Lodge Way House, Lodge Way, Harlestone Road
Section 42 application to amend condition 5 of planning permission 07/00148/FUL
at Travis Perkins, Pentland Industrial Estate, Loanhead, EH20 9QH,
Ward: Midlothian West

Case Officer: Ms Whitney Lindsay 0131 271 3315

Update from Planning: Condition 5 of planning permission 07/00148/FUL states that the area to be used for external storage shall not include any part of the area shaded in green or hatched in green on drawing reference number COU-001. The applicant is seeking to alter this to allow the erection of storage racks within the green hatched area. GT

• **Alex Noble Planning Application – Response from Council**

Planning permission was granted because the area surrounding the hard standing will be landscaped and look better than it does now. The issue of widening the road was not relevant as the Council already has plans in place to move the A701 further west, so there should be much less traffic on this road.

Councillor Winchester suggested that if in future we require more information on a planning application or need more time to review it to contact her and she will ask for it to be put on hold until we have the relevant information.

- **Mayburn House.** Mr. MacLeod reports that they have received a written response from the agency involved. However, they have not provided full details of the information the Council is seeking to enable enforcement notices to be served on all legal interests as required by planning legislation. He has been involved in active and ongoing communication with the agency and hopes to be in receipt of that information shortly. There are much tighter controls on access to that information than previously. The Council position has not changed. Enforcement notices will be served on all relevant interests when they are in receipt of the information, seeking to remove all cars subject to the previously served Planning Contravention Notices. The Council remain committed to serving separate notices at the same time seeking to improve the condition of the land.

5. Correspondence.

- Civil Aviation Authority – Consultation seeking public views on noise pollution.
- Planning Review – Views are invited on the Position Statement and Environmental Report by 11 Aug 2017. All documents can be accessed at <https://beta.gov.scot/policies/planning-architecture/reforming-planning-system/>
Daya agreed to look at this and respond. DF
- Temporary Parking Restrictions: High Street/Linden Place from 5 July – 20 July for installation of Virgin media apparatus.
- The Kabin “Meet the Neighbours” Event Saturday 15th July from 11 am – 3 pm. Free food from 12 pm and family activities throughout the day. The Chair urged members to attend to support the efforts of the Kabin.
- Federation of Community Councils – there is a need to get more young people engaged with CCs and to attend meetings regularly.

6. Any other Competent Business

- NHS records used for research are anonymised.
- A discussion on all the new houses in Midlothian and the lack of social housing was held. CCs have no power to rectify this as the Council makes deals with the developers to fund schools, etc instead of building 25% of the development for rent.

7. Date of Next Meeting – 8th August 2017 in the Kabin. (N.B. the change in venue)