

**LOANHEAD AND DISTRICT COMMUNITY COUNCIL
MINUTES MEETING HELD ON 8TH OCTOBER 2013
7.30PM IN EX-SERVICEMEN'S CLUB**

Opening

The Chair thanked everyone for attending tonight's meeting.

P. Kenny (Chairman), J. Peacock (Secretary), C. Hamilton, A. Hamilton, E. Veitch, P. Collins, P. Frame, J. Thomson, Cllr. Andrew Coventry (M/C), PC Lumley (Loanhead Community Officer L&B Police) Janet Bee (Press) B. Foy, M. Rice, D. McLennan, T. Ferguson, S. Dormer(Straiton Park Ltd)

Apologies

H. Fisher (Treasurer), M. Danes, B. Hogg

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

• Incidents of note

- In the morning of 3 September 2013 a male aged between 30 and 40 years entered a shop in Clerk Street Loanhead and attempted to pass a forged £20 note. The shop assistant became suspicious and challenged the man who then made off in a van. Police are following a positive line of enquiry
- Between 16 July and 3 September, a silver coloured Panasonic Toughbook Personal Computer was stolen from Loanhead Community Learning Centre, Mayburn Walk, Loanhead.
- Overnight 11 - 12 September, suspect(s) have stolen two batteries from an A30 Volvo dumper truck whilst it was within a field situated between Edgefield Industrial Estate and McDonalds fast food outlet, Loanhead.
- About 9.30pm on 14 September, person(s) unknown have set fire to pallets and cardboard to the rear of Costco, Loanhead. Youths were seen nearby at the time, anyone with information please contact Police.
- In the afternoon of 15 September, a stunt scooter was stolen after being left unattended, from the front of Sainsbury's, Straiton Retail Park, Straiton.
- A 16 year old man from Loanhead has been reported to the Procurator Fiscal for stealing a copper boiler from a derelict caravan which was being stored at Burghlee Farm, Loanhead.
- Overnight 19 - 20 September, a Bosch battery has been stolen from a bulldozer at the Crummock Construction site at Loanhead Road, Straiton. This is the second theft that has occurred within the last fortnight at the site.
- Between 8.30pm on 29 September and 2.40am on 30 September, a van was broken into when it was parked in Mayshade Road, Loanhead. A laptop computer, 2 pressure gauges and a floodlight were stolen from the van.

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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Telephone: 101 or Crimestoppers: 0800 555 111

Straiton Park Ltd; Construction of relief road; Simon Dormer, updated L.D.C.C. with the progress of works being carried out on the land near Ashgrove Estate. The Old Fountain will hopefully be used as a public feature. Re-Use of Ashgrove house; Grade C listed. Hopefully mature trees will be saved. Simon will attend next month's meeting with plans Chair thanked Simon on behalf of L.D.C.C. and said he was delighted the road had been started.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 10th September 2013 having been distributed and read, were approved;
Proposed by; J.Thomson **Seconded by;** P. Frame

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
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.	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	September 2009
Ikea Vehicle access; No further update on changes to the access.	March 2013
Loanhead Miners; No update from Cllr. Thompson appointment with Alan Turpie to be made to discuss license application, planning application for new doorway has been granted.	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 2012
Asda; Sandra offered facilities at Asda for our meetings. Chair will visit facilities	March 2013
Mayburn House; E-mail from L.D.C.C. was read; Reply from Bruce Macleod was read. No unauthorised works have taken place to the external fabric of the building or within its grounds. Neighbours are still concerned at the amount of work being carried out. Cllr. Coventry had also received a reply from officers. The Chair stressed for our elected members to take concerns of the community serious. Chair added it was a disgrace that all our elected members do not attend and we cannot make them.	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 were no contentious issues.

Correspondence;

Police Scotland; 'Environmental Visual Audit' Tuesday 15th October Loanhead Library 2pm

Edinburgh Airport; Notification of alternative flight path whilst maintenance works are carried out; 5-6 October and 12-13 October

Scottish Water; winter campaign/Keep the water cycle running smoothly

Police Scotland; Traffic Warden review/Counter Service Provision

Electoral Registration Office; Annual canvass forms are being delivered in Lothians on 9 October 2013. posters attached for display

L.D.C.C. Notification A.G.M. Tuesday 12th November 2013 7.30pm Loanhead Ex-Servicemens Club

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

Loanhead Twinning Association;

- New members Welcome

Loanhead Childrens Gala Day

- New members Welcome

Next meeting; 12th November 2013 (A.G.M.)