

‘LOANHEAD AND DISTRICT COMMUNITY COUNCIL’
MINUTES
MEETING HELD ON 13th November 2012, 7.30pm
IN LOANHEAD EX-SERVICEMEN’S CLUB

1. Present P.Kenny (Chairman), H.Fisher (Treasurer), J. Peacock (Secretary), Cllr. Andrew Coventry (M/C), A. Hamilton, C .Hamilton, J.Thomson, Mat Danes, Sandra Castle, (Asda), BoB Stewart Mr. Dunlop (co-opted), Peter Collins (M.O.P.), Campbell Hutcheson (Press), PC Ian Hutchison (Community Officer L&B Police), 2 M.O.P.

2. Apologies PC Lumley (Community Officer L&B Police), Cllr. Owen Thomson (M/C), J. Thomson

3. PREVIOUS MINUTE

The minutes of the meeting held on 9th October 2012 having been distributed and read, were approved;

Proposed by; C.Hamilton **Seconded by;** M. Danes

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

Incidents of note

- Between 1 and 2 October, 300 litres of diesel was stolen from 2 buses within a unit in Eldin Ind Est.
- Between 1 and 8 October, 500 litres of red diesel was stolen from agricultural vehicles within a unit at Eldin Ind Est.
- On 3 October, 2 youths aged 8 and 11 years set fire to waste cardboard which they had placed against the wall of Loanhead Leisure Centre. Fortunately no damage was caused. Both youths have been charged with this offence.
- Overnight 18-19 October, a shed in Paradykes Avenue was broken into and an orange flymo lawnmower stolen. Also at this time a shed was broken into in Kennington Avenue and a gold trials motor cycle stolen (recovered) and there was a slip-in to an insecure dwelling house also in Kennington Avenue (only keys stolen).
- Overnight 27-28 October, an insecure car was entered in The Loan and the following items stolen:
Black IMAC Ipad Green Apple Ipod

MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

MEMORIAL PARK

Change

Ongoing- 2007

M/C has made a bid to WREN; A letter of support has been sent from C.C and other organisations.

PONY STATUE

No Change

June 2010

RELIEF ROAD

Change

Application to extend planning permission was read. [Update from Cllrs](#); The road itself already has planning permission, although understandably the developers of the adjacent housing allocations are awaiting formal planning permission for the three applications which comprise in total the 270 houses and industrial units. Those planning consents are ready to be issued once the legal planning agreement between the Council and the applicants has been concluded. As the heads of terms of this agreement were agreed between the parties some time ago the conclusion and issue of the planning consents is imminent. A clause in the agreement will specify that the road will need to be fully open prior to the occupation of any new dwelling or industrial unit. It is, of course, a matter for the developers as to when they choose to implement these planning consents.

OVERHANGING TREES OVER ROAD SIGNS:

Change

Sept 2010

Areas of concern will be dealt with

NEW DEVELOPMENT at Straiton Park etc...

No Change

Ongoing- 2008

'Kevin Keigher' will be contacted and invited to a meeting.

Straiton Park; Refuge Vehicles

M/C are utilising smaller vehicles to reduce risk, following concerns about ground stability

Loanhead Miners;

Alan Turpie (License Board) To be contacted and asked what has happened with the open space outside the front of Loanhead Miners; Ask what the initial application was

First Buses

Any concerns regarding the new 47 bus route should be high-lighted to Lothian Buses

Dryden Terrace/Pentland Road Change

Sept. 2012

Chair and Jill had a walk-through with Cllr. Thompson. Chair mad 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

A demolition warrant was approved on 25th Sept. Hopefully demolition of the building will happen soon.

**Nivensknowe Caravan
Park;12/00311/PAC;**

Contact to be made to Kingsley Drinkwater concerning this application

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

Update from Cllrs; The most recent planning application for the site was approved subject to conditions at the Planning Committee on 9th October 2012. Chair added that he was unsure how elected members had voted but intended finding out.

