

LOANHEAD & DISTRICT COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Draft Minutes of meeting held on Tuesday 11th September 2018 in Loanhead Library.

Pat Kenny welcomed everyone to the meeting.

In attendance: –Charles Hamilton, Annabel Hamilton, Ben Shore, Norma Bews, Pat Kenny, Jack Aitchison, Peter Frame, Maureen McEwan, Cllr Pauline Winchester, and Gina Temple

1. **Apologies** –PC Graham Black.

2. **Minutes from previous meeting** approved. Proposer Jack Aitchison, seconder Annabel Hamilton.

3. **Matters arising**

- **Xmas Lights** Midlothian Council have agreed to fund the Xmas Lights for 2018 at a cost of £70K across the county. A cross party short life working group is to be set up to decide how funds will be dispersed to communities in future. One model is that each community will be allocated a fixed amount and a further per capita amount. No time frame yet for this group.
- Pat Kenny hopes to meet with Maurice McCann within the next week to discuss the pitches adjacent to the Leisure Centre and to discuss wider use of the Paradykes facilities.
- **Mayburn House** – still a waste ground we will contact the Council yet again.

4. **Planning Applications**

Pat Kenny read out the Planning Applications – full details in the Agenda papers.

- 18/00584/DPP Bryant & Cairns Change of use of open space to form 9 car parking spaces and erection of fence at Land to Front of Units 1 - 4, Borthwick View, Pentland Industrial Estate,
- 18/00585/DPP Sidey Ltd, Extension and alterations to industrial unit at Unit 10B, Borthwick View, Pentland Industrial Estate - PK to look into this and report back.
- 18/00590/DPP S McMillan, Erection of porch at 32 Burnbank Grove, Loanhead, EH20 9NX
- 18/00597/S42 My Auto Services Ltd, Unit 3A, Borthwick View, Pentland Industrial Estate, S42 application to remove condition 4 of planning permission 59/86 (to allow for car repair business (class 5) to operate) at Unit 3A, Borthwick View, Pentland Industrial Estate
- 18/00492/DPP Hart Erection of 28 flatted dwellings, formation of access road, car parking and landscaping and associated works at Land North West of Engine Road and North West of St Margarets Church Hall , Clerk Street, Loanhead
- 18/0622/ADV Sidey Ltd, Display of illuminated and non illuminated signage at Thistle Design Solutions, Borthwick View, Pentland Industrial Estate.
- Gina reported that the Local Review Body (which is made up of 9 councillors -3 from each party) had overturned the planning decision (18/00243/MS) to have a scrap yard in Engine Road. Pauline said she was not on the LRB but she could lobby on our behalf in future. She would try and find out the rationale for the change.

5. **Correspondence.** All correspondence was noted. The following required attention.

- Consultation for the Health & Social Care Strategic Plan open for 6 weeks. Gina to request paper copies.
- Resource Extraction Supplementary Guidance – closing date 12th October.
- Grant Application for next year's running costs.
- Community Council Training Day on Saturday 6th October at the Lasswade Centre .

6. **Any other Competent Business**

- Maureen McEwan raised the issue of summer schools for children with learning difficulties being cancelled at very short notice. Pauline thought this may have been a problem of recruiting suitably qualified staff but agreed to look into this.

7. **Date of next meeting** Tuesday 9th October 2018.



8.

Criminal Activity August 2018
Beat Areas MW01 and MW03 – Loanhead & District



During the month of August in the beat areas of Loanhead & District there were 73 recorded crimes reported, of which 20 were solved. During this time period there were 214 calls to police.

Incidents of Note

- About 12.20am on 5/8/18 a 34 year old male was stopped and searched by police. He was found in possession of a small amount of cannabis. He was charged with the offence and a report submitted to the procurator fiscal.
- Overnight between 6/8/18 and 7/8/18 unknown persons have attempted to break into a business premises on Clerk Street, Loanhead by trying to force open a rear door. No entry was gained.
- About 2.03am on 8/8/2018 a dark coloured Volvo with 3 males within, attended at a shop on McNeill Avenue, Loanhead where they forced their way in via the front door. They stole a quantity of money from within the store as well as an attempt to steal a cash machine. Police enquiries are ongoing.
- About 5.20am on 10/8/2018 at a property on Dalum Loan, Loanhead, an unknown person was disturbed by the occupant as they attempted to climb into an open window. No access was gained.
- Similarly, about 5.35am on 10/8/2018 a male, described as 5'7", dark cap, short curly hair, dark clothing, was disturbed by the occupant of an address on The Loan, Loanhead after he had tried to climb into an open window. Police are following a positive line of enquiry.
- Overnight on 15/8/18 a sign outside a business premises on Clerk Street, Loanhead was damaged.
- About 4.50pm on 17/8/2018 police were called to a shop on Mayburn Avenue, Loanhead after a report of youths causing issues outside. Police attended with no youths traced.
- During the day on 22/8/18 a window at a property on Gaynor Avenue, Loanhead was smashed. Police enquiries are ongoing.
- About 7.40pm on 25/8/18 police were called to McKinlay Terrace, Loanhead following a report that a teenage male ran over a car bonnet and roof. Police attended with no trace of the male and no damage caused.
- About 6pm on 30/8/18 police were called to a shop on George Terrace, Loanhead following a report that youths were causing issues outside. Police attended and spoke to a group of youths who were moved on from the area.
- About 5pm on 31/8/18 police were called to McNeill Avenue, Loanhead following a report that a large group of youths were causing issues. Police attended with the youths having made off.
- About 9.45pm on 31/8/18 police were called to Clerk Street / High Street, Loanhead following a number of reports of youths causing a nuisance. Police attended with no trace of the youths.

If any person has any information about the incident(s) listed above, or indeed any other crime, please contact your Community Policing Officer

Graham Black via 101 or email:

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