

## Minutes of Zoom meeting on 14<sup>th</sup> July 2020

**Present:** Catherine Duns, David Temple, Norman Scott, Peter Frame, Pat Kenny, Colin Beattie, John Thomson and Gina Temple

1. **Apologies:** Paul Mepham and Ruth Stephen
2. **Minutes of previous meeting** approved by Peter Frame subject to correction on item of Litter at the Nature Reserve and "Edgefield Road" being changed to 'Edgefield Relief Road'.

### 3. Planning

#### **20/00373/ADV 11 June 2020**

Mr Jack Wright, Century House, Brunel Road, Junction 41 Industrial Estate. Display of illuminated signage at land South of 23 Straiton Mains, Loanhead.

Ward: Midlothian West Case Officer

**20/00405/DPP** 30 June 2020 Ms Heather Atkins, 1 Inveravon Road, Loanhead, EH20 9EF Erection of shed at 1 Inveravon Road, Loanhead, EH20 9EF *Ward: Midlothian West Case Officer: Mrs Laura Kinsey 0131 271 3314*

**20/00406/CL** 29 June 2020 St James's Place Property Unit Trust, PER Orchard Street Investment Management LLP, 16 New Burlington Place, London Certificate of lawfulness for a proposed use of 11,224 square foot of floor space for use as class 1 (food and convenience good sales) at 1-4 Straiton Mains, Loanhead *Ward: Midlothian West Case Officer:*

**20/00416/DPP** 30 June 2020 Marks and Spencer Plc, Waterside House, 35 North Wharf Road, London Erection of 5 trolley bays and installation of plant including HVAC units at 13 Straiton Mains, Loanhead, EH20 9PW *Ward: Midlothian West Case Officer: Mhairi-Anne Cowie 0131 271 3308*

**20/00417/ADV** 30 June 2020 Marks and Spencer Plc, Waterside House, 35 North Wharf Road, London Display of illuminated and non illuminated signage at 13 Straiton Mains, Loanhead, EH20 9PW *Ward: Midlothian West Case Officer: Mhairi-Anne Cowie 0131 271 3308*

**20/00422/S50** 30 June 2020 Marks and Spencer Plc, Waterside House, 35 North Wharf Road, London Provisional planning certificate at 13 Straiton Mains, Loanhead, EH20 9PW *Ward: Midlothian West Case Officer: Mike McGarrity 0131 271 3344*

#### **Planning in the wider area**

**20/00381/LBC** 16 June 2020 Mr Alasdair McCaig, Glencorse House, Milton Bridge, EH8 9DD Siting of 8 camping pods; formation of car parking and access paths at Glencorse House, Penicuik, EH26 0NZ *Ward: Midlothian West Case Officer: Mhairi-Anne Cowie 0131 271 3308.*

**20/00382/DPP** 15 June 2020 Mr Alasdair McCaig, Glencorse House, Milton Bridge, EH26 0NZ Siting of 8 camping pods; formation of car parking and access paths at Glencorse House, Penicuik, EH26 0NZ *Ward: Midlothian West Case Officer: Mhairi-Anne Cowie 0131 271 3308.*

**20/00383/DPP** 16 June 2020 Buccleuch Property (Shawfair) Ltd, 27 Silvermills Court, Henderson Place Lane, Edinburgh Erection of an office, light industrial, research and development building (classes 4, 5 and 6); formation of access road, car parking and associated works at Land 150M North West of 1 Wester Shawfair, Danderhall *Ward: Dalkeith Case Officer: Mr Martin Patrick 0131 271 3346.*

**20/00395/ADV** 18 June 2020 Mr Andrew Horrix, Dobbies Garden Centres, CSO, Melville Bursery, Lasswade Display of illuminated totem sign (retrospective) at Dobbies Garden Centres Plc, Melville Nurseries, Lasswade, EH18 1AZ *Ward: Midlothian East Case Officer: Graeme King 0131 271 3332.*

#### **20/00397/DPP 3 July 2020**

Midlothian Council, Midlothian House, 40-46 Buccleuch Street, Midlothian. Erection of 16 flatted dwellings, 4 dwelling houses and 1 retail unit; formation of car parking and associated works at Land at Corner of Burnbrae Road and Burnbrae Road North, Bonnyrigg.

Ward: Bonnyrigg Case Officer: Mhairi-Anne Cowie 0131 271 3308

#### **20/00441/MSC Major Development 9 July 2020**

Mr and Mrs Omar Almubarak, 24A Stafford Street, Edinburgh EH3 7BD

Demolition of existing dwelling house, erection of hotel, erection of replacement house plot, formation of 3 house plots, formation of access roads, car parking and associated works (approval of matters specified in condition 3 of planning permission 18/00628/S42 relating to the phasing of development) at land at Calderstone, Biggar Road, Edinburgh.

Ward: Midlothian West Case Officer  
20/00446/PAC 10 July 2020  
Laura Fisher, EMA Architecture and Design Ltd (Agent), 42 Charlotte Square, Edinburgh EH2 4HQ.  
Proposal of application notice for residential development at Redheugh West, Gorebridge.  
Ward: Midlothian South Case Officer

#### **4. Any other competent business**

- Peter Frame clarified the position with the garages at the Loanhead Miners Youth Football Club. These belong to Midlothian Council, originally intended for residents to rent but have not been in use for many years. He has approached the Council about demolishing them and creating additional parking as this area is very congested when football games and practice sessions are scheduled.
- Colin Beattie gave some information about the Esk River Improvement Group which he is trying to get local organisations to get involved in. He highlighted the point that there are 17 points for discharge of raw sewage along the river length and there is also magnesium and iron in the water. Where the Esk flows into the sea at Musselburgh the area is unsafe for people to enter because it is so toxic. David Temple and Pat Kenny expressed an interest in participating.
- Norrie Scott reported on the anti-social behaviour at the Loanhead Nature Reserve with signs being removed and additional litter (especially since McDonalds re-opened). He had contacted Midlothian Council requesting an additional bin and that they empty the bins on a more regular cycle. Another resident off Edgefield Road requested the CC assistance in getting an additional bin installed at the corner entrance to Loanhead Primary School for dog poo bags. He had recently collected 100+ from outside his garden.
- Peter Frame reported that the LCDA had decided to cancel the Summer Street Fair and Fireworks Display this year. The Armistice Parade will go ahead if the government guidelines allow.
- Catherine Duns reported on the Midlothian Resilience network. A number of areas are finding demand for assistance greatly reduced now that lockdown restrictions are being relaxed. A more sustainable approach is being developed and staff from Communities and Lifelong Learning will be supporting people to register for on-line prescriptions and on-line shopping going forward.
- Gina Temple reported that the Loanhead Community Support line has not received any new requests for assistance for the past 6 weeks – therefore from 15<sup>th</sup> July the telephone and email help line will operate Monday – Friday only. From Friday 31<sup>st</sup> July the support group will be mothballed. Volunteers will be asked if their contact details can be kept until the end of the year in case it has to be started up again if there is a local or national Lockdown. It was agreed to return the balance of the grant funding to Midlothian Council, but the mobile phone will be kept for CC use and the £60 ASDA food vouchers would be retained for a short period of time in case we receive a request for emergency food. The CC emergency phone number will continue to be manned Monday – Friday only and this will be reviewed at the August meeting.
- It was agreed to look into how we could get greater participation in meetings as we go forward, perhaps purchasing a licence to hold dial in ZOOM meetings or look at other alternatives.