

LOANHEAD & DISTRICT COMMUNITY COUNCIL
Minutes of ZOOM meeting on 12th October 2021

Present: Peter Frame (Acting Chair), Gina Temple, David Temple, Ruth Forrester, Councillor Kelly Parry, Pat Kenny, Tracey Bain

Apologies: John Thomson, Norrie Scott, Paul Patterson, Paul Mepham, Councillor Pauline Winchester.

1. **Minutes of previous meeting** – approved. Proposed by Peter Frame, seconded by David Temple.
2. **Matters arising**
 - Railway line Path repair - no update
 - CCTV in Midlothian – no update.
 - Dog Fouling - no update.
 - one tonne grit bins – according to the last MTRaP minutes the sites for these have not yet been disclosed.
 - new benches, litter pickers and stones for Straiton Pond Path – as reported a few months ago all approved and passed to Council Officers for procurement.
3. **Annual General Meeting** – this will be held on 9th November 2021 at 7 pm in the Main Hall, Loanhead Miners' Welfare Club. Six banners have been produced and will be placed at strategic points within Loanhead secured to railings. Notices have been placed in some of the shops and Tracey Bain agreed to distribute leaflets to the residents of the residential parks (Nivensknowe, Straiton and Pentland). Gina will send out the link for the application form to become a community council to all committee members to forward to anyone who may be interested. If anyone requires a paper copy they should contact her. She confirmed that anyone that is 16 yrs+, and is registered to vote in Loanhead & District is eligible to stand for the community council, applications should be submitted to her by 2nd November 2021.
4. **Heritage Trail update** - Ruth reported that the Forte family had responded positively, now need to know who owns the shops on the High Street to get permission to put up the Forte plaque on the site of the original ice cream parlour. Justin Venton (Midlothian Council) is surveying the locations for the benches. Paul Mepham is working on the trail map and Ageing Well have offered to contribute to the cost of production if they are allowed to advertise on the map. No response yet from MacTaggart Scott so Ruth will make direct contact. Ruth will liaise with Alan MacLaren on the historical accuracy of the information for the plaques. Still trying to ascertain who commissioned the statue of the horse and boy. Pat confirmed that the statue is not a mining connection but may be a local riding stable, the Community Council had commissioned the repair on the statue but still trying to find out who made the original commission.
5. **MTRaP update** - Norrie had been unable to attend the October meeting. Colin Beattie still waiting on a reply from the Council re a review of the narrow pavement at 24 Hawthorn Gardens. Dandara have started work (11/10/21) on a new Pelican Crossing on Mayburn Terrace (B702) with no public consultation, it was agreed to write to Midlothian Council to ask for the work to be stopped until the review of the traffic

problems at 24 Hawthorn Gardens has been completed as the siting of a new crossing should be part of the review.

6. Any other competent business

- Naming of future streets – Councillor Parry confirmed that Community Councils will now have a say, but warned that the consultation sometimes comes very late in the build process. Therefore she advised to send any suggestions to her now so that she can feed these into the process.
- Proposed crematorium at Lasswade – Councillor Parry reported that the proposed access was a problem, and as a new Crematorium is going ahead at Old Craighall (East Lothian Council planning application already approved), Midlothian Council are now looking at the south of the region instead.
- Televised Council meetings – Midlothian Council continue to fob off constituents with the “technical problems” excuse. The Federation has made a formal complaint.
- A701 Proposed Relief Road public consultation. A number of people had taken part in this and although a lot of information was given by the various presentations, it was not clear which of the 6 routes (A,B,C,D,E,F) would be the most suitable. Gina raised the point that one of the main problems appears to be that all routes come back on to the Straiton Roundabout. She had suggested in the feedback that traffic travelling west on the bypass should be filtered over to the A702 roundabout to reduce congestion. Councillor Parry suggested that the route should be decided once the location of the proposed new high school is known to allow safe passage.
- Residential Home Parks – Tracey Bain (a resident of Pentland Park) outlined ongoing problems with fire safety, insurance, access to legislation for residential home owners etc. Pat Kenny said that the residents had to form a committee to deal with these issues and encouraged at least two of them to become members of the Community Council as we have two dedicated spaces for residents from the parks. She noted that Straiton Park now have new owners, and there appears to be an improvement in relations with residents.
- Loanhead Football Club – Colin Beattie had written to Midlothian Council re the lack of facilities in Loanhead and had received a response citing that they were adequate. Peter outlined the differences between Bonnyrigg, Penicuik and Dalkeith. The youth team (especially girls) is growing and there are no training facilities. This is a perennial problem and no improvements have been made. Councillor Parry suggested that she and Peter put together a community focussed, non-political motion to bring about improvements in the Loanhead facilities and she will engage Pauline and Russell for their support.

7. Planning

21/00778/CL 21 September 2021

Ms Eleanor Gordon, 90 Straiton Road, Loanhead, EH20 9NP. External alterations to dwelling house including installation of rooflights and alteration of window to form patio doors at 90 Straiton Road, Loanhead, EH20 9NP. Ward: Midlothian West. Case Officer: Ms Jade Macmillan.

21/00727/DPP 30 September 2021

Mr Stuart Howgate, Howgate Property Ltd, Rear Unit, 38-40 12 Broughton Place Lane, Edinburgh. Change of use of former storage building to church / place of worship

(retrospective) at 38 Lawrie Terrace, Loanhead, EH20 9AR, Ward: Midlothian West. Case Officer: Mhairi-Anne Cowie 0131 271 3308

21/00791/PPP 28 September 2021

Ms Jill Peacock, c/o Aidan Hume Design Ltd, 124 Paradykes Avenue, Loanhead, EH20 9LF. Application for planning permission in principle for erection of dwelling house at Land adjacent to 6, Dalum Loan, Loanhead, Ward: Midlothian West. Case Officer: Ms Alison Ewing.

21/00796/DPP 28 September 2021

IKEA Properties Investments Ltd, IKEA, 225 North Circular Road, London. Installation of roof guardrail at Ikea, Costkea Way, Loanhead, EH20 9BY, Ward: Midlothian West. Case Officer: Mhairi-Anne Cowie 0131 271 3308.

21/00827/DPP 7 October 2021

Mr Ian Macintyre, 53 Mayburn Avenue, Loanhead, EH20 9EL. Erection of single storey and two storey extensions to dwelling house at 53 Mayburn Avenue, Loanhead, EH20 9EL, Ward: Midlothian West. Case Officer

21/00831/SCO 7 October 2021

Avison Young UK, 6th Floor, 40 Torphichen Street, Edinburgh. EIA Scoping Opinion for mixed use development comprising residential, retail, business and employment uses at Site Ec3: West Straiton, Loanhead, Ward: Midlothian West. Case Officer:

21/00338/DPP Pat reported on a meeting he and Gina had attended with a representative of ASDA who have made an objection to the planning application for the new Aldi store at Old Pentland Road based on the same grounds as our own objections. They also cited that there was ground to the south of Asda (presumably the piece of land between ASDA and Nobles) as a better location as this was not agricultural land. Pat had suggested that future meetings should include the boss at Asda and Damhead and Roslin and Bilston CCs. We are waiting on their responses.

It was agreed no action was necessary on the above applications.