

## ‘LOANHEAD AND DISTRICT COMMUNITY COUNCIL

### ’MINUTES MEETING HELD ON 11TH JUNE 2013

#### 7.30PM IN EX-SERVICEMEN’S CLUB

#### **Opening**

The Chair welcomed everyone and thanked them for attending tonight’s meeting

#### **Present**

P. Kenny (Chairman), B. Hogg(Vice-Chair), J. Peacock (Secretary), Cllr. Owen Thompson, C .Hamilton, A.Hamilton, E. Veitch, Mr Dunlop, Campbell Hutcheson (Press), Peter Collins, Sandra Castle (Asda), B. Stewart,

#### **Apologies**

H. Fisher (Treasurer), Matt Danes, J. Thomson, P C Lumley (Community Officer L&B Police), Cllr. Andrew Coventry (M/C),

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

#### **Incidents of notes**

- A male has been reported to the Procurator Fiscal for an alleged drug offence committed on 3<sup>rd</sup> May at Straiton Retail Park.
- A male has been reported to the Procurator Fiscal for alleged drugs possession committed in grounds of Ashgrove House on 8<sup>th</sup> May.
- A male has been reported to the Procurator Fiscal for alleged drugs offences and possession of a knife committed in High Street on 9<sup>th</sup> May.
- Between 3.30pm on 13<sup>th</sup> and 8am on 14<sup>th</sup> May a garden shed was broken into at an address in Dryden Avenue. Nothing was stolen from within.
- About 2am on 15<sup>th</sup> May three males broke into the garden shed of an address in Kennington Avenue and were disturbed by the occupier whilst trying to steal a motorbike from within. The males made off from the scene and were described as aged late teens to early 20’s. Anyone who can assist with our enquiries is asked to come forward.
- Between 4pm on 14<sup>th</sup> May and 12.45pm on 21<sup>st</sup> May, a yellow and red coloured Sabre gent’s mountain bike was stolen from the back garden of a house in Paradykes Avenue, Loanhead.
- Between 6.35pm and 7.45pm on 26<sup>th</sup> May, an attempt was made to break into a house in Polton Road, Loanhead. A window to the side of the house was smashed but no entry was gained to the house. The garage was broken into at this location but nothing was stolen.
- Between 2.30pm on 26<sup>th</sup> May and 11am on 27<sup>th</sup> May, a house in Polton Road, Loanhead was broken into after the living room window was smashed. The house was entered and searched but no property was stolen
- Between 10pm on 29<sup>th</sup> May and 6am on 30<sup>th</sup> May a shed in a rear garden at McKinley Terrace, Loanhead was broken into but no items were stolen.

- Overnight 29<sup>th</sup> May to 30<sup>th</sup> May a standalone timber garage in a rear garden at Dryden Terrace, Loanhead was broken into but no items were stolen.
- Between 9.45pm on 29<sup>th</sup> May and 8.45am on 30<sup>th</sup> May two garden sheds in a rear garden at McKinley Terrace, Loanhead was broken into but no items were stolen.
- Overnight 29<sup>th</sup> May to 30<sup>th</sup> May, a person has attempted to break into a shed in a garden in Wheatfield Walk, Loanhead.

#### Other Information

As you can see from the report, we are currently experiencing a spate of break-ins to garden sheds in this area and others. Please can I remind you to be vigilant with your security and to remind your community that the Police offer free Crime Prevention Surveys?

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.

