

LOANHEAD & DISTRICT COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of Zoom meeting 15th September 2020

Present: Peter Frame, David Temple, Pat Kenny, Norrie Scott, John Thomson and Gina Temple.

Apologies: Paul Mepham, Ruth Stephen and Daya Feldwick.

Pat Kenny welcomed everyone to the meeting and apologised that the original scheduled meeting had been postponed due to a clash in his commitments.

1. **Minutes of previous meeting** approved, proposed by Norrie Scott, seconded by Peter Frame.
2. **Matters arising:**
 - Federation MTraP group, Norrie Scott had not received the invitation or ZOOM information for the August meeting.
 - Parking on Fountain Place Update. A walkabout meeting had been held on 11th September with Colin Beattie MSP, PC Graham Black, a staff member from Midlothian Council and a number of local residents, it was proposed that due to the congestion and pavement parking that double yellow lines should be put down the west side of Fountain Place to Edgefield Road. This will probably take a couple of months for a temporary order and consultation, then some further months to make this permanent.
 - Resilience Group. Pat Kenny, David Temple (representing Loanhead Masonic Lodge) and Peter Frame (representing LCDA) attended the meeting hosted by Midlothian Council. Peter reported that there were reports from Rosewell and Eyemouth resilience groups. It took them about a year to get set up and highlighted the need to include representation from as many local groups as possible. It was agreed to contact all local groups to see if there is any interest in setting up a group for Loanhead.
3. **Planning.** David Temple read out the planning applications circulated on 29th August and 14th September, no objections/comments were raised.
4. **Correspondence.** No comments arising from the correspondence previously circulated.
5. **Any other competent business**
 - It was agreed to join in with the Midlothian Federation of Community Councils ZOOM licence which would upgrade the facility to ZOOM Pro.
 - The Annual General Meeting is scheduled for 10th November 2020. It was agreed to postpone this until 9th February 2021 in the hope that we will be able to have a face to face meeting by then to try and generate more community council members.
 - Remembrance Service – Peter Frame reported that LCDA had written to Midlothian Council to see what arrangements could be put in place to hold at least a service and wreath laying, but probably not a parade. He will keep the CC informed of any developments.
 - Pat Kenny raised the closure of primary schools in Midlothian – St. Margarets, Glencorse and St. Mathews. We will contact the Catholic Church to find out their views and the Director of Education, Midlothian Council to find out the reasons for closing the schools.
 - Community Council Noticeboard – Pat Kenny still not able to find the keys, John and Pat to resolve the situation.
 - Peter Frame raised his frustration that yet again this winter Loanhead Youth Football has no access to training facilities. Lasswade and Penicuik are fully booked for their own local teams. There are no such facilities in Loanhead, despite promises in previous years of a MUGA and upgrading the park at the side of the Leisure Centre. We were assured a couple of years ago that there was funding available for this as the new Paradykes primary school had come in under budget. Yet again, Loanhead lost out. This prompted a general discussion about the lack of development within Loanhead and it was agreed to ask for a meeting with our 3 councillors to see what could be done about that.
 - John Thomson reported on a mass street brawl outside the Snooker Club on 10th November which involved 30-40 youths fighting in the street. The police were called but they had dispersed by the time they arrived. A similar incident took place a couple of weeks earlier. Gina to contact PC Black to check that these matters had been brought to the attention of the Midlothian Licensing Board.