

'LOANHEAD AND DISTRICT COMMUNITY COUNCIL'

MINUTES

**MEETING HELD ON 14th AUGUST 2012, 7.30pm
IN LOANHEAD EX-SERVICEMEN'S CLUB**

1. Present P.Kenny (Chairman), B.Hogg (Vice Chair), H.Fisher (Treasurer), C.Baxter, E.Veitch, A. Hamilton, C .Hamilton, J.Thomson, Cllr. Russell Imrie (M/C), PC Helen Mason (Community Officer L&B Police), Sandra Castle (Asda), Mr. Dunlop (co-opted), Peter Collins (M.O.P.)

2. Apologies J. Peacock (Secretary), PC Lumley (Community Officer L&B Police)

3. PREVIOUS MINUTE

The minutes of the meeting held on 10th July 2012 having been distributed and read, were approved;

Proposed by; C.Hamilton **Seconded by;** E.Veitch

4. POLICE REPORT; The Police report was given by PC Helen Mason, PC Lumley being on holiday. A full detailed statistic report was made available.

Incidents of note

On 24th July a laptop was taken from a house in the Loan. There was a house-breaking in Fountain Place. Items were taken, most being recovered nearby. There was a house-breaking in Dalum Court. Various items were taken.

Complaints about motorcycles at Burghlee have been followed up. The public are asked to report any occurrences to the Police, at the time if possible to allow action to be taken.

MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

MEMORIAL PARK	<u>No Change</u>	Ongoing- 2007
PONY STATUE	<u>No Change</u>	June 2010
RELIEF ROAD	<u>Change</u>	
There is no impediment to work being started. The Community Council will write to the developer if no progress in the next fortnight.		
<u>OVERHANGING TREES OVER ROAD SIGNS;</u>	<u>No Change</u>	<u>Sept 2010</u>
Cllr Imrie stated that the work was "in the system, and will happen in due course".		
NEW DEVELOPMENT at Straiton Park etc...	<u>Change</u>	Ongoing- 2008
a meeting with Peel to be invited to attend next meeting is still to be arranged.		

First Buses

There was discussion on route changes (Straiton, 47 etc). Community Council to request a visit from LRT

Dryden Terrace/Pentland Road

to review and discuss various issues with the services.

The survey in the Advertiser (based on 90 plus responses) showed 60/40 in favour of reopening the route to all traffic.

It is noted that the Pentland Road/Dryden Road route is being used by the LRT 40 service, the road being open to buses. However other vehicles have been seen using the road.

Garage Clerk St.

Feb 2012

Various investigations are being undertaken by various agencies.

Nivensknowe Caravan Park;12/00311/PAC;

Letter received from Midlothian Council

2AGeorge Drive; short cut; planning application 12/00059/DPP

Letter sent to Midlothian Council asking for clarification and updates.

19 Clerk St

Change

Sept 2009

Midlothian Council do not intend to take any action, as costs would not be justified. The Council's view is that any potential sale of the property would falter when a search revealed the outstanding repair notice, which might then persuade the owner to remedy the stonework.

Railway Walkway

Feb 2012

There was discussion. Ad hoc access routes are appearing. Chair remarked on the poor state of the walkway after only one year.

Bayne Memorial Grounds

Change

Dec 2011

After 2 years, and numerous meetings and discussions with MYFC, no work has been carried out, and the site has deteriorated further. It was queried why the Buys' Club seems to be ignoring invitations to meet with the Community Council and provide updates on progress. Action: a meeting to be arranged between the club, the CC, elected members and the various people affected by the site.

Advertisements/Billboards

Change

May 2012

Developer maintains permission was granted for advertisements; Midlothian Council disagrees, but in any event, road safety considerations override planning issues. Council's Enforcement Officer is dealing with this.

List of the conditions being asked to be deleted were given

Ikea Vehicle access

Nov 2011

Signage is very misleading, it was suggested the area be looked at. **Action**; Site visit to be arranged Ongoing

Loanhead Miners "Beer Garden" It was reported_A licence application is apparently in place, and will come before the Board on 23rd August, but that the Club President denies there is an application. He had further stated that the area was for disabled children. A local residents' petition has been raised. The Chairman believes the CC has not been notified of the application, but will check correspondence to verify. Cllr Imrie will report to the Chair prior to 23rd August

meeting. Noted that Licencing Board meetings are open to public.

Doctor Surgery; The Podiatry Service is still available, but an update will be given at the next meeting. Progress is being made, and a stall at the forthcoming street fair will allow members of the public to indicate what they want from the service.

Housing Applications; Cllr. Thompson will make enquiries regarding how long it takes to process applications. Ongoing

Dual Carriageway; Bushes and hedges badly needing cut as view is obstructed. **Action;** Cllr.Thompson will pass this on. Ongoing

Asbestos; Asbestos has been removed.

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

CORRESPONDENCE;

Lang Loan: A Local Public Inquiry will be held in October to decide on residency issue in the property.

A.O.C.B

Parking numbers provided by the Kabin representative were challenged. Effective numbers are significantly lower than stated, plus there are issues of ownership of some spaces. The upper space shown on residents' title deeds is referred to as "residents' parking".

Bus stops at Hawthorn Gardens and The Loan are obscured by tree growth.

Loanhead Twinning Association;

- New members Welcome

Loanhead Childrens Gala Day

- New members Welcome

Next meeting; 11th September 2012 at 7.30pm Loanhead Ex-Serviceman's Club