

**Minutes of the Loanhead & District Community Council on
Tuesday 13th December 2016 at 7.00 pm, Loanhead Library.**

Present: Annabel Hamilton, Charles Hamilton, Jack Aitchison, Pat Kenny, Peter Frame, Ben Shore, PC Graham Black and Gina Temple.

Chair opened the meeting by welcoming all present

Apologies –John Thomson, Daya Feldwick and Harry Fisher.

Action

1. Police Report – PC Black summarised the November incident report 66 crimes (24 solved) and 202 call outs. He highlighted a couple of incidents:

- A 12 year old girl found drunk in Clerk Street – she was taken home and came to no harm.
- Someone had been reported trying to sell TVs from the back of a van at Straiton Retail Park
- Cannabis valued at £8,000 was seized from an address in Kennington Avenue, Loanhead.
- There were a number of call outs to incidents involving groups of youths causing disturbance. The police have been patrolling in high visible gear, plain clothes and in vans but the problem persists because the youths disperse before they arrive. Pat Kenny had also received a number of complaints from residents – some feel threatened and frightened to go out of their own home. PC Black also reported that groups of young people have been using underneath the viaduct for drinking sessions, the ground is littered with empty cans and bottles. Ben Shore reported that there had been a lot of trouble outside the Forrester Arms in the past few weeks. It was agreed that it was a priority is to find out where the alcohol is being purchased. Pat Kenny suggested that additional patrols were required. PC Black urged anyone who was being harassed to report the incident to the police. The full October and November reports are appended to these minutes.

2. Minutes of the previous meeting were accepted: proposed by Peter Frame; seconded by Annabelle Hamilton.

3. Matters arising

- Costco proposed petrol station – the plans have been checked and they intend to place this within the existing car park using the existing entrance.
- We have written to the Kabin Manager to check the views expressed at the AGM by the Kabin volunteers, in relation to the proposed play park, are the views of the management – no reply yet.
- Feedback from Councillor Coventry was requested re the matters raised at the meeting.

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4. Planning Applications

- Extension of time frame in which to implement planning permission at Loanview Holdings, Lang Loan (currently kennels).
- Sainsbury's Supermarkets Ltd. Straiton new signage – more information on size and format required.
- Application to amend condition 9 of planning permission at Unit 5, Straiton Park Way - more information required.
- A1 Burnbank – erection of shed, more information required.

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5. Correspondence

- A poster about the new National Transport card was circulated.
- Peter Frame agreed to look into the “Grant for refurbishing War Memorials”.

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- Morrison Construction will hold a ‘Meet the Buyer’ Event in Loanhead Library on 12th January 2017. They are keen to involve local trades in the completion of the build.
- Community Justice Partnership. The Scottish Government and partners are working together to reduce re-offending and secure better outcomes for communities. The new model for community justice comes into effect on 1st April 2017. It places a legal duty on statutory community justice partners to engage with communities. Statutory partners will publish a plan by 31st March 2017.
- Enforceable Disabled Parking bays in Dalum Court and MacNeil Avenue will be increased.
- Daya Feldwick has been representing LDCC at the Federation of Community Councils. The Loanhead section of their AGM Minutes was read out – to ask Daya if this is accurate.

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6. Any other current business.

- Jack Aitchison reported that he had met with the Morrison Construction Site Manager of the new hub about heavy goods vehicles using George Drive for access to the site. This road is totally unsuitable because of parking on both sides and the fact it has only recently been resurfaced. The site manager will emphasise to all contractors to use the Mayburn access.
- It was noted that Taylor Wimpey had made donations to the Bonnyrigg Christmas Lights. As they are building at Ashgrove Fields they could be approached to support the Loanhead lights.
- It was noted that the street lighting between the TK Max and Nike buildings at Straiton Retail Park was inadequate.
- Ben Shore reported that a disabled person had fallen from his wheelchair and had to wait 45 mins for a first responder to arrive, he was unable to help and an ambulance was despatched which took a further 45 minutes. Ben was asked to check with the person if they agreed to our contacting the Scottish Ambulance Service to make a formal complaint on their behalf and confirm the details.
- Ben Shore will make a personal objection to the Midlothian Licencing Board re extending the opening hours for The Masons Arms. He was advised to contact Bob Constable at Midlothian House.
- Jack Aitchison suggested we need clarification on the rules for booking the new Hub.
- The revised Constitution had been circulated before the meeting - approved.
- The Standing Orders were read out - approved.

