

**LOANHEAD AND DISTRICT COMMUNITY COUNCIL
MINUTES MEETING HELD ON 10TH DECEMBER 2013
7.30PM IN EX-SERVICEMEN'S CLUB**

Opening

The Chair thanked everyone for attending tonight's meeting.

P. Kenny (Chairman), B. Hogg (Vice. Chair), J. Peacock (Secretary), C. Hamilton, A. Hamilton, E. Veitch, P. Collins, P. Frame, J. Thomson, Cllr. Owen Thompson (M/C), Cllr. Andrew Coventry (M/C), MSP Colin Beattie, PC Helen Mason (Community Officer L&B Police) Janet Bee (Press), Ben Shore, N. Scott, C. King, D. Feldwick, L. Bain,

Apologies

H. Fisher (Treasurer), M. Danes, PC Lumley (Loanhead Community Officer L&B Police)

Police Report; A full detailed statistic report was made available.

• Incidents of note

- On 3 November, a 26 year old male was caught stealing in Sainsburys. On Police attendance he was also found to be in possession of an offensive weapon. He has been reported for both offences.
- Overnight 4-5 November, a quantity of diesel and 3 wing mirrors were stolen from a Volvo Tracked 16 Tonne Excavator from the building site in Straiton Parkway.
- At lunchtime on 7 November, a male has stolen a Stihl Saw which was left unattended at the premises of Edinburgh Granite & Marble, Pentland Industrial Estate.
- Between 8-9 November, a quantity of diesel was stolen from a vehicle at the building site opposite McDonalds at Straiton. The company who have made this loss are again looking to improve the security of the site.
- Between 15-17 November, high value brick blocks were stolen from one of the building sites at Straiton.
- On 16 November, a 46 year old male was found to be in possession of an offensive weapon in Lawrie Terrace, he has been reported for this offence.
- Overnight 20-21 November, a break in occurred at the premises of James Anderson & Co, Pentland Industrial Estate. A large quantity of cash and several items of jewellery were stolen from within. Jewellery is described as follows:
 - gold chain with one opal and one diamond pendant
 - ruby and diamond bracelet
 - labradorite and pearl necklace
 - gold Italian necklace
 - amethyst pendant
 - gold Longines wristwatch
- On 26 November, a 19 year old male and 23 year old male broke into the premises of Sainsburys petrol station, they did not succeed in stealing any items. Both have been reported for the offence.

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

Hate crime incidents and domestic abuse incidents can now be reported online via the official Police Scotland website, www.scotland.police.uk. or by visiting a third Party Reporting Centre.

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

If any person has any information about the incident(s) listed above or indeed any other issue please contact your Community Policing Team or Loanhead Police Station.

PC 4574 Gillian Lumley

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Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 12th November 2013 having been distributed and read, were approved;

Proposed by; J.Thomson **Seconded by;** A.Hamilton

Matters Arising From Previous Minutes

Memorial Park; Works to start Spring 2014;	Ongoing 2007
Pony Statue; Area has been discussed	June 2010
Overhanging Trees; Contact M/C with specific areas of concern to be noted and will be dealt with	Ongoing
New Development; E-mail was sent to Kevin Keigher (property manager Peel Holdings) asking for an update with his assessment of future progress and development? No reply has been received.	Ongoing 2008
Dryden Terrace/Pentland Road; Cllr. Coventry said Officers were not keen to re-open this road. The Chair asked Cllr. Coventry to do a proper survey within the community to determine the views of local people.	Ongoing September 2012
Relief Road; It was suggested that the relief road is very narrow and the entrance not adequate for large HGV and industrial traffic. The road is a foot wider than Edgefield Road but an island is still to be mounted at the entrance. Cllr.Thompson was asked if he had noticed how narrow the road is. Cllr Thompson said he would have Roads check.	Ongoing
19 Clerk Street; Enforcement notice remains on property; L.D.C.C. not happy that nothing has been done to rectify windows. Cllr. Thompson has been asked to make enquiries; No update from Cllr. Thompson	Ongoing September 2009
Ikea Vehicle access; No further update on changes to the access e-mail Linton for update	March 2013
Loanhead Miners; Appointment with Alan Turpie to be made to discuss license application.	September 2012
Sutherland House; Peter spoke with MSP Beattie.	Ongoing 2012
Social Night; In abeyance	Dec 2012
Loanhead Leisure Jacuzzi is fixed	March 2013
Speed Limit - Knivensknowe/Bilston, /Bilston Glen/Bilston 40mph. suggested change to 30mph; This has been discussed with Cllr Thompson. Roads to be contacted. No further update	March 2013
Asda; Sandra offered facilities at Asda for our meetings. Chair will visit facilities	March 2013
Mayburn House; No further update	August 2013
School Coaches; E-mail from C.C. to M/C was read, no reply has been received.	August 2013

Planning; Applications pertaining to our area were read out. There was no contentious issues. Chair and secretary had to cancel meeting with Head of Planning, another date to be arranged in the New Year

Correspondence;

AMS Associates Ltd; Request to attend a future community council meeting to give a presentation in support of proposed agricultural land drainage improvements works.

MVA; MVA Emergency E-mail List

C.A.B.; Notification of Penicuik C.A.B. A.G.M.11th Dec 2013 4; 30pmTown Hall and request L.D.C.C. to nominate a representative. Harry who has represented LL.D.C.C. For many years can no longer stand. The Chair said it was important we were represented. And asked if anyone could to get in touch with Jill

A.O.C.B.

Skatepark We had a Skate park meeting recently and are now also working with Derek Welsh from Regeneration Department and Clare Taylor-Brown from CLD who will also help us with applying for possible funding.

St.Margarets School Plot; Owen updated L.D.C.C. that the land was being looked at for Council housing

MSP Colin Beattie; Apologised for taking so long to attend our meeting. I have been very busy, a lot is happening. 'Geo Thermal Energy' there are many flooded mines in Midlothian and this could benefit our area. 'Fracking' a bit of a threat' fracking in the North Sea' a big issue nationally. Cllr. Beattie asked if there was anything L.D.C.C. wanted help with.

C.King asked MSP Beattie if he was aware of what is going on at the Kabin. He added that he was aware there was a problem. C.King added that the board is a total shambles. Cllr. Thompson added that if it is helpful, there should be news by next Tuesday. Cllr. Beattie added he would be happy to look into it.

Concerns were also raised about Mayburn House and the rumours of it being used as HMO.

Dryden Terrace/Pentland Road; Cllr.Beattie was updated on the situation with this road and L.D.C.C. frustration with the present use.

A.Hamilton explained her situation to MSP. Beattie about the development at George Drive and the problem of developers having to cross her land. E.Veitch, explained her situation with the licensing authority concerning the 'minor alteration'/beer garden to the front of Loanhead Miners Welfare. E. Veitch added that residents had been ignored.

D.Feldwick asked what she could do if there was a query with planning permission, L.C.L.C's. application has been given permission but false information has been given concerning access. No neighborhood notification was given. Cllr Coventry asked for an e-mail on this.

MSP Beattie said he would meet up with Pat to discuss issues raised. He also extended an invitation to Scottish Parliament.

The Chair thanked Colin for coming along.

Chair wished everyone AMerry Christmas

Loanhead Twinning Association;

- New members Welcome

Loanhead Children's Gala Day

- New members Welcome

Next meeting; 14th January2014