

**LOANHEAD AND DISTRICT COMMUNITY COUNCIL
MINUTES MEETING HELD ON 13TH AUGUST 2013
7.30PM IN EX-SERVICEMEN'S CLUB**

Opening

The Chair thanked everyone for attending tonight's meeting.

Present

P. Kenny (Chairman), C. Hamilton, A. Hamilton, E. Veitch, Peter Collins, Sandra Castle (Asda), Peter Frame,
P C Michelle Lyndsay (Community Officer L&B Police) M.O.P. x 20

Apologies

H. Fisher (Treasurer), B. Hogg (Vice-Chair), J. Peacock (Secretary), Matt Danes, J. Thomson, PC Lumley
(Loanhead Community Officer L&B Police)

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

• Incidents of note

- An 18-year-old male has been reported to the Procurator Fiscal for alleged drugs possession in Costkea Way, Loanhead on 2 July.
- Overnight 1 - 2 July an unregistered child's quad bike, black in colour with red flame strips, was stolen from the rear garden of an address in Dryden Crescent. This was recovered at a later date and a positive line of enquiry is being followed.
- A 36-year-old male has been reported to the Procurator Fiscal for alleged drugs possession in The Loan on 3 July.
- On 7 July, a 21 volt battery charger was stolen from the rear of a property in The Loan, Loanhead.
- A 17-year-old male has been reported to the Procurator Fiscal for alleged possession of an offensive weapon in Lawrie Terrace on 4 July.
- Between 5.30pm and 6.50pm on 10 July, a black child's BMX bike was stolen from the back garden of a house in Park Avenue, Loanhead. The bike is described as an Eastern Nitrous Cobra with blue 'monster' stickers on the frame.
- Sometime between 5pm on Friday 12 July and 7.30am on Monday 15 July, the exhausts were stolen from two vehicles whilst they were parked in Bilston Glen Industrial Estate, Loanhead.
- On the morning of 13 July, a 36 year old male was assaulted in George Drive, Loanhead. A 42 year old male has been reported for this offence.
- Between 19 July and 22 July, a quantity of copper piping has been stolen from the roof of the building occupied by Loanhead Social Services, 4 Clerk Street, Loanhead.
- Overnight 23 - 24 July, copper pipe has been stolen from the rear of the premises of James Ross and Son, Pentland Industrial Estate, Loanhead.
- Between 12.15pm and 12.45pm on 25 July, a Ford Focus car was stolen from the public car park in Fountain Place, Loanhead.

- Overnight 24 - 25 July, a metal container was broken into in the car park to the rear of George Drive / Herd Terrace, Loanhead and an orange / grey stihl saw was stolen.
- Overnight 25 - 26 July, a shed to the rear of a property in Park Avenue, Loanhead was broken into and 2 lawnmowers stolen as follows:
Briggs + Stratton, Sovereign NG464, red, petrol.
Yellow hand powered mower.
- Overnight 29 - 30 July, a mobile snack bar was broken into whilst it was parked unattended in Edgefield Road Industrial Estate Loanhead.
Items of stock and money were stolen from it. Police are appealing for information in relation to this crime.
- Between 11pm on 28 July and 12pm on 31 July, a red and black coloured Honda off road motorcycle was stolen from a garden hut in George Avenue, Loanhead.
- Overnight 30 - 31 July, a child's purple chopper style bicycle was stolen from the front garden of a property in Park Avenue, Loanhead.

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

PC 4574 Gillian Lumley Community Officer Loanhead

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Ashgrove; Pc Sue Akers was asked what had been happening in the area of Ashgrove; PC Akers answered that the CID were dealing with this and as it was an ongoing enquiry no information could be given. The chair added that rumours were being started and some kind of statement was needed to calm the community. PC Akers will ask to get a media statement released to reassure the community

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 9th July 2013 having been distributed and read, were approved;

Proposed by; C.Hamilton Seconded by; E. Veitch

Matters Arising From Previous Minutes

Memorial Park; Works to start Spring 2014;	Ongoing 2007
Pony Statue; Area has been discussed with Cllr.Thompson	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
Football Pitches; Burghlee and King George Parks both had top soil treated- parks should be ready for the season.	November 2012
Dryden Terrace/Pentland Road; L.D.C.C. discussed steps that could be taken to allow this road to be opened. Cllr. Thompson will discuss this with other Cllrs. No update from Cllrs. Area is still causing confusion; van mounted the pavement as a pedestrian was walking with his grandson. Road needs to be open or shut. Area is a hazard.	September 2012
Relief Road; No further update	Ongoing
Railway Walkway; Chair had walked along railway and remarked on the 7ft fence which has been erected. An e-mail was sent to Erica (planning M/C) asking if the Chair could be invited to the next site meeting at Caleco.	November 2012
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	September 2009
2A George Drive; Developers have started work.	Ongoing
Ikea Vehicle access; No further update on changes to the access.	March 2013
Loanhead Miners; Discussed application with Cllr. Thompson has been asked to make enquiries and get more information on the application, such as the layout plan. No update from Cllr. Thompson	September 2012
Sutherland House; Peter updated L.D.C.C. that a meeting was due to take place on Wednesday. He also expressed concern that L.D.C.C. were more in support of a new surgery rather than the extension plans and felt that the work already carried out by the group was not being supported. He felt the community should have been involved before. The Chair added that Loanhead should be on par with other places in Midlothian and should have a new medical Centre which is fit for purpose. If ratepayers are paying for a new extension we should at least try for a new Centre rather than updating an old facility.	Ongoing 2012
Social Night; In abeyance	Dec 2012

Loanhead Leisure Steam room, upstairs closed. New equipment and refurbishment being done. Notice stated opening 9 th August	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 2012
Caleco ; E-mail sent to Erika asking to be included in next site visit.	May 2013
Clerk Street ; Problem of parking in Clerk St. was discussed with Cllr. Thompson, no further update	March 2013
Asda ; Sandra offered facilities at Asda for our meetings. Chair will visit facilities	March 2013
Fly Tipping ; Continues @ Edgefiled ind. Estate; This has been removed	April 2013

Planning; Applications pertaining to our area were read out. There was one contentious issue.

Correspondence;

Midlothian Council; E-mail from Lesley Connell Tenant Participation Officer; Estate walkabout in Loanhead on Wednesday 17th July 2pm

Climate Challenge Fund; Thursday 18th July 9.30 am-12.30pm Penicuik Town Hall

Lothians & Scottish Borders Division; Review of Traffic Warden provision and public service and opening hours at police stations;

A.O.C.B.

Mayburn House; Large group of Loanhead residents attended the meeting to raise concerns at works being carried out at 'Mayburn House'

A representative from Trust Housing Ass. Also complained on behalf of the residents.

Concerns regarding health and safety, lack of planning permission, building warrants, neighbor notification and access were raised. Questions were also asked about what the building would become, fears of it being used as a HMO (House in Multiple Occupation) were mentioned.

Chair will contact Planning/ Councillors and notify the press

School Coaches;

Loanhead Community Development Association; Street Fair Saturday 17th August 10am-1pm

Loanhead Twinning Association;

- New members Welcome

Loanhead Childrens Gala Day

- New members Welcome

Next meeting; 10th September 2013