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7. Date of next Community Council meeting 10th January 2017

CRIMINAL ACTIVITY OCTOBER 2016
BEAT AREAS MW01 AND MW03 – LOANHEAD &
DISTRICT

During the month of **October** in the beat areas of Loanhead & District there were 55 recorded crimes reported, of which 25 were solved. During this time period there were 263 calls to police.

Incidents of Note

- About 9.20pm on Saturday 1st October unknown persons have thrown eggs at a house on Mayburn Vale, Loanhead.
- About 7.30pm on Sunday 2nd October unknown persons have thrown eggs at a property in Burnbank, Loanhead.
- About 2.45am on Monday 3rd October a report was made to police of an off-road motorcycle driving at speed on Park Avenue, Loanhead and in the public park. Police attended but neither the bike nor the rider were found.
- About 9.30am on Monday 3rd October a report was made to police of a house having had eggs thrown at it overnight.
- At 8.30am on Tuesday 4th October a report was made to police after it was discovered that Paradykes Primary School had suffered three windows broken.
- Between 7.20pm and 8pm on Tuesday 4th October houses at Mayburn Avenue, Loanhead, Mayburn Vale, Loanhead and Burnbank Grove, Loanhead all had eggs thrown at them by unknown person/s.
- About 8pm on Tuesday 4th October a group of youths attended a store within the Straiton Retail Park and were abusive to staff.
- About 5.45am on Saturday 8th October staff at McDonalds, Straiton, called police reporting a drink driver. Attending officers traced the vehicle and driver resulting in a 20-year-old woman being reported to the Procurator Fiscal.
- About 1.55pm on Sunday 9th October police responded to a call regarding a smashed window at a house on Mayburn Terrace, Loanhead. A 13 year old boy was subsequently cautioned and charged with vandalism.
- About 7.20pm on Monday 10th October a report was made to police of youths throwing apples at a property on Mayburn Avenue, Loanhead.
- About 12.50pm on Monday 17th October police searched a house on Paradykes Avenue, Loanhead under a drugs warrant. A quantity of cocaine, cannabis and diazepam were recovered. Police enquiries ongoing.
- About 9.10pm on Tuesday 18th October a call was made to Burnbank, Loanhead reporting a group of youths causing annoyance in the area. Police attended but the youths were not traced.
- About 9.40pm on Tuesday 18th October a 74 year old male was assaulted on The Loan, Loanhead. A 15 year old male has since been cautioned and charged with assault.
- About 8.45pm on Wednesday 19th October a group of youths were throwing apples at a house on Mayburn Avenue, Loanhead.
- Between 14th October and 24th October 5 windows at Paradykes Primary School were broken by unknown person/s.
- During the evening of Monday 31st October, properties on Dalum Drive and Mayburn Vale eggs were reported to have been thrown at the windows.
- About 7.15pm on Monday 31st October a report was made to police of a bin on fire to the rear of Matalan, Straiton, Loanhead.
- About 8.25pm on Monday 21st October a disturbance occurred on Dalum Drive, Loanhead. A 14 year old male has since been cautioned and charged with a hate crime.

CRIMINAL ACTIVITY NOVEMBER 2016
BEAT AREAS MW01 AND MW03 – LOANHEAD &
DISTRICT

During the month of **November** in the beat areas of Loanhead & District there were 66 recorded crimes reported, of which 24 were solved. During this time period there were 202 calls to police.

