

LOANHEAD & DISTRICT COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Draft Minutes of meeting held on Tuesday 8th May 2018 in Loanhead Library.

Jackie Aitchison welcomed everyone to the meeting.

In attendance: – J. Aitchison, Cllr P Winchester, C Hamilton, D Temple, G Stanley, P Frame, PC Graham Black Catherine Duns, Pat Kenny, Gina Temple, Margaret Munn and Andrea Fortune.

Police Report: PC Graham Black read out the Police Report for April: 53 recorded crimes, 14 solved, 221 calls to Police.

- Discussion followed on youths weaving in and out of traffic on bicycles in Loanhead and at the retail parks.
- J Aitchison asked what the legal stance was on charity bags left outside your home being lifted by a non registered charity, PC Black confirmed this was theft.
- P Frame asked that the police note that there will be 4 games/week at the football pitches at the west end of Loanhead where “Parking for Residents Only” signs have been erected. There is nowhere else for parents to park when dropping off and/or collecting their children, so they should expect calls from residents.
- A copy of the full report is appended to these minutes.
- 1. **Apologies** – J Thomson, N Bews, A Hamilton and Ben Shore
- 2. **Minutes from previous meeting** approved, proposer C Hamilton, seconder Peter Frame.
- 3. **Matters arising**
 - **Mayburn House** – Bruce MacLeod, Planning Office has now confirmed that five different Enforcement Notices were served on the owner under the terms of Section 127 of the Town & Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997, as amended by the Planning etc. (Scotland) Act 2006. These relate to the unauthorised material change of use of part of the land requiring the permanent removal of the vehicles at the front of the building. Also two further notices under Section 179 were served on the unacceptable condition of the land at the rear to remove unroadworthy vehicles, old furniture, waste wood, plywood, plasterboard, brick, pieces of metal and general debris. A minimum period of 28 days is required between the service of the notices and their coming into effect. A compliance period of two months from the latter date has been provided. Non-compliance with a notice that has taken effect is an offence. In these circumstances the Council’s planning authority are provided with various options including reporting the matter to the Procurator Fiscal or taking Direct Action and then recovering costs. It is likely that in the event of non-compliance the elected members will determine which course of action to pursue.
 - **Community Garden at the Link** – Irene Hogg responded to our enquiry. The community garden will remain an integral part of the Link, in fact there is to be an open meeting on 16th May to discuss how to progress with this. She confirmed that the proposed building alterations will mean that the polytunnel, greenhouse and some of the raised beds will need to be moved. They want an active community garden and see multiple community benefits arising from this and will continue to rely on volunteers to maintain it.

4. Planning Applications

18/00142/DPP 20 April 2018
DBJ Developments Edinburgh LLP, 20 Charlotte Square, Edinburgh, EH2 4DF
Formation of new door openings; formation of car parking and erection of fence
at 7B Pentland Industrial Estate, Loanhead, EH20 9QR
Ward: Midlothian West Case Officer: Graeme King 0131 271 3332

18/00243/MSC 16 April 2018
Miss Natasha Douglas, Dandara, 16 Beech Manor, Stoneywood, Aberdeen
Erection of 92 dwellinghouses; formation of access roads and car parking and associated works (approval of matters specified in conditions 2,3,4,5,7,9,10,11,12 and 13 of planning permission 17/00273/S42) at Land Between Loanhead Road And Edgefield Industrial Estate, Loanhead Road, Loanhead
Ward: Midlothian West Case Officer: Adam Thomson 0131 271 3346

18/00262/WTT 23 April 2018
Mrs Wilma Stuart, 3 Acklam Path, Nivensknowe, Loanhead
Felling and pruning of trees protected by Tree Preservation Order 4 of 1999
at 3 Acklam Path, Loanhead, EH20 9PG
Ward: Midlothian West Case Officer: Ellen Krog McCalman 0131 271 3340

18/00268/LA 19 April 2018
Garry Sheret, Head Of Property And Facilities Management, Midlothian Council, Midlothian House
Application to discharge a planning obligation within a legal agreement (associated with planning permission 15/00712/PPP) at Land At Paradykes Primary School, Mayburn Walk, Loanhead
Ward: Midlothian West Case Officer: Ms Danielle Clark 0131 271

