

'LOANHEAD AND DISTRICT COMMUNITY COUNCIL'

MINUTES

MEETING HELD ON 10th APRIL 2012, 7.30pm
IN LOANHEAD EX-SERVICEMEN'S CLUB

1. Present

P. Kenny (Chair), J. Peacock (Secretary), C.Baxter, J.Thomson, A. Hamilton, C .Hamilton, Matt Davies (Asda) ,Cllr. Thompson, J. Bee(press), Mr. Dunlop (co-opted),A.Jones (M.O.P.)

2. Apologies

H.Fisher (Treasurer), E.Veitch, B. Stewart, PC Gill Lumley (Community Officer L&B Police)

3. PREVIOUS MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 13th March 2012 having been distributed, read, and were approved

Proposed by; J.Thomson Seconded by; M.Davies

4. POLICE REPORT; A full detailed statistic report was made available.

Incidents of note

- Between 18 and 31 March numerous business properties in Dryden Glen Ind Est, Straiton Business Park and Straiton Retail Park have been the subject of break-ins or attempt break-ins. Two local males aged 30 and 35 years have been identified as being responsible for the majority of these crimes and have been charged and reported. The remaining crimes are still being investigated and are possibly attributable to these same two males.

- On the evening of 5 March, one youth aged 13 years and two aged 14 years set alight rubbish bins to the rear of Loanhead Leisure Centre. These youths were identified through CCTV and have been charged and reported. One of the youths was local, the other two from Bonnyrigg.

- O/N 17-18 March, a garage in Paradykes Avenue was broken into and two Black and Orange off-road bikes stolen from within. They were both the same make and model - KTM SXF, one was 250cc and the other 65cc.

- Between 20-27 March, the unoccupied premises of Noble Foods in Edgefield Road was broken into and a quantity of copper stolen.

- O/N 21-22 March, a van was broken into in McKinlay Terrace and an orange Husquvanna Circular Saw stolen from within.

- In the early hours of 24 March, a slip-in occurred in Polton Vale via an unlocked front door, keys were stolen for a BMW motor car valued at £49k and this was subsequently stolen then later recovered in Edinburgh. A local 22 year male has been identified and charged with this offence.

- O/N 25-26 March, a garage was broken into in Dalum Grove and a motor cycle stolen which was recovered nearby.

- In the early hours of 26 March, the Pentland Roadhouse was broken into and a quantity of cash taken from the gaming machines.

- On the evening of 29 March, a 22 year old male was stopped driving an unregistered off-road bike in McNeill Terrace. The bike was seized and the male charged and reported for having no licence or insurance.

•O/N 29-30 March, the Doctors Surgery in Mayburn Avenue next to the Key Store was broken into and a briefcase (recovered) stolen from within. Two local males aged 30 and 35 years have been identified for this crime and reported.

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
 E-mail: EDivCBOPKGroup@lbp.pnn.police.uk

Telephone Loanhead Police Station: 01314400506 or Crimestoppers: 0800 555 111

Chair queried the low solvency and nature of sex offences reported. PC.Hutchison would ask Gillian to answer questions.

<u>MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES</u>		
MEMORIAL PARK	<u>No Change</u>	Ongoing- 2007
No update		
PONY STATUE	<u>No Change</u>	June 2010
Rededication to be discussed after elections		
RELIEF ROAD	<u>No Change</u>	
No update		
<u>OVERHANGING TREES OVER ROAD SIGNS;</u>	<u>No Change</u>	<u>Sept 2010</u>
Locations have to be given		
LEAKING SEWER	<u>No Change</u>	
Scottish Water		
No update		
NEW DEVELOPMENT at Straiton Park etc...	<u>Change</u>	Ongoing- 2008
Works are continuing on car park and units		

ROAD GULLEY'S

Gulleys are clear

Asda

Mat updated the C.C that the requested grant from the Asda Foundation had been successful. £3,000 had been granted to the Community Garden. The Chair said a huge thanks to Mat for his contribution in securing this funding.

Garage Clerk St.**Feb 2012**

Concerns were again raised about the state of the building. Cllr. Thompson added that engineers will have checked the safety of the building. Water tap had been turned off.

Fire Hydrants

. **Action**; Chair will ask Group Commander's advice if a hydrant should be fitted in 'Engine Road'

2AGeorge Drive; short cut; planning application

Action; Meeting to be arranged with planning officer Kingsley Drinkwater to discuss concerns of CC.

Street Lights**Feb 2012**

Problem with Street lights in George Drive and Clerk St.; **Action**; Cllr Thompson will pass information on,

19 Clerk St**Change****Sept 2009**

Matter is being dealt with, take time. Slate dangerously hanging in gutter; **Action**; Cllr. Thompson will ask if this can be removed

Railway Walkway**Feb 2012**

Rubbish from Caleco is strewn on walkway. Paint tins, trays, spray cans etc. are abandoned under the by-pass. **Action**; Cllr Thompson will have a walk with officers.

Bayne Memorial Grounds**Change****Dec 2011**

Cllr. Thompson updated the C.C that the council would lend support. The M.Y.F.C. had started clearance.

Ikea Vehicle access**Nov 2011**

CC. may have to involve Cllrs with issues being raised on access.

PLANNING; Applications pertaining to our area were read out there were no contentious issues.

CORRESPONDENCE;

Fauch Hill; Newsletter

Celtic Festival; Newbattle Abbey 19th May 2012

Health Links; Spring 2012

Loanhead Twinning Association; Letter from Mr Strachan was read, no-one had yet contacted Mr Strachan. **Action;** Details will be forwarded to Ass.

A.O.C.B

First Bus ; Discussion took place about the withdrawal of First Buses 141/142 service and the closing of Dalkeith and Musselburgh bus station. The 141 is crucial to Loanhead and surrounding towns. First buses are to withdraw this service on 10th June. It is hoped another bus company will show interest but at present no one had come forward with any proposals.

Parking at The Kabin; Residents near to the Kabin are having problems with the amount of parked cars by users of the Kabin. Cllr Thompson said the problem is recognized but is unclear of a solution.

Loanhead Twinning Association;

- New members Welcome

Loanhead Gala Day

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Next meeting; 8th May 2012 at 7.30pm Loanhead Ex-Serviceman's Club