

‘LOANHEAD AND DISTRICT COMMUNITY COUNCIL’
MINUTES
MEETING HELD ON 14th February 2012, 7.30pm
IN LOANHEAD EX-SERVICEMEN’S CLUB

1. Present

P. Kenny (Chair), J. Peacock (Secretary), E.Veitch, C.Baxter A. Hamilton, C .Hamilton, Matt Davies (Asda) , PC Gillian Lumley (Community Officer L&B Police)

Peter Frame, Allan Johnson, Sandy McLennan (M.Y.F.C.)

M.O.P.; Mr. Dunlop, A. Perfect, E.Alexander

2. Apologies

Cllr. Thacker (M/C),

3. PREVIOUS MINUTES

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

Proposed by; C.Baxter **Seconded by;** C.Hamilton

Matters Arising; Amendment to previous minutes was made; ‘3million savings to be found in Midlothian’ was changed to ‘£3M savings to be saved across Lothian & Borders Police’

Fuel Tank; Has been removed

Garage; David Ralston Senior Building Standards Surveyor replied to our e-mail and listed steps which the owner had been requested to make. Confirmation that building standards were monitoring the situation was given.

The Chair opened the meeting by thanking everyone for attending

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

- Overnight 25-26 January, an attempt was made to steal a motor car at McKinley Terrace.
- Overnight 25-26 January, a motor cycle was stolen from Academy Court which was later recovered.
- Overnight 29-30 January, an attempt was made to steal a motor cycle from Polton Road.
- Overnight 29-30 January, a motor car was stolen from Gaynor Avenue which was later recovered.
- Overnight 30-31 January, an attempt was made to steal a motor car from Burghlee Crescent.
- In the early hours of 31 January, a motor car was stolen from Dryden Avenue which was later recovered. Also stolen from the same locus were the following items which have not been recovered:Fender Stratocaster guitar,Stynberger guitar,Yamaha keyboard,Laney amplifier,Compaq laptop
- Overnight 31 January - 1 February, the Sun Dial was again stolen from the Memorial Park.
- Overnight 31 January - 1 February, metal was stolen from a premises in Engine Road including a number of batteries and catalytic converters. These items were stored in a secure metal container and are valued at approximately £2,000.

- Overnight 31 January - 1 February, copper was removed from the roof of Loanhead SW building, males were seen during the day of 1 February with copper and reported by staff at the School Campus. The males made off, however the copper was recovered.

New Officer for Straiton

A new Community Officer has been allocated to cover Straiton, PC Helen Mason. PC Kenneth Eccles covered the post for 2 years and has now moved on to another Community role in Penicuik.

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

<u>MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES</u>		
MEMORIAL PARK	<u>No Change</u>	Ongoing- 2007
No Change		
PONY STATUE	<u>No Change</u>	June 2010
No response from Cllr Thompson on the re-dedication		
RELIEF ROAD	<u>Change</u>	
Letter from 'Transport Scotland' in reply to our questions was read. Mr Swanson suggested 'it may be most beneficial to raise any issues with MLC Planning in the first instance. ACTION; A meeting with Head of planning, and 'Transport Scotland' is to be arranged		
<u>OVERHANGING TREES OVER ROAD SIGNS;</u>	<u>No Change</u>	<u>Sept 2010</u>
Locations have to be given		
LEAKING SEWER	<u>Change</u>	
Scottish Water Bill Elliot was contacted and had since visited 'The Chair' and the site. There had been very few overflows and hoped to repair or replace the telemetry asap and L.D.C.C. would receive regular reports.		
NEW DEVELOPMENT at Straiton Park etc...	<u>Change</u>	Ongoing- 2008
Matt updated the CC on Asda's new 'Community Life' He also hoped that funding for LCLC garden would be approved next month.		

ROAD GULLEY'S

Gulleys along fountain Place, Hawthorn Gdns have been cleaned. Neil Dougall, replied to our e-mail saying ' however there appears to be a further blockage which will require the pipe work to be dug up and cleared. This works order is currently with my Operations section and will be carried out as soon as resources permit.'

Mayburn House

The promised improvements to Mayburn House have been carried out

Memorial ' Sundial Sculpture'

Sadly the Sundial has been stolen again.

Fire Hydrants

Letter from Cameron Mckenzie (Group Commander) lbfire was read, attached maps showing where hydrants are located were also shown. **ACTION**; Closer snapshot of Engine Road is to be asked for.

2A George Drive; Short Cut; George V Park

No further update

Double Yellow Lines; Church St;

Lines have been painted

19 Clerk St

No Change

Sept 2009

Matter is being dealt with, take time.

John Chant Centre

Aug 2010

Back seat until we see how things pan out

Bayne Memorial Grounds

Dec 2011

Peter Frame, Allan Johnson and Sandy Mclennan attended tonight's CC meeting to hear the concerns of residents living near the Bayne Memorial. Peter updated the CC on the on what MYFC were trying to do to improve the site. Applying for grants to help fund a car park had so far been unsuccessful. Residents in the area are upset at the extra vehicles parked when a game is being played. A car park would solve both the state of the ground and the parking problem. MYFC understand they are responsible for the ground but with no money and already volunteering their time to the football club it is impossible to manage. The Chair said the MYFC do a fantastic job and hoped that the CC could help resolve the issues of residents and MYFC. **ACTION**; The Chair will contact Cllrs. to arrange a site meeting with himself, residents and MYFC.

Ikea Vehicle access**Nov 2011**

The Secretary met with Dave Kenny(M/C) and discussed the concerns of the CC on the vehicle entrance at Ikea. Vehicles entering from Costco direction have a tight turn and this causes problems with traffic at the weekend. Dave said that it was up to Ikea as it was their land and if the CC has any concerns we should speak with Ikea. **ACTION**; Ikea to be invited to CC Meeting.

PLANNING; Applications pertaining to our area were read out there was 1 contentious issues.

Ref; 12/00059/DPP- 2a George Drive Loanhead; Amendment of planning condition 3 of planning permission 08/00252/FUL; comment to be made.

CORRESPONDENCE;

Midlothian Council; Proposed Traffic Regulation Order; Disabled Parking Bays; Loanhead; Kennington Ave;

Midlothian Council; Letter notifying CC that planning application 11/00645/DPP (2A George Drive) has been withdrawn

Midlothian Council; Volunteer for emergency contact in the community; Pat Kenny will give his details

The Nature of Scotland; Winter 2011

FOSS; Thankyou letter for donation of £50

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A.O.C.B

Parking at Polton Road/Traprain; is becoming very dangerous. Vehicles/vans are parking on pavements and at corners making it very difficult for motorists. PC Lumley was made aware and the Chair added that if anyone had concerns then they should report it to the police and the council.

Loanhead Twinning Association;

- New members Welcome

Loanhead Gala Day

- New members Welcome

Next meeting; 13th March 2012 at 7.30pm Loanhead Ex-Serviceman's Club