18/00269/DPP

19 April 2018

Mrs Yvonne McDougall, 27 Hunter Terrace, Loanhead, Midlothian

Erection of two sheds; fencing and decking (part retrospective) at 27 Hunter Terrace, Loanhead, EH20 9SJ

Ward: Midlothian West

Case Officer: Ms Whitney Lindsay 0131 271 3315 t

18/00286/DPP 2 May 2018

Mr Adam Armit, 1 Braeside Road, Loanhead, EH20 9SF

Subdivision of existing dwelling house to form two dwelling houses and associated erection of porch and external alterations; erection of garage; erection of new dwelling house and associated works; and formation of associated vehicular access points at 1 Braeside Road, Loanhead, EH20 9SF,

Ward: Midlothian West

Case Officer: Graeme King 0131 271 3332

18/00299/ADV 3 May 2018

Mr Mike Steel, Steinhoff UK Group Properties Ltd, 5th Floor, Festival

House, Cheltenham. Display of illuminated signage, at Unit 5A, 18 Straiton Mains, Loanhead, EH20 9PW,

Ward: Midlothian West

Case Officer: Mhairi-Anne Cowie 0131 271 3308

- The application for a scrap yard on Engine Road was rejected by the Council.
- Cllr Winchester agreed to find out from the Planning Office what the specific conditions on **18/00243/MSC** and **18/00268/LA** actually were. She was also asked to look into the two applications where appeals had been lodged with the Local Review Body: **17/00905/S42** to increase the number of children at Scallywag's nursery from 50 to 100, the original decision was to limit this to 75 in the first instance with a review in 1 year. The second **17/00930/DPP** for the erection of 3 flats + house at land 14-18 the Loan, we objected on the grounds there was no parking provision. PW
- The former baker's shop in Clerk Street is now up for sale. C Hamilton reminded the committee that there was a major problem with the windows on these premises which was supposed to be rectified before it could be put up for sale.

5. Correspondence

- Parking enforcement is now a civil matter. Parking attendants will enforce the parking controls at pay and display car parks, yellow lines, bus stops, disabled bays and school keep clear areas. Initially the local traders in Loanhead were unhappy with this as there is a 30 minute limit, however since the enforcement started some are noting an increase in business as people can actually get parked. The Post Office has yellow lines outside but there is parking around Fountain Green and further up the Loan.
- There will be a consultation running from Tuesday 24th April to 6th June 2018 relating to Special Landscape Areas within the Local Development Plan. Comments can be submitted online, at Fairfield House and Midlothian Libraries. The Wildlife Pond would be the only area in Loanhead relevant.
- A planning seminar was held on Saturday 5th May at Penicuik Town Hall. GT and PK attended the most important point arising from the discussions was that community councils need to be involved with the Federation and adjoining community councils to ensure that they are aware of all planning matters that can impact on their area indirectly.
- Midlothian Council has now withdrawn funding for the erection of Xmas lights and trees. The cost for Loanhead for 2017 was £7955. The options are that we have no lights, or we pay for them. All community councils have received a similar letter. It was agreed that Xmas lights should continue in some form. In the first instance we will contact LCDA for their thoughts and will then take this further. GT
- Community Council Research Survey 2018. All current or retired community councillors in Scotland are asked to complete this survey which contains 30 questions and should take around 15 minutes to complete. The closing date is 30 May 2018. (Note: URL on the Agenda papers.)
- The next Community Council training day is provisionally booked for Saturday 6th October. The Communities team are keen for suggestions for workshops – PK said Planning should be one of the topics e.g. Total criteria of planning gains for the Developer and Community; Section 75 contributions; and 25% affordable homes should be enforced on new developments.
- Midlothian Young People Awards. These awards are for young people from age 8 to 26 living, studying or working within the community. They are based on a number of themes of participation, enterprise and regeneration through the following categories: Caring and Volunteering; Local Community Award; Sport and Physical Activity Award; The Arts and Culture Award; Achievement in Learning Award and The Midlothian Prize. Closing Date 29th June 2018.
- Chauffeur Drive (Scotland) Ltd and Fountain Private Hire are looking to give something back to the local area things that will benefit the local community. They have already approached the West Church Lunch Club to take them for a summer outing and Catherine Duns has approached them about taking people to the Tuesday Lunch Club at the Link free of charge.
- Lothian NHS Board has carried out a review of primary care in the county and is proposing boundary changes to the Eastfield Medical Practice, Eastfield Farm Road, Penicuik and Quarryfoot Practice, Health Centre High Street Bonnyrigg. Due to the impact that growing populations have on list sizes, and current

and planned new housing developments. New patients from Loanhead will not now be accepted on their lists but current patients will remain on their lists. Any comments on this need to be submitted by 11 May 2018. The current boundary for the Loanhead Medical Practice is “From Lothianburn, along A722 Edinburgh City By-pass, Lasswade Road, High Street, Polton Road, Polton Road West A6094, B7003, A701, A703 Seafield Moor Road and A702 Biggar Road to Lothianburn.”