Incidents of Note

- About 2.50pm on Thursday 3rd November a report was made to police regarding males attempting to sell TV's from a vehicle in the Straiton Retail Park area of Loanhead.
- About 6.15pm on Thursday 3rd November a large stone was thrown at a door at Loanhead Community Learning Centre, Mayburn Walk. A 14 year old boy has since been charged with reckless conduct and a report submitted to the childrens reporter.
- About 6.35pm on Thursday 3rd November eggs were thrown at a house on Mayburn Avenue, Loanhead. No one was seen throwing the eggs.
- About 8.40pm on Thursday 3rd November a bin on McNeill Avenue, Loanhead, was deliberately set on fire. A 14 year old boy has since been charged with fireraising and a report submitted to the childrens reporter.
- About 8pm on Thursday 4th November a large group of youths were reported to be causing a nuisance at McDonalds Restaurant, Loanhead. Police attended with the youths having already left.
- About 9pm on Friday 4th November a group of youths knocked on the door of a property on Mayburn Avenue, Loanhead, before running off.
- About 9.30pm on Friday 4th November a 12-year-old female was found by police on High Street, Loanhead in an intoxicated state. She was returned home, safe and well.
- Sometime between 3rd and 4th November a power tool was stolen from the building site next to Loanhead Leisure centre.
- About 5.50pm on Friday 11th November reports of youths throwing stones on Mayburn Drive and Mayburn Vale, Loanhead were made to the police. There was no trace of the youths on police arrival.
- About 6.15pm on Saturday 12th November police searched a property under warrant on Kennington Avenue, Loanhead and found a cannabis cultivation within, which was valued approximately £8,000.00.
- About 7.20pm on Tuesday 15th November a report was made to police about youths throwing eggs at a property on Mayburn Avenue, Loanhead.
- About 7.45pm on Thursday 17th November a garage at a property on The Loan, Loanhead was found to have been forced open but nothing stolen from within.
- Between 13th and 19th November a garage on Burghlee Terrace was forced open and a number of pedal bikes stolen from within.
- About 4pm on Saturday 19th November a number of reports were made to police regarding youths congregating and consuming alcohol at the viaduct, Loanhead. Police attended with a group of youths making off on foot.
- About 6.15pm on Friday 25th November a window at a property on Mayburn Loan, Loanhead was smashed. Police enquiries ongoing.
- Between 7pm on 28th November and 5.45am on 29th November a large stone garden ornament was stolen from a garden on Mayburn Court, Loanhead.
- Between 25th November and 30th November a number of windows at Paradykes Primary School, Loanhead were broken.

**If any person has any information about the incident(s) listed above, or indeed any other crime, please contact your Community Policing Officer
PC Graham Black via 101 or email:
LothianScotBordersPenicuikCPT@scotland.pnn.police.uk**

Additional Information

Hate crime and domestic abuse can now be reported online via the official Police Scotland website at www.scotland.police.uk or by visiting a Third Party Reporting Centre – details of which are also on our website.

Information regarding crime can be passed to Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111 or through an Online Form - both of these routes are completely anonymous and available 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.

Police Scotland use social media to circulate the latest news, events and information to the public via Twitter (@LothBordPolice and @MidLothPolice) and Facebook (www.facebook.com/LothiansScottishBordersPoliceDivision and www.facebook.com/MidlothianPolice).

Your View Counts

Police Scotland consults with the public every year on what their priorities are for policing in their community.

In the past this has always been by hard copy consultation questionnaires which were distributed by police officers within the community they work.

This year Police Scotland's consultation process is widening and becoming more flexible. The consultation process is moving online to a digital format and consultation will be open all year.

The public consultation is for you to tell us what is important to you in your community. Your opinion is valued – we need your opinion to inform our policing. Having your say in the decision making process of Police Scotland is a vital tool for residents of Scotland to be able to shape the way their public services should operate.

Everyone's views across Scotland will be taken on board at a national and local level. We want you to help us focus on the priorities that will help communities most. There is no 'one size fits all' approach to local policing and all the needs and wants of individual communities will be considered.

This is the first time Police Scotland's public consultation is being hosted on a digital platform. This allows us to reach a much wider audience than ever before ensuring that everyone can have their say.

The online consultation is open all year which allows you to take part when it suits you but also gives the flexibility of being able to re-submit the consultation if your priorities change.

It's a very simple process that should only take a few moments of your time but will shape the way that policing is coordinated across Scotland and in your local community.

We will keep you updated on our quarterly results. The consultation will be a completely transparent process as it's all about your priorities.

Here is a link to the 'Your View Counts' page. www.scotland.police.uk/yourviewcounts