19 Clerk St

Change

Sept 2009

Update from Cllrs; I appreciate the frustrations of local communities when some individuals seek to challenge the planning regulations to which everyone else adheres. There are cases, such as this, where the time consuming process of reporting to the Procurator Fiscal is unlikely to result in the PF taking up and prosecuting the case. The other option, of the Council taking direct action to remedy the breach and recharge the owners would be impractical. 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. That is often sufficient incentive for owners to regularise the matter, and I understand that the owners of No.19 are still intending to undertake the relevant remedial works.

Railway Walkway

Change

Feb 2012

Update from Cllrs; The railway walk has been inspected and appeared to be litter free with verges cut and bins emptied. If there are concerns about the walkway we require more specific information. There is muck under the railway bridge after flooding which the Roads service will address.

Bayne Memorial Grounds

Change

Dec 2011

Update from Cllrs; Our Estates section has served a notice on the football club concerning their failures over maintenance as per the lease at the Bayne Memorial hall. Local councillor's were as you are aware copied into an email raising concerns sent at the time. Many local residents have complained this year as no maintenance has been undertaken. The site is in poor condition. We have undertaken one off tidies in the past on the basis that the Club will then maintain the site. They are not maintaining the site! The football club as I understand suggests they cannot afford to fulfill the requirements of the lease they agreed to. Might be worth a round table discussion on this? None the less we will write again seeking the football club to carry out their duties under the lease agreement.

C.C want to be involved in resolving the issues and have sadly had a member resign due to the above issues

Advertisements/Billboards**Change****May 2012**

No further update from enforcement officer. Chair thanked the Press for coverage in Midlothian Advertiser

Ikea Vehicle access**Nov 2011**

Meeting with manager at Ikea to be arranged

Sean Fraser;

Paralympian from Loanhead; A card was sent congratulating Sean on his achievements

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

Doctor Surgery;

Peter updated the C.C that a meeting was due to take place on 13th Dec; Chair added Loanhead deserves a new surgery and thanked the Press for the cover in the advertiser

Ref. No: 12/00661/DPP [Erection of dwellinghouse; formation of vehicular access and driveway](#) Land Adjacent To 1 Hawthorn Gardens ; Enquiries to design and elevation.; **Comment to be made** about size of development and style not in keeping with adjacent buildings

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 to be made**

Ref. No: 12/00636/DPP [Formation of skatepark](#) King George's Field Mayburn Avenue Loanhead ; copy of consultation document to be obtained; Plans have been withdrawn. Concern was raised about the skatepark. Jill added that there were new plans were being drawn up and eased some of the concerns.

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

CORRESPONDENCE;

Spokes; winter newsletter

M/C; Changes for Care & Support

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

Nature of Scotland; Winter

M/C; Disabled Parking Bay; 39 Dryden Ave;

Highland Council; Dealing with C.C insurance; Chair will pass letter to Jill

A.O.C.B

Donation; Chair updated C.C about an amount of money which had been bequeathed to the C.C some time ago; this has now matured and will be dispensed between the three schools in Loanhead; C.A.B. and Loanhead Childrens Gala Day

L.C.D.A. £100 was donated from C.C towards L.C.D.A. Firework Display

Grit Bins; If any problems contact M/C or the Chair.

Road Sign; Has been written on; 'Sesame Street'

Church Street; Dog Bins are over flowing at walkway

M/C ; way forward in terms of a new model scheme for community councils meeting; Chair attended meeting on 31st Oct 2012 ; Round table discussions, not much progress; ongoing meetings

Loanhead Twinning Association;

- New members Welcome

Loanhead Childrens Gala Day

- New members Welcome

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

New members welcome.

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The meeting will take place on Wednesday 31st October 2012 at 7pm in Midlothian Council Chambers, Midlothian House, Buccleuch Street , Dalkeith , EH22 1DN .