

‘LOANHEAD AND DISTRICT COMMUNITY COUNCIL’
MINUTES
MEETING HELD ON 10th January 2012, 7.30pm
IN LOANHEAD EX-SERVICEMEN’S CLUB

1. Present

P. Kenny (Chair), B.Hogg (Vice Chair), H. Fisher (Treasurer), J. Peacock (Secretary), J. Thomson, E.Veitch, C.Baxter A. Hamilton, C .Hamilton, Matt Davies (Asda) , J.Bee (Press)

David Reid Head of Estates and Health & Safety CrossReach, Church of Scotland Social Care Council

Ian Fleming; Community Firefighter L & B, Fire & Rescue Service

M.O.P.; Mr Dunlop

2. Apologies

Cllr. Thacker (M/C), PC Gillian Lumley (Community Officer L&B Police)

3. PREVIOUS MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 13th December 2011 having been distributed, read, and were approved

Proposed by; J.Thomson **Seconded by;** C.Baxter

The Chair opened the meeting by wishing everyone a Happy New Year and thanking everyone for attending

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

- Overnight 25-26 December, extensive damage was caused to several coaches in Hunter Coach Hire. No items were stolen. A positive line of enquiry is being followed.

Initiative; As a result of all the goodies delivered by Santa, making opportunities a plenty for the proactive criminal, E Division are looking to launch a Property Marking Crime Prevention Campaign in the next two weeks. There will be information going out to Schools, the local media and tying in with our council and voluntary partners. We have forensic DNA property marking kits available for sale to the general Public at the greatly reduced price of £5. There are limited stocks of personal attack key rings at £2.50 apiece and £5 buys a subsidised shed alarm.

Public Surgeries; As mentioned at last month’s meeting, I have been carrying out joint Public Surgeries with some of the Councillors. The next one is on 23 January, 6-7pm in Loanhead Library along with Cllr Thacker. A full list of dates/locations is available on the Lothian & Borders Police website.

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

MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

MEMORIAL PARK No Change Ongoing- 2007

No Change

PONY STATUE No Change June 2010

Cllr Thompson has been asked if he could help organise the re-dedication of the statue

RELIEF ROAD Change

Letter to be written to 'Transport Scotland' find out what the reasons are.

OVERHANGING TREES OVER ROAD SIGNS; No Change Sept 2010

Locations have to be given

LEAKING SEWER No Change

Scottish Water

Ask for update

NEW DEVELOPMENT at Straiton Park etc... Change Ongoing- 2008

Matt updated the community Council that he had been in touch with Asda House and the funding is under review.

ROAD GULLEY'S

List locations of blocked road gulleys Map of Gulley's to be asked for.

Mayburn House

Mr David Reid attended tonight's meeting and heard the concerns of the community. Mr Reid gave us a little of the history and explained they had wanted to keep the building looking cared for but had been plagued by vandals. This had led to the building being boarded up. Consent was needed to sell the building and this has now been given, this now allows us to start the process of putting the building on the market. In the meantime Mr Reid agreed to 'mothball' the building as best they could, painting the boards black and tidying the garden. The Chair appreciated the problems C.O.S. were having and was happy with the improvements that would be made. The Chair thanked Mr Reid.

Fire Hydrants

Ian Fleming; Community Firefighter L & B, Fire & Rescue Service ; was invited by the Chair to attend tonight's meeting. Ian explained that as of yesterday Dalkeith was now covering the whole of Midlothian- Ian wants to find out how people feel about the fire service and speak to people on how to prevent fires. Any groups interested in advice should contact Ian.

The question of where fire hydrants are located in Loanhead had been raised with Ian and information would be e-mailed.

Memorial ' Sundial Sculpture'

Sundial is back in place...Write thanking McTaggart & Scott, and Midlothian Council for all works.

2A George Drive;Short Cut; GeorgeV Park

No further update

Double Yellow Lines;Church St;

Letter to be written to Ricky Moffat

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

Letter to be written inviting MYFC to attend our next community council meeting

Ikea Vehicle access

Nov 2011

Reminder to be sent to Dave Kenny about a site meeting

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

CORRESPONDENCE;

Midlothian Council; Minutes

NHS; Health Link Newsletter Winter 2011

Richard R Prenter.; Letter asking for community support for the Queens 'Diamond Jubilee' 2nd-5th June 2012 celebrations to take place

A.O.C.B

Railway Walkway; Comment was made about the extension to the railway walkway to Straiton Pond, this is fenced of, it was suggested it would be useful if there was access to walk to other areas.

Fuel Tank; A fuel tank abandoned at Edgefield Industrial Estate was reported. A letter will be written asking for this to be removed.

Garage; Enquiries to be made about the safety of the building

Loanhead Twinning Association;

- New members Welcome

The Chair wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

Next meeting; 14th February 2012 at 7.30pm Loanhead Ex-Serviceman's Club