

**LOANHEAD AND DISTRICT COMMUNITY COUNCIL
MINUTES MEETING HELD ON 12TH NOVEMBER 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), PC Eccles (Loanhead Community Officer L&B Police) Janet Bee (Press) S. Dormer(Straiton Park Ltd),Ryan Barker, Derek Wilson (TWES), Ben Shore, N.Scott, J.King, C.King, L.Witherspoon, P.Jackson, D.Feldwick, L.Bain, E.Bee

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

- Overnight 16-17 October, a garden shed was broken into within a property in Inveravon Road, Loanhead, the following items were stolen and are still outstanding:- Aryobi Strimmer – green in colour- Meckect chain saw – blue in colour •Overnight 17-18 October, 5 traffic light batteries were stolen from the temporary lights near to Straiton Retail Park on Loanhead Road.
- Between 11-19 October, a shed was broken into at a property in High Street, Loanhead. The following items were stolen:Kona Kikapu Mountain Bike, bronze/yellow in colour – high value £1,000.Maroon coloured Mountain Bike (unknown make)McCulloch Strimmer – black and yellow in colour
- Between 13-19 October, a lock up in Lasswade Road was broken into and a free standing bicycle hand pump and chain saw were stolen from within.
- On the evening of 25 October, a 13 year old male was caught setting fire to cardboard outside Sainsburys Straiton, he then went on to racially abuse the staff member. He has been reported for this offence.
- Overnight 26-27 October, 2 x 3ft concrete statues of cats were stolen from a garden in Hawthorn Gardens, Loanhead. This has possibly been a prank, however they have not yet been recovered.

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

Community Policing Team Midlothian

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Police Scotland; ‘Environmental Visual Audit’ Comment was made that no Councillors were present at the ‘walkabout’ Tuesday 15th October Loanhead; Library 2pm; the Chair added his apologies. **Action;** A copy of the minutes is to be asked for.

Straiton Park Ltd; Construction of relief road; Simon Dormer, Ryan Barker, Derek Wilson (TWES) updated L.D.C.C. with the progress of works being carried out on the land near Ashgrove Estate. Simon apologised for the upheaval to traffic. Restrictions have been lifted at weekends and evening. Taylor Wimpey had today submitted a planning application for the 1st phase of the development. A mixture of traditional build family homes are planned for the area subject to planning consent. No affordable housing will be built ‘viability of the relief road was more important’ Footpath is temporary closed but will be re-instated when road opens. Attention was drawn to Japanese Knotwood in the area, this will be treated appropriately. Works are sub-contracted and Wimpey hope to use as much local trade as possible. Safe route too school was also mentioned; Simon answered that this would be satisfied through planning. Drainage and Electricity was discussed.

Chair said he was delighted the road had been started. Simon added it would be an easier road for vehicles to access the industrial estate but they couldn’t make them use it, he wasn’t sure what M/C would do to implement calming measures.

Chair thanked Simon, Derek and Ryan on behalf of L.D.C.C.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 8th October 2013 having been distributed and read, were approved;

Proposed by; J.Thomson **Seconded by;** C.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; Works have started on the road	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; No further update; stalemate	Ongoing 2012
Social Night; In abeyance	Dec 2012
Loanhead Leisure Steam room, open; Jacuzzi broken	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 one contentious issues. Chair and secretary to visit planning.

Comment was made by L. Witherspoon on planning application13/00765/DPP L.C.L.C Erection of extension and glazed canopy formation of access ramp and erection of 1.8m high fence.

‘No consultation has been carried out, constant problems with children.’ D. Feldwick added that questions on access had been answered incorrectly on planning application. She was also concerned about M/C integrity. Chair said plans would be downloaded and looked at... Cllr. Thompson was unable to comment.

Cllr Thompson apologised for having to leave early. C. King asked Cllr. Thompson to answer some questions before ‘sneaking off, we have been trying to meet with you to discuss a problem with the Kabin., we whistled about a certain person and have been trying to get answers, and as a board member need you to turn up.’ Cllr. Thompson added that it was inappropriate for him to comment at a public meeting and left. Comment was made and Cllr Thompson returned and added that he was available at his surgery and if he was unavailable a substitute was sent in his place.

Correspondence;

Historic Scotland; Mavisbank Policies; Notification of removal of rhododendron

War Memorial Trust; War Memorials Trust works to protect and conserve war memorials
info@warmemorials.org www.warmemorials.org / www.learnaboutwarmemorials.org

SesPlan; Spokes Nov 2013

A.O.C.B.

Scaffold Clerk Street; Scaffold has been present for nearly 2 years on the building 27/27a Clerk St.

Cllr. Coventry will make enquiries

Friends of Burghlee Park L.Baine updated L.D.C.C. on works being carried out at Burghlee Park. Due to a reduction in maintenance, Community Payback Order are on site and doing maintenance work. F.O.B.P. are delighted with work being done and encourage people to visit the area and the nature trail.

Skatepark D.Feldwick updated L.D.C.C. on progress being made to get Loanhead a skatepark. Funding deadline, community support needed. Need to finish the development stage. Meeting was planned for November but people cancelled try to organise another meeting for Dec. Chair asked to be kept updated.

St.Margarets School Plot; Question asked if there was anything happening with the land as Test bore was being done.

L.Witherspoon felt there was a disappointing effort made by Councillors and asked how L.D.C.C. address this. Chair replied that he tried to meet with Cllrs. Between meetings but this was not happening at present and had written to Chief Executive. Councillors do not need to attend Community Council meetings.

L.Witherspoon also added that there was an investigation against L.C.L.C. and there was questions about what is going on with that.

Loanhead Twinning Association;

- New members Welcome

Loanhead Children’s Gala Day

- New members Welcome

Next meeting; 10th December2013