

'LOANHEAD AND DISTRICT COMMUNITY COUNCIL

'MINUTES MEETING HELD ON 12TH MARCH 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. Andrew Coventry (M/C), C. Hamilton, A. Hamilton, J. Thomson, Mr Dunlop, Matt Danes, Sandra Castle (Asda) P C Lumley (Community Officer L&B Police), Campbell Hutcheson (Press), Peter Collins, (M.O.P), Peter Frame (MYFC), Richard Mawdsey, Mark Myles (Peel Development)

Apologies

H. Fisher (Treasurer), Bob Stewart,

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

Incidents of notes • At 2.40pm on 1 February, a stunt scooter was stolen from display within Halfords, Straiton Retail Park. Male culprits described as 16-19 years old, one with heavy build, 6' tall, dark hair, wearing grey and black tracksuit top and grey bottoms, second male with slim build, 6' foot tall, wearing black tracksuit bottoms, black tracksuit top with green stripes on sleeves and green insert in hoodie.

- At 1.15am on 3 February, two windows of a Lothian Buses service 37 bus were smashed when the bus travelled through Loanhead at the area near to Hawthorn Gardens. It is suspected that objects have been thrown at the bus causing the damage.
- On 17 February a male was cautioned and charged and issued with a fixed penalty ticket for breach of the peace after causing a disturbance within McDonalds Restaurant, Straiton Retail Park.
- Between 8.30pm on 19 and 5pm on 20 February a summer house within the rear garden of an address in Gaynor Avenue was broken into and the following tools stolen from within; blue makita 18v combi drill (with owners initials written on it in black marker), a corded black and decker cross cut mitre saw, a corded black and decker rip saw and a makita jigsaw.
- Overnight 25 – 26 February, a dwelling house in Hunter Terrace, Loanhead, was entered through an insecure rear door by two males. Suspects have then stolen a black Skoda Octavia motor car as well as two mobile phones, an I Pad and cash. Two males aged 21 and 22 have been reported for these offences.
- About 2.45am on 26 February, suspects have entered an insecure garage in Wheatfield Grove, Loanhead, and have searched within, however nothing apparently stolen. The same two males have been reported for this offence.
- Overnight 25-26 February, suspects have entered 5 insecure motor cars in Burghlee Terrace, Loanhead and stolen an I Pod and various other miscellaneous items from within. An unsuccessful attempt was also made to steal one of the vehicles causing damage to the steering column. The same two males have been reported for these offences.
- Between 28 February and 1 March, person(s) unknown have attempted to break into a secure shed in Park Avenue, Loanhead, causing damage. No entry gained.

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 4574E Gillian Lumley

Community Officer Loanhead

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Approval of Minutes

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

Proposed by; P.Collins **Seconded by;** J.Thomson

Matters Arising From Previous Minutes

Memorial Park; No update on funding application. Hopefully have news soon	Ongoing 2007
Pony Statue; No change	June 2010
Overhanging Trees; Specific areas of concern to be noted and will be dealt with	Ongoing
New Development; @ <i>Straiton Retail Park</i> ; ‘Kevin Keigher’ was unable to attend and sent his apologies, Richard Mawdsey and Mark Myles (Peel Holdings) attended instead. Issues of concern were raised, these being the state of the site, roads and units. Richard explained the retail park was being done in phases as they had not been able to secure funding to have all works carried out at once. Remainder work to the car park shall commence May 2013 and by October/November works should be completed. In talks at present with ‘family restaurant’ and ‘furniture store’. Road layout @ Franky & Benny’s was highlighted and will be re-assessed. Other areas highlighted were how pedestrian unfriendly the car park was. The amount of obtrusive advertising billboards/units that have appeared. Richard said the revenue from advertising helps fund improvements to the park in these hard economic times. Discussion about the entrance at McDonalds/TK Maxx; how this area becomes gridlocked. Richard informed C.C. that the TK.Maxx retail park was owned by another landlord. Details of whom will be passed onto C.C. .Peel will work with other landlord to try and improve access and exit. Bus shelters have now been sited. Area at ‘Straiton Cottages’ was discussed but due to demands from ‘transports Scotland’ for contribution to improve roundabout this area will not be developed, but will be tidied at present. Chair thanked Richard and Mark for attending tonight’s meeting. A copy of the minutes will be e-mailed.	Ongoing 2008
Football Pitches; (<i>all parks</i>); Peter Frame updated LDCC on work to the West End Park; Peter added that although the pitch did look better they had not yet played due to the bad weather	November 2012

Dryden Terrace/Pentland Road; <i>Update by PC Gill Lumley;</i> L&B Police; Letters notifying residents and works had been distributed. Drivers were being advised. An e-mail from Cllr. Andrew Coventry to M/C Neil Dougall was read. Neil replied that there were no plans to re-open the bus-gate to all traffic. If local members were of view that the bus gate should re-open then a Traffic Regulation Order would need promoted. Residents were likely to complain in which case council would have the decision. (If there is just 1 objection the Director Corporate has the authority to consider the matter without reporting to the council)	September 2012
Relief Road; No further update	Ongoing
Railway Walkway; Cllr. Andrew Coventry received an e-mail from M/C Ricky Moffat saying the dog bins have been emptied and has asked if this be done on a regular basis	November 2012
19 Clerk Street; Enforcement notice remains on property	September 2009
2A George Drive; No Change	
Ikea Vehicle access; Meeting with manager of Ikea Linton Scarborough on Monday 6pm to discuss concerns	Nov 2011
Loanhead Miners; Alan Turpie (license board) sent copy of variation application. Application is very vague; copy of the layout plan and details of variation to be asked for.	September 2012
Sutherland House; Peter has no further update	Ongoing 2012
Social Night; In abeyance	Dec 2012
Bayne Memorial; MYFC Peter Frame informed the CC that the ever growing rubbish at Bayne Memorial had been uplifted. Assurance from Cllr. Thompson that there was 'no bill to follow'.	December 2011
Loanhead Leisure Centre; Cllr. Andrew Coventry has e-mailed relevant dept and is awaiting a response.	Feb 2013

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

Correspondence

Midlothian Council; C.C.Forum Meeting; 12th March; Chair complained he had no notice

Mavisbank Trust; Poster advertising drop in Exhibition; Loanhead Library 15th -22nd March

ThankYou; P.P.S. thanked C.C for the donation of £2,000

A.O.C.B.

Knivensknowe; Question was asked why small sections of the road at Knivensknowe/Bilston, Loanhead /Bilston Glen changed from 30 to 40mph. These are both busy parts and it was thought 30mph sufficient especially with the new development at Bilston.

Clerk Street; Problem of parking; delivery vehicles and double parked vehicles causing problems with the flow of traffic. Cllr. Andrew Coventry will look into this matter. Area from Mayflower to vets/dentist was also a problem with vehicles parking on both sides which creates a bottleneck situation.

Glass; Glass has been smashed and lying on path and grass at the Memorial Park

Asda; Sandra offered facilities at Asda for our meetings. Asda were also in talks with Scottish Ambulance Service to site an ambulance crew at the store.

Donation; To be made to L.E.X. for the use of the facilities