

Minute of Zoom Meeting 13/10/20

Present: Ben Shore, Norman Scott, Peter Frame, David Temple, Pat Kenny, Paul Mephram, Gina Temple, John Thompson, Councillors Kelly Parry and Pauline Winchester.

1. **Apologies:** Ruth Stephen
2. **Minutes of previous meeting** proposed by David Temple, seconded by Norman Scott.
3. **Matters arising:**
 - Proposed Resilience Group for Loanhead and District – no response yet from the secretary of LCDA on contact names.
 - Remembrance Day Service – will be scaled back considerably with only invited participants to lay wreaths, members of the public encouraged to mark the minute's silence on their doorstep.
 - Community Noticeboard – no action taken yet.
 - School closures – Pat Kenny had received a response from the Archbishop noting that the consultation period had not yet started. No reply so far from the Director of Education.
 - MTrap meeting – A representative from the lighting department will attend the next meeting. The meeting discussed the problem of landowners blocking access to public paths. Suggestions for improvements to roads/paths in Loanhead to be put forward for next financial year.
 - Loanhead Police Station plan to house homeless will not now go ahead due to the doubling of costs for the refurbishment of the building, instead it will be sold off. However the Gala Day Committee plan to purchase the garages for storage is still under consideration.

4. Planning

18/00862/DPP Hawthorn Gardens. Norrie Scott had been in contact with Planning re this application which was approved. However, the suggestion to widen the pavement to 2m had been ignored. He had submitted an objection to this and requested a site visit by officials to see the scale of the problem.

No objections were raised to the following applications: 20/575/ADV, 20/00591/DPP, 20/00597/DPP and 20/00672/DPP. A discussion took place about the amount of tree felling taking place in Loanhead & District, especially with the amount of house building in the area. The councillors confirmed it was their understanding that trees under a preservation order could be felled if they were diseased. However, no one seemed to know if there was a requirement to replant a similar tree. Therefore representation to the Council re 20/00631/WTT and 20/00644/WTT should be made with a request that new trees be planted. Norrie Scott observed that trees within Inveravon House grounds are currently being removed and we have not seen any planning applications for this.

5. Correspondence

- The emails from residents on Engine Road were discussed, and the councillors asked how we could help. Kelly recommended contacting the Council and Environmental Health re the cars with open/broken windows.
- Meeting with all 3 Loanhead Councillors to discuss development in Loanhead. In particular the football club has 300 children and no training facilities over the winter months. At the very least we need a MUGA. A meeting for 27/10/20 at 7.30 pm was proposed.

6. Any other Competent business

- Paul Mephram reported that the large hole that appeared in the ground on Pentland Park had now been filled in by the owners which was not part of the agreement with Pentland Park. Their April Newsletter states it is not a sink hole but a result of oil shale mining.
- Kelly Parry reported that she had been in contact with Peel re the land around the Straiton Retail Park which is very overgrown and full of weeds. They have agreed to tidy up the area.
- Street naming – Kelly Parry reported that in future community councils will be notified of all new street names in advance so that representation as to the suitability can be made to the Council.
- Miner's Welfare application to vary licence. Pat Kenny to check that this is only a change in licence holder and check opening hours on a Sunday with the Licensing Board.