

LOANHEAD & DISTRICT COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Draft Minutes of meeting held on Tuesday 12th June 2018 in Loanhead Library.

Jackie Aitchison welcomed everyone to the meeting.

In attendance: – Jackie Aitchison, Charles Hamilton, Annabel Hamilton, Ben Shore, Norma Bews, PC J. Cassidy, Pat Kenny, Gina Temple, Chick Baxter

Police Report: PC Cassidy read out the Police Report for April: 70 recorded crimes, 28 solved, 276 calls to Police. The full report is appended to these minutes.

1. **Apologies** – J Thomson, Cllr Winchester and Peter Frame.

2. **Minutes from previous meeting** approved subject to correction to item which referred to Baker's shop in Clerk Street, it was 19 Clerk Street that had an order placed on it to return the windows to the original format when it next came up for sale. proposer J Aitchison, seconder Charles Hamilton.

3. **Matters arising**

- **Xmas Lights** Gina Temple had met with Irene Hogg and Mandi Doyle (LCDA) they agreed that we have to retain Xmas Lights. Various options of planting a tree and keeping lights up all year round were discussed. There is to be a meeting at the Council to discuss this on Wednesday 20th June at 6 pm. Jackie Aitchison and Pat Kenny agreed to attend. As a first step it was agreed that we should have a stall at the Summer Fete on 1st September 2018 in Fountain Green to raise this issue with the wider community.
- Pauline Winchester investigated the road surface in the cul de sac at Burghlee Crescent. The Council cannot afford to do a permanent fix due to finances and the level of work that this part of the road requires, however they will do a semi-permanent patching in the area to bring it up to a safe and functional standard.

4. **Planning Applications**

- Both planning application rejections for the flats at the Loan with no parking and the Scallywags Nursery increase in numbers were overturned by the Local Review Body. Although the LRB did limit the number of nursery places at any one time to 80 (not 100 as requested). Jackie Aitchison agreed to go along to their next meeting on 20th June at 2.00 pm which will review the decision on **18/000/65/DPP** for change of use of land to car breakers yard at 17-20 Engine Road.
- Pauline Winchester had responded to last month's queries. **18/00243/MSC** Erection of 92 dwelling houses, access roads and associated works at land between Loanhead Road and Edgefield Industrial Estate. This application is pending determination. *There are a number of unresolved issues with the applications. The Planning Authority is in dialogue with the applicant over a number of design, landscape and drainage related matters.* **18/00268/LA** Application to discharge a planning application within a legal agreement associated with planning permission 15/00712/PPP at land at Paradykes Primary School. *This planning application relates to a S75 agreement which provides for contributions towards education capacity, affordable housing/ community/leisure facilities and children's play. Midlothian Council have since transferred the land to BDW Trading Ltd. who are now required to set up a new S75 agreement as the land is under new ownership.*
- Pat Kenny noted for information two new planning applications **18/00297/DPP** for a new primary school with nursery, early year's provision, formation of a MUGA etc. at the former Hopefield Primary School site. **18/00321/DPP** siting a portakabin at Lasswade Primary School for additional classroom accommodation.
- Pat Kenny read though the current list of applications for this district (full information appears on Agenda papers). **18/00201/DPP** formation of driveway and erection of fences at 49 the Loan. **18/00337/ ADV**, Display of illuminated and non illuminated signage at Sainsbury's Supermarket, Straiton Mains. **18/00345/DPP** Extension to dwelling house at 19 the Loan. **18/00363/DPP** Erection of plant and machinery at Sainsbury's Supermarket, Straiton Mains. **18/00341/S42** Section 42 application from Asda stores, New Pentland to remove condition 1 of Planning permission 18/00067/DPP (to allow pod to be sited for longer than 3 years). **18/00342/ADV** Display of illuminated and non illuminated signage at Asda Store, New Pentland. **18/00371/DPP** Erection of shed at 64 Paradykes Avenue. **18/00384/DPP** Extension to dwelling house at 8 Mayburn Avenue.

5. **Correspondence**

- Scottish Community Councils "The Great Set Together Weekend" runs from 22-24 May (same weekend as Loanhead Gala) so no action required.
- Loanhead Tenant's Group complaint about the appearance of the shop on MacNeil Avenue. Pat Kenny agreed to take a look.
- Licensed Premises – we have objected to the variation in Licence for Top Out Brewery on the ground of over proliferation of outlets to sell alcohol.
- There was no objection to the plans to open up bus lanes in Midlothian to Motor Cycles.
- Invitation to attend the Gala Day Parade – Annabel and Charles Hamilton agreed to represent the CC.

- Scottish Water Survey – Pat Kenny encouraged everyone to complete the survey at www.yourwater.scot.
 - Parking Restrictions for Gala Parades were noted, including re-routing of public transport.
 - Everyone was encouraged to complete the Midlothian Council Roads Team Survey on Winter Service. Two main questions 1. In what area(s) of the service did the roads team and its partners perform well? And 2. In what area(s) of the service did they not perform well?
 - The email from Clare Symonds at Planning Democracy was noted.
 - It was noted that Andy Wightman intends to table an amendment to the Planning Bill to allow Local Government to acquire land at its existing use value – ie. not the value of the land after a change of use for housing etc. He is looking for views on whether and in what ways this amendment could/should be tabled.
- 6. Any other Competent Business**
- **Stewarts Bar and Kitchen** – Pat Kenny suggested that due to their decreased opening times they have an unfair advantage on other licenced premises which have to stay open for the prescribed time of their licence. Also they have tables and chairs outside and people have been drinking at these tables, which is not permissible in Midlothian. It was agreed he should contact Brenda Campbell to ascertain the licencing laws for the premises.
 - **Burghlee Park** it was reported that there is a mess behind the Pavilion. It was agreed to talk to Peter in the first instance before approaching the Council to remove this. Also the rubber flooring between the swings is in need of repair, the council need to seal it off and clean the area, possibly install a CCTV camera.
- 7. Date of next meeting** Tuesday 10th July 2018.



Criminal Activity May 2018
Beat Areas MW01 and MW03 – Loanhead & District



Incidents of Note

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

- About 3 pm on Sunday 6th May a 36 year old woman and a 43 year old woman were charged after smashing the window of a premises on the Loan.
- On Sunday 6th May, 2 youths were charged after maliciously starting fires at the wooded area behind Loanhead Primary School known locally as the Bing.
- About 9 pm on Sunday 6th May a youth was charged after causing a disturbance and kicking the front door of a property at Burnbank.
- Between 6th and 11 May a shed at Fountain Place was broken into and a lawnmower stolen from within.
- About 6pm on Monday 7th May a 20 year old man was charged after stealing alcohol causing a disturbance and racially abusing a man at a premise on George Terrace.
- About 11.40 pm on Monday 14th May a 21 year old man was charged with various offences after police found him in possession of substantial quantities of drugs.
- About 1 pm on Friday 18TH May the wing mirror of a car parked behind Sports Direct was damaged by unknown persons.
- On Friday 18th May a 34 year old man was issued a fixed penalty after refusing to leave a licences premise on Clerk Street.
- About 1 am on Saturday 19th May 3 youths were apprehended and charged after being found within a secure area behind Nando's without just cause for being there.
- About 3am on Saturday 19th May a 61 year old woman was found driving a vehicle under the influence of alcohol around the Straiton area and was charged accordingly.
- About 11 am on Sunday 20th May a 31 year old man was found to be driving a vehicle without a valid policy of insurance in force in the Straiton area. During this time a 20 year old man was found driving a vehicle without a driver's licence in the same area. Both men were charged with road traffic offences.