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Community Officer Loanhead

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Telephone Loanhead Police Station: 01314400506 or Crimestoppers: 0800 555 111

#### Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> April 2013 having been distributed and read, were approved;

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

#### Matters Arising From Previous Minutes

<b>Memorial Park;</b> Works to start Spring 2014;	Ongoing 2007
<b>Pony Statue;</b> Area has been discussed with Cllr.Thompson	June 2010
<b>Overhanging Trees;</b> Contact M/C with specific areas of concern to be noted and will be dealt with	Ongoing
<b>New Development;</b> Peel to be contacted and asked for an update.	Ongoing 2008

<b>Football Pitches;</b> No further update	November 2012
<b>Dryden Terrace/Pentland Road;</b> 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.	September 2012
<b>Relief Road;</b> No further update	Ongoing
<b>Railway Walkway;</b> Chair to have a walk along and check area	November 2012
<b>19 Clerk Street;</b> 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	September 2009
<b>2A George Drive;</b> Developers have started work. Mrs. Hamilton raised her disappointment at the way in which M/C Planning have dealt with the application. Cllr. Thompson added that he had moved against the application. Mrs. Hamilton was advised to write to Scottish Public Services Ombudsman; <a href="http://www.spsso.org.uk/">http://www.spsso.org.uk/</a> Chair asked if Cllr. Thompson could help advise Mr. & Mrs. Hamilton.	Ongoing
<b>Ikea Vehicle access;</b> No further update on changes to the access.	March 2013
<b>Loanhead Miners;</b> Discussed application with Cllr. Thompson has been asked to make enquiries and get more information on the application, such as the layout plan.	September 2012
<b>Sutherland House;</b> Meeting had been cancelled again. Chair proposed LD.C.C. Join an action group to help gain a new surgery for Loanhead, he added that to spend money on the original site is not preference. Peter was asked to invite Chair to any future meetings.	Ongoing 2012
<b>Social Night;</b> In abeyance	Dec 2012
<b>Loanhead Leisure</b> Steam room is still out of commission, no update had been received from Cllr. Coventry and Cllr. Thompson had nothing further to add.	March 2013
<b>Speed Limit</b> - Knivensknowe/Bilston, /Bilston Glen/Bilston 40mph. suggested change to 30mph; This has been discussed with Cllr Thompson. Roads to be contacted.	March 2012
<b>Caleco;</b> Response to L.D.C.C. e-mails asking Planning and Environmental about site capacity and vermin were read from Planning and environmental. Chair will ask to be included in future site visit.	May 2013
<b>Clerk Street;</b> Problem of parking in Clerk St. was discussed with Cllr. Thompson and two suggestions were made which could help with parking problem. Buying land where former garage/ car wash is or offering Hunters alternative site and purchasing land to allow deliveries etc. entrance to the rear of businesses.	March 2013

<b><u>Asda</u></b> ; Sandra offered facilities at Asda for our meetings. Chair will visit facilities	March 2013
<b><u>Gulley's</u></b> ; 3 Fountain Pl; and Mayburn Ave; these have been repaired	April 2013
<b><u>Fly Tipping</u></b> ; Continues @ Edgefiled ind. Estate; Cllr Andrew Coventry will report this; no further update	April 2013

**Planning**; Applications pertaining to our area were read out. There were no contentious issue.

**Correspondence**;

**Midlothian Council**; L.D.C.C. Grant received from M/C

**Newsletter**; Spokes

**Music Festival**; June 14-16 2013

**Loanhead Childrens Gala Day**; Letter inviting 2 representatives fro L.D.C.C. to march on the day and have lunch; Chair will attend

**Mavisbank Trust**; Bid to the National lottery for Mavisbank House was unsuccessful

**Invoice**; Bruce; Web domain name £43.37 Gala Day Advert; £100 (will meet up with treasurer to get cheques signed) **Donation**; to be made to L.E.X. for the use of the facilities

**MP David Hamilton**; Surgery Dates

**A.O.C.B.**

**Midlothian Development Plan**; Chair and Jill attended meeting. Consultation on plan runs until 31<sup>st</sup> August.

Drop in event took place in **Loanhead** Miners Welfare, 70-74 The Loan on Thursday 30 May, 4-8 p.m.

Information given to L.D.C.C. was passed to Chair and Vice Chair to read through. More info can be found online.

**Bayne Memorial**; Chair will check if anything else happening

**Loanhead Twinning Association**;

- New members Welcome

**Loanhead Childrens Gala Day**

- New members Welcome

Next meeting; 9<sup>th</sup> July 2013