

## Minutes of Zoom meeting 9<sup>th</sup> February 2021

**Present:** Peter Frame, Pat Kenny, Councillor Russell Imrie, Norrie Scott, David Temple, John Thompson, Gina Temple, Ruth Stephen and Paul Mepham.

1. **Apologies:** Councillor Pauline Winchester
2. **Minutes of previous meeting** accepted as accurate record, proposed by John Thomson, seconded by Norrie Scott.
3. **Matters arising:**
  - Proposed Crematorium: David said that the proposed Crematorium site mentioned at last month's meeting had been off the Lasswade Road, down Wadingburn turn left and the site was on the left hand side around the area of the bus stop. The developers gave a presentation to locals and officials about 3 years ago but there have been no further briefings or information. Russell Imrie reported that Midlothian Council are looking into a proposal to provide Crematorium, mortuary and graveyard facilities within Midlothian currently.
  - Residential Park Poster – as discussed at last month's meeting Paul had designed a poster to recruit 2 members from the residential parks to represent the residents at the Community Council. He has permission from Pentland Park to display the poster but had been unable to contact Nivensknowe and Straiton Park Offices which are currently closed to the public. He mentioned the Scottish Residential Park Homes Association who had been in contact with him, so was advised to send them a copy of the poster and ask them to forward it to their contacts in Nivensknowe and Straiton.
  - Co-opted members. Gina suggested that 2 of the 3 co-opted members (who were co-opted during the first lockdown in March 2020 to support the "Loanhead Community" effort) now be removed. Ruth Stephen indicated that she was willing to remain on the committee and as she plays an active part in the Community Council this was agreed. New members need to be proposed, seconded and voted on to the committee at an AGM, however new members (up to 20%) of the membership can be co-opted at any time to assist with relevant community council business. Any new members from the Residential Parks will be co-opted until the AGM, then follow the formal procedure.
  - Participatory Budget Update. Russell had no information on this yet, but confirmed that the monies will not have to be spent in this financial year as it has already been rolled over for 3 years. He reported that funding streams from other sources were already looking at providing support for Midlothian Gala Days in the form of a mobile stage, marquees, tables etc. and he asked for suggestions for Town Centre Improvements. It was suggested that the pavements in front of the shops on both sides of Clerk Street needed attention as there were broken and uneven slabs.

### 4. Planning

There are now 3 Pre-Application Consultations in force. New Pentland, Straiton West and Polton Street (Bonnyrigg) Intermediate Care Facility. The first New Pentland Public on-line meeting will take place on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> February 2021 from 3 – 8 pm. Gina reported that the question & answer session from the Straiton West public meeting had not yet been put up on the web site.

**21/00055/PAC** 20 January 2021

Marc Giles, Ryden, 7 Exchange Crescent, Conference Square, Edinburgh  
at Land At Junction of The A701 and Pentland Road, Old Pentland, Edinburgh  
Ward: Midlothian West Case Officer: Mr Steve Iannarelli 0131 271 3313

**21/00032/DPP** 14 January 2021

Mr James Ewen, Ewen Property, 29 Stafford Street, Edinburgh, EH3 7BJ  
Subdivision of existing dwellinghouse to form two flatted dwellings and associated extension and external alterations at 33 Mayburn Terrace, Loanhead, EH20 9EH,  
Ward: Midlothian West Case Officer:

**21/00073/DPP**

2 February 2021

Mr and Mrs Peter Cormack, 2 Polton Vale, Loanhead, EH20 9DF  
Extension to dwellinghouse at 2 Polton Vale, Loanhead, EH20 9DF

Ward: *Midlothian West*

Case Officer: *Ingrid Forteath 0131 271 3316*

**Planning in the wider area**

**21/00027/DPP**

15 January 2021

Secret Herb Garden Limited with Herb Garden Distillery Ltd, The Secret  
Herb Garden, 32A Old Pentland Road, Loanhead

Demolition of existing buildings and erection of distillery and associated  
visitor centre at Land to North of 32A Damhead, Lothianburn, Edinburgh.

Ward: *Midlothian West*

Case Officer: *Mhairi-Anne Cowie 0131 271 3308*

**20/00906/PPP Major Development**

8 January 2021

Mr Brendan Mitchell, David Lloyd Clubs, The Listed Hangar, Mosquito Way, Hatfield  
at Land North East of Sheriffhall Park and Ride, Easter Shawfair, Danderhall,

Ward: *Dalkeith*

Case Officer: *Mr Martin Patrick 0131 271 3346*

**5. Correspondence**

- Zoom meeting with Aldi Developers will be Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> February at 7 pm.
- Resident on Engine Road complained again about the parking congestion – this was forwarded to the councillors – Russell confirmed he had passed this on to the relevant officers.
- Police Reports – the Oct, Nov and Dec reports were circulated after the last meeting – David raised concerns that the drug situation in Loanhead appeared to be getting worse. No report so far for January.

**6. Any other Competent Business**

- Road closure for collapsed culvert outside McTaggart Scott premises – still no work started on this but more barriers had been erected.
- Major Power outage on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> February – this was a transmission failure which affected areas from the Meadows (Edinburgh) through to Loanhead, Penicuik and down to Peebles.
- Paul was asked if his poster design could be used also to promote the Community Council membership more widely, he agreed and Gina will provide the wording. The posters could then be placed on the Noticeboards and round the local shops to try and get more members.
- Gina suggested buying a lap top for the CC so that she can transfer all the files and information to it so that when a new secretary is identified it will be up and running. This was agreed.
- Gina also raised the problem of access for community councillors who do not have broadband or equipment to access our meetings.