

‘LOANHEAD AND DISTRICT COMMUNITY COUNCIL’
MINUTES
MEETING HELD ON 11th December 2012, 7.30pm
IN LOANHEAD EX-SERVICEMEN’S CLUB

1. Present P.Kenny (Chairman), B.Hogg (Vice. Chairman), J. Peacock (Secretary), A. Hamilton, C .Hamilton, J.Thomson, E.Veitch, Bob Stewart, Mr. Dunlop (co-opted), Peter Collins (M.O.P.), Campbell Hutcheson (Press), Peter Frame, Allan Johnston (MYFC)

2. Apologies H.Fisher (Treasurer), Mat Danes, P C Lumley (Community Officer L&B Police),

3. PREVIOUS MINUTE

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

Proposed by; P.Collins **Seconded by;** E.Veitch

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

Incidents of note

- On 3 November, a window at the Card Warehouse, Clerk Street was smashed.
- Sometime between 27 October and 14 November, a petrol strimmer was stolen from a shed at a property in Mavisbank.
- Sometime between 9 November and 14 November, a disused garage premises on Clerk Street was broken into and a quantity of electric cable was stolen. A number of car tyres were also dumped at the premises.
- On 14 November, six males caused a disturbance and assaulted a member of staff at Sainsburys. The culprits are described as 18-20 years of age, English accents, wearing dark clothing.
- On 22 November, a person has attempted to gain entry to a dwelling house in Mayburn Vale by sliding open an internal glass door after opening a rear insecure door. The occupant of the house heard a noise and when investigating the matter, saw that both doors were lying open. No person seen at the property by complainer. It was established that no property stolen.
- On 23 November, a panel of the rear patio door of a dwelling house in The Loan was smashed by unknown means. The occupant of the property was within at the time of the incident but did not see any person committing crime.
- Overnight 26 - 27 November, an attempt was made to force entry to the shop premises of Day to Day Express, Mayburn Avenue. Persons attempted to force open the metal shutter of the rear door of the premises but no access was gained.
- Overnight 26 - 27 November, an attempt was made to force entry into a garden shed in Wheatfield Walk. Persons had forced padlock and hasp using bodily pressure but no entry was gained.
- Overnight 28 - 29 November, a Vauxhall Corsa parked in Burnbank Crescent, was maliciously damaged by a person who poured paint stripper over the bodywork of the vehicle causing £500 worth of damage.

Other matters

Due to the number of break-ins to sheds and other similar incidents, officers have been carrying out both hi-visibility and plain clothes patrols during the hours of darkness.

The Christmas initiative is again running at Straiton Retail Park this year during the month of December. This is to provide a hi-visibility presence in order to deter shoplifters as this increases dramatically at this time of year. This initiative is resourced using Community Officers from Penicuik, Loanhead and Bonnyrigg and has proven successful in previous years. Policing resources in Loanhead and the surrounding areas will not be affected by this initiative.

MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

MEMORIAL PARK	<u>No Change</u>	Ongoing- 2007
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No further update on the funding application

PONY STATUE	<u>No Change</u>	June 2010
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RELIEF ROAD	<u>Change</u>	
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Chair read a letter from GJ Architects dated 14th Nov 2012; which notified the community council that the existing footpath from Edgefield Ind. Est. to Straiton pond would not be able to be used as and when works commence on the relief road. At the end of construction, 26weeks, the route will be opened up again. Signs will posted notifying the public of an alternative route.

<u>OVERHANGING TREES OVER ROAD SIGNS;</u>	<u>Change</u>	<u>Sept 2010</u>
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Areas of concern will be dealt with

NEW DEVELOPMENT at Straiton Park etc...	<u>No Change</u>	Ongoing- 2008
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'Kevin Keigher' will be contacted and invited to a meeting- e-mail will be sent in the New Year

Loanhead Miners;

Alan Turpie (License Board) was contacted and asked what has happened with the open space outside the front of Loanhead Miners; & Asked what the initial application was; No response has yet been recieved

<u>Dryden Terrace/Pentland Road</u>	<u>Change</u>	Sept.2012
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Chair and Jill had a walk-through with Cllr. Thompson. Chair made proposals of a one-way system, repainting of yellow lines, safety rail etc. No outcome or response has been recieved

Garage Clerk St.

