

'LOANHEAD AND DISTRICT COMMUNITY COUNCIL'

MINUTES

MEETING HELD ON 8th MAY 2012, 7.30pm IN LOANHEAD EX-SERVICEMEN'S CLUB

1. Present P. Kenny (Chair), B. Hogg (Vice Chair), H. Fisher (Treasurer), J. Peacock (Secretary), C. Baxter, E. Veitch, J. Thomson, A. Hamilton, C. Hamilton, Matt Davies, Mr. Dunlop (co-opted), PC K. Eccles (Community Officer L&B Police) B. Stewart, J. Strachan, Stuart Macdonald (M.O.P.)

2. Apologies PC Gill Lumley (Community Officer L&B Police), J. Bee (press), Andrew Midgley (Asda)

3. Welcome Chair welcomed new Cllrs. Welcomed Russell Imrie and congratulated him on being re-elected. Owen Thompson and Andrew Coventry were also elected to represent us for the next 5 years

4. PREVIOUS MINUTES

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

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

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

Incidents of note

- In the early hours of 2 April, Loanhead Mini-Market in George Terrace was broken into and nearly 9k worth of stock stolen, predominantly cigarettes.
- Overnight 3-4 April, the burger van in Edgefield Road Ind Est was broken into and a quantity of juice stolen from within.
- In the early hours of 8 April, an unlocked property was entered in Hoggan Way and keys taken for an Audi TT motor vehicle which was then stolen. Also stolen from within were a wallet, mobile phone and camera. The car was recovered in Penicuik having run out of fuel.
- In the early hours of 13 April, 2 garages in the Burghlee area were broken into, nothing stolen. However these garages previously housed motor cycles.
- Overnight 17-18 April an attempt break in to the burger van in Dryden Glen Ind Est was made, no entry was gained.

PC 4574E Gillian Lumley

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PC. Eccles was informed about youths frequenting Ashgrove House; This info will be passed onto Gill.

MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

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>Change</u>	
E-mail was sent to Head of Planning asking for an update; response from Ian Johnston was read. Chair said it would be good to get an update from developers. Action ; Cllr. Imrie will e-mail secretary with their response.		
<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 leaks at walkway. No telemetry reports from Scottish Water		
NEW DEVELOPMENT at Straiton Park etc...	<u>Change</u>	Ongoing- 2008
Wait until Cllr's are back to their offices.		

First Buses

Chair congratulated M/C for getting a service re-instated in such a short time. Cllr Imrie updated the CC. that Lothian Buses will add No.40 bus to cover the 141 service. This will be run ½ hourly. There will be some changes made to the route but mostly at the east Lothian end.

Asda

The Chair thanked Mat and Asda Straiton for the funding for the community garden

Garage Clerk St.

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Site has been made more secure, better fencing has been erected. **Action**; Make enquiries to new Cllrs and ask if there is any news.

Fire Hydrants

Reply to our e-mail from Cameron McKenzie was read. **Action**; Thank you to be written

2AGeorge Drive; short cut; planning application

Chair met with planning officer Kingsley Drinkwater to discuss concerns of CC. Mr Drinkwater does not deal with land legalities but advised to get legal documents stating who owns what and could maybe help

Street Lights*Feb 2012*

Scottish Power have been working on the problem in the last week, hopefully it will be fixed, lights in George Drive and Clerk St.; have an intermittent fault

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

Matter is being dealt with, take time. Dangerous overhanging slate has been removed.

Railway Walkway*Feb 2012*

No update; 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*

Give Cllrs time to settle; ask for report for next month

Ikea Vehicle access*Nov 2011*

The Chair had spoken with Dave Kenny but his answer that it was private land and the council could not put signs up remained his answer on the problem with access at Ikea. **Action**; Cllr Imrie will contact Ikea & Roads to try to get improvement made.

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

CORRESPONDENCE;

Loanhead Music Festival ; 8th-10th June 2012 further information; www.loanheadfest.co.uk

Midlothian Skips; Change of use of industrial yard to waste transfer station (retrospective); Consent with conditions; Chair read out conditions

A.O.C.B

Dryden Terrace/Pentland Road; Discussion took place again on opening this road. This issue and road safety is to be added to the agenda and discussed at another meeting. Involving the advertiser to gain local opinion was suggested.

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.

Billboard; Large billboard has been erected near Costa coffee; the question was asked if permission was needed for this kind of sign. Cllr. Imrie was not aware of this sign but would check.

Scaffold; Discussion took place about the erected scaffolding on a property in Clerk St. C.C. were informed that the scaffolding had been erected due to the chimney /roof being in a dangerous state. Member wondered how long this would be in place as the Gala Day is only weeks away and the procession starts across the road from this property. Resident in the building had been notified of works to be done but as yet had not responded, this was what was holding up the work being done.

Park View/Burghlee Terrace/Dryden Terrace/ Mckinlay Avenue; the roads are in a horrendous state, large pot holes and uneven surface. Cllr. Imrie took note

Fire; Question was raised about businesses burning rubbish and although assurance was given to the member that it wasn't rubber being burnt, there was still the question as to what the regulations are. Member was told the Fire Brigade should be called and Sepa, who would both investigate. It is illegal to burn rubbish.

Loanhead Twinning Association;

- New members Welcome; Bruce will contact Mr Strachan.

Loanhead Childrens Gala Day

- New members Welcome

Next meeting; 12th June 2012 at 7.30pm Loanhead Ex-Serviceman's Club