

**DRAFT**

**Minutes of the Loanhead & District Community Council on  
Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> February 2017 at 7.00 pm, Loanhead Library.**

**Present:** Annabel Hamilton, Charles Hamilton, Pat Kenny, Peter Frame, Ben Shore, Andrea Thomson, Daya Feldwick, Catherine Duns, Fiona McLuckie, Ronnie Richards, Peter Thomson, Caroline Allan, Robert Stewart, Gina Temple, Police Constables Jack Wall and Daniel Lennie.

**The Chair opened the meeting by welcoming all present**

**Apologies** –John Thomson

**Action**

1. **Police Report** – PC Wall summarised the January incident report 59 recorded crimes (29 solved) and 223 call outs. He highlighted the fact that most of the burglary crimes involved garden sheds. There were a number of shop lifting offences from the shops at Straiton, one woman was arrested at the Forrester Arms and an assault on a woman in Memorial Park. The full January report is appended to these minutes.
2. **Minutes of the previous meeting** were not available.
3. **Matters arising** - none.
4. **Planning**
  - **Mayburn House.** The Community Council had received a number of complaints about the property. Pat Kenny reported that the Planning Department had been contacted four times in the past 24 months and they have been out to inspect the property each time. Planning confirmed that the owner intends to convert the building into a dwelling house and have offered to assist with the planning application – however no planning applications have been submitted to-date. There have been reports of people living in the property, dogs barking, rubbish piling up at the back of the building and a number of vehicles parked in the grounds. Pat Kenny and Gina Temple will request a meeting with the Head of Planning to discuss the current and future plans for the building and report back to the next meeting. PK/GT
  - Better Physio Ltd. Change of use from business (class 4) to physio treatment facility (class 2) at 4 Straiton View – no objection.
  - Mrs Patricia Robertson – Land west of 4 Dalum Drive – change of use from public open space to private garden ground. Location to be checked. PK
  - Mr Ray Browne, 3 Mayburn Vale – two storey extension to dwelling house – no objection.
  - Mr. Duane Campbell extension to dwelling house at 15 George Drive – no objection.
5. **The Midlothian Community Justice Outcomes Improvement Plan 2017 – 2020.** Pat Kenny to read through the documentation and report. PK

- 6. Road Humps.** The Council propose to install two road humps on the A768 The Loan, one either side of the junction with McNeill Avenue. To fit in with accesses and bus stops, one hump would be approximately 50m west of the junction and the other 40m east of the junction – the committee thought this would lead to more congestion. A second proposal to install a road hump on Foundry Lane between parts of McTaggart Scott’s premises. This is in response to concerns about speeds of traffic, and in conjunction with works by McTaggart Scott to improve access between their premises. The committee agreed to oppose the former and approve the latter proposal. GT
- 7. Edinburgh Airport Noise Management proposal.** The Airport has launched a second consultation re new air routes and their impact on local communities. Pat Kenny agreed to read through the document and would try to attend any relevant meetings. PK
- 8. Name Change (Paradykes School).** A number of residents have expressed the view that as the new school will have no connection with Paradykes the name should be changed to reflect this. Park Primary School was suggested as the building will now be on the Park grounds and this would require very little change in the logo, uniforms etc would remain the same. PK/GT
- 9. Correspondence**
- Community Planning Workshop 18<sup>th</sup> February 2017 – Daya Feldwick and Gina Temple will attend and report. GT
  - McQueen Legal wish to support Midlothian Nursery, Primary and Secondary Schools. They will pay a nominated school the sum of £25 for each completed transaction undertaken by McQueen Legal – noticeboard. PK
  - Lifelong Learning & Employability Courses – noticeboard. PK
  - Health and Care Hot Topics – noticeboard. PK
  - Volunteer Midlothian’s Growing Together project has been shortlisted in the Tesco Bags of Help Scheme –noticeboard. PK
  - University of Edinburgh project - IDEAL is a research project investigating how smart technology can help people find ways to use less gas and electricity in the home. It uses sensors to record energy use and details like temperature and humidity, and gives feedback to help reduce energy use, while maintaining comfort and convenience – request poster for noticeboard GT.
  - The Scottish Ambulance Service responded to our letter re the response time for the incident reported at the December meeting – they require written approval from the individual concerned before they can comment– Ben Shore to ask him to complete the form. BS
  - Neighbourhood Planning Lasswade Cluster catch up - next meeting Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February, 6.30-8.30pm, at The Lasswade Centre.
- 10. Any other competent business**
- No response from the Kabin re the play park equipment, a second letter will be sent. PK/GT
  - Dog Fouling – complaints re the footpaths to the Straiton Retail Park, Sainsburys, Costco, Edgefield Place and Engine Road were received. Additional bins to be requested. PK/GT
  - Fly tipping was reported at Ashgrove Estate.
  - Street lighting between Nike and TK Maxx stores at Straiton still not working. GT
  - The community walkabout took place on 25<sup>th</sup> January.
- 11. Date of next Community Council meeting** 14<sup>th</sup> March 2017



**CRIMINAL ACTIVITY JANUARY 2017**  
**BEAT AREAS MW01 AND MW03 – LOANHEAD &**  
**DISTRICT**



During the month of January in the beat areas of Loanhead & District there were 59 recorded crimes reported, of which 29 were solved. During this time period there were 223 calls to police.

**Incidents of Note**

- In the early hours of 3<sup>rd</sup> of January, a failed attempt was made to break in to Pets at Home at Straiton Retail Park.
- On the evening of 6<sup>th</sup> January, a female was assaulted within Memorial Park, Loanhead. Police are following a positive line of enquiry.
- Between 7 – 8 January, a failed attempt was made to break into the Loanhead Community Learning Centre, Mayburn Walk, Loanhead.
- On 11<sup>th</sup> January, a quantity of clothing was stolen from Next, Straiton. Police are following a positive line of enquiry.
- On 15<sup>th</sup> January, a female was arrested and charged after stealing a quantity of food and drink from Asda.
- At 4am on 21<sup>st</sup> January a male was found drunk and incapable on McNeill Terrace, Loanhead. He was given medical attention and charged accordingly.
- On 23<sup>rd</sup> January, several windows were smashed at McTaggart Scott, Hunter Av, Loanhead.
- On 24 January a quantity of clothing was stolen from Matalan, Straiton.
- Between 24 – 27 January, a shed was broken into on Mayburn Av, Loanhead. A bicycle and a sat nav were stolen.
- On 25<sup>th</sup> January a large bag of dogfood was stolen from Asda. Police enquiries are ongoing.
- Between 26<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> January, a shed on Mayburn Av, Loanhead was broken into and a bike and golf clubs were stolen.
- On 29<sup>th</sup> January a disturbance took place within the Forresters Arms, Clerk Street, Loanhead. A 54 year old female was arrested and has been reported to the Procurator Fiscal.
- A male youth was charged with several counts of acting in a threatening and abusive manner on several dates and at various locations at Straiton Retail park throughout the month. He has been reported the Children's Reporter.
- A 35 year old male has been charged in relation to three separate thefts from Sainsburys, Straiton in January, where alcohol and Televisions were stolen.

**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](http://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](http://www.facebook.com/LothiansScottishBordersPoliceDivision) and [www.facebook.com/MidlothianPolice](http://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.

Below is a link to the 'Your View Counts' page.

[www.scotland.police.uk/yourviewcounts](http://www.scotland.police.uk/yourviewcounts)