

## Minutes of Loanhead and District Community Council Meeting held on Tuesday 10 May 2022 at 7pm in Loanhead Centre Conference Room.

**In attendance:** Pat Kenny, Ruth Stephen, Charlie Hamilton, Annabel Hamilton, Jim Chrichton, Daya Feldwick, Norman Scott, David Temple, Peter Frame, Jackie Aitchison, Cllr Russell Imrie.

The chair welcomed everyone to this the first face to face meeting in two years. Chair also congratulated our re-elected councillors, Imrie, Parry and Winchester.

1. **Apologies:** Cllr Pauline Winchester, Paul Mephram, John Thompson.
2. **Minutes of 12<sup>th</sup> April 2022** – Approved. Proposed by Annabel Hamilton, seconded by Norman Scott.
3. **Matters arising:**
  - Position of Secretary still to be filled. Pat to arrange for adds in local press.
  - Railway line path repair – Still ongoing, Russell to contact Stuart Tooley
  - Dryden Terrace – Pat will meet with councillors to discuss. Still to be resolved
  - Hawthorn Gardens – Russell confirmed the developer should remove the hedge. Either a hedge or one metre fence could be installed after the council has widened and retarred the pavement and reinstalled the barrier on the pavement.
  - Road markings – Norrie reported Wayne Clerk is not responding.
  - Refuge bins on clerk Street – Pat to meet with councillors to discuss this.
  - Loanhead football pitches – no update. Pat to meet with councillors to discuss this.
  - Stopping-up of the old A701. Proposed new pedestrian route not acceptable, objection to be lodged.
  - Park homes sites update – Nothing to report. Paul has now joined Scottish Park Homes Residents Association as an individual member.
4. **Federation of Community Councils Update:**
  - Daya gave a comprehensive report. Growing Families is a new group using Burghlee Park. They are running outdoors/ Forest School type youth activities such as planting trees, free time in the woodlands, nature art activities etc. They already run these in other areas of the Lothians. They are asking Midlothian Council as land owners for permission to undertake a woodland management plan which children and young adults could be involved in. Further information is available on request.
5. **MTRaP Update:**
  - Norrie reported: –
  - Sheriffhall Upgrade, Objection raised in 2020 was raised by former members. It was agreed to investigate the history of this objection.
  - Core Path – Straiton Nature Reserve. No further progress
  - Drain on Edgefield Road flooding Railway Path, on going
  - Faded road markings, parking on pavements, pot holes,etc, still ongoing.
  - Next MTRaP zoom meeting: Monday 16<sup>th</sup> May 2022 at 6pm – 7.30pm
6. **Heritage Trail Update:**
  - New stainless steel benches are presently being installed, feedback from residents is positive
  - Additional inscribed plaques are required, Russell to communicate with Ruth.
  - Ruth is liaising with Midlothian Council regarding installing plaques on lampposts.

- Work on the paper trail map is nearing completion
- Councillor Pauline Winchester suggested the wooden benches at Memorial Park Gateway should be replaced with metal benches.

**7. Planning:**

- Daya will wind out about RAMOPS software which will allow community councils to monitor planning application amendments.
- A701 Relief Road steering group meeting, Daya and Paul will attend Teams meeting.
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**9. Date of Next Meeting:**

Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> June 2022. The Loanhead Centre.