6. Any other Competent Business

- P Frame still concerned that there is no word of the ‘Hybrid’ park being installed at KGV. Therefore nowhere to train in the winter. In fact the goal posts currently there are to be taken down and he has not been able to book the pitch for the coming football season, he requires 24 lets. The only other pitch is at the West End which has no toilets, changing facilities or parking. Cllr Winchester agreed to find out why the KGV pitch was unavailable and what is happening about the hybrid pitch. GT also to write to Maurice McCann to find out what happened to “the underspend” on the Leisure Centre/Paradykes School.
- Margaret Mann, a resident in a cul de sac at (30-44 Burghlee Terrace) raised concerns about the road surface in the cul de sac. They have been informed that Burghlee Terrace is to be re-surfaced but not the cul-de sac. This has been an ongoing problem for several years but is now much worse. Cllr Winchester said she would visit the site and take a couple of photos to send on the complaint to the relevant council department.

PW

7. Date of next meeting Tuesday 12th June 2018.



Criminal Activity April 2018
Beat Areas MW01 and MW03 – Loanhead & District



Incidents of Note

- About 8am on Thursday 5th April it was discovered that an insecure van parked on Paradykes Avenue, Loanhead had been entered and a number of items stolen from within.
- About 3pm on Thursday 5th April police executed a drugs search warrant at an address on Lawrie Terrace, Loanhead, where a large amount of controlled drugs were seized. A 42 year old male was arrested and charged with drug offences. A report has been submitted to the Procurator Fiscal.
- About 5.40pm on Thursday 5th April police were called to Dryden Terrace, Loanhead following reports of youths on roofs in the area. Police attended with no trace on their arrival.
- About 10.15pm on Thursday 5th April police were called to a disturbance in Clerk Street, Loanhead. A 23 year old male was traced and issued with a Restorative Police Warning for a breach of the peace.
- About 3.30pm on Friday 6th April police were called to a shop on George Terrace, Loanhead following a report that youths were asking adults to purchase cigarettes. Police attended with no trace of the youths outside.
- About 8.30pm on Friday 6th April police stopped and seized a vehicle at Straiton Retail Park, Loanhead. A 29 year old male was charged with numerous driving offences and a report submitted to the Procurator Fiscal.
- About 9pm on Friday 13th April police were called to Burghlee Crescent, Loanhead following a report of youths intoxicated in the area. Police attended with no trace of the youths in the area or the nearby park.
- About 10.40am on Monday 16th April it was discovered that a van parked on McKinlay Terrace, Loanhead was broken into and a quantity of items stolen from within.
- About 4.30pm on Tuesday 17th April it was discovered that an unlocked shed at a property on Paradykes Avenue, Loanhead, had been entered with a number of garden tools stolen from within.
- About 7.30pm on Sunday 22nd April police were called to Mayshade Road, Loanhead following reports of two young males running through gardens. Police attended with no trace of the youths.
- About 9.45am on Tuesday 24th April police executed a drug search warrant at an address on McNeill Terrace, Loanhead. A 27 year old male was later reported to the procurator fiscal for production of a controlled drug.
- About 2.30pm on Friday 27th April police were called to the site of the former Paradykes Primary School following a report that youths were playing within. Police attended with no trace.
- About 8.20pm on Saturday 28th April two male youths, 10 – 14 years old, slim build, short fair hair, one wearing a black short sleeve t-shirt, blue jeans, white trainers whilst the other was wearing black hooded tracksuit, were caught on CCTV at The Link, Mayburn Walk within the sensory garden, causing damage. Police enquiries are ongoing.

If any person has any information about the incident(s) listed above, or indeed any other crime, please contact your Community Policing Officer PC Graham Black via 101 or email:

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