No Change

Feb 2012

Garage has been demolished. Still trading on land; car-wash. **Action**; Ask the council what will happen with land

Nivensknowe Caravan Park;

12/00517/DPP

Removal of conditions 1, 2 and 3 of planning permission 11/00816/DPP to allow siting of 137 mobile homes at Nivensknowe Park, Loanhead, EH20 9PF; Application has been refused;

2A George Drive; planning application 12/00059/DPP

No update.

19 Clerk St

Change

Sept 2009

The enforcement notice remains on the property such that at the time of sale it would be a constraint on any sale with likely cost implications for the seller.

Railway Walkway

Change

Feb 2012

Dog Bins are over-flowing along walkway; not being emptied often enough

Bayne Memorial Grounds

Change

Dec 2011

Peter & Allan updated the community council; they had managed to tidy some of the mess and were still waiting on the council disposing of it. There seemed to be a lack of communication. Chair will speak with Cllrs. And write to John Blair asking for help with this problem

Advertisements/Billboards

Change

May 2012

Some of the billboards have been removed; Chair will check this

Ikea Vehicle access

Nov 2011

Meeting with manager at Ikea to be arranged

Doctor Surgery;

Peter updated the C.C that the meeting due to take place on 13th Dec had been cancelled;

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

Road Sign; on the corner of 'Muirfield Gardens/Church Street/Burghlee Terrace; Has been written on; 'Sesame Street'

Ref. No: 12/00661/DPP [Erection of dwellinghouse; formation of vehicular access and driveway](#) Land Adjacent to 1 Hawthorn Gardens; Comment made

Ref. No: 12/00640/DPP [Sub-division of dwellinghouse to form 3 flatted dwellings; erection of extension and external staircase; formation of dormer; alterations to window opening to form door opening; and alterations to garden levels](#) 33 Mayburn Terrace Loanhead Midlothian EH20 9EH ; Parking and access enquiries; comment made; **Application has been refused** .

PLANNING; Applications pertaining to our area were read out. There was one contentious issues.

[Removal of planning conditions 4 and 5 of planning permission 08/00680/ful \(permanent use of land for waste transfer station, change of use of agricultural land to industrial use and erection of ancillary buildings\)\(part retrospective\) to allow operations to continue without the erection of the angled profiled metal canopy referred to in said conditions.](#) Eldin Industrial Estate Edgefield Road Loanhead **Action;** Ask why conditions have not already been carried out?

CORRESPONDENCE;

Lothian & Borders Fire & Rescue Service; Stay Safe this christmas leaflet

GJ Architects; Notification; proposed new edgefield relief road, existing footpath from Edgefield ind.est. to Straiton Pond

Midlothian Council; Application for variation of Premises Licence; Keystore Mayburn Avenue; Change of Manager

Bright Sparks; Donation requested; Chair suggested a donation of £100

S.H.C.N. ; Asking for Community Councils to show an interest and get involved with them; www.shcnlive.co.uk

A.O.C.B

Social Night; Fundraising and social evenings to be discussed in the New Year

L.D.C.C. Venue (disabled access) ; Bruce asked what progress had L.D.C.C. made to get a venue with disabled access? Suggestion was made to write to L.E.X. Committee asking for an area downstairs to be made available.

M.Y.F.C. Peter informed L.D.C.C. of the state of the football pitches in Loanhead. Most home games have to be played away. L.D.C.C. will help any way they can to get playable pitches for the club. **Action;** Cllr. To be contacted

Loanhead Twinning Association;

- New members Welcome

Loanhead Childrens Gala Day

- New members Welcome

Next meeting; 8th January 2013 7.30pm Loanhead Ex-Serviceman's Club
New members welcome.