

## LOANHEAD & DISTRICT COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting held on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> October 2019 in Loanhead Library at 7 pm

**In attendance:** Annabel Hamilton, Charles Hamilton, Jack Aitchison, Norman Scott, Ruth Stephen, Peter Frame, Gina Temple, Ben Shore, John Thomson, David Temple, PC Graham Black and Pat Kenny.

Pat Kenny welcomed everyone to the meeting.

PC Black gave the police report for September 68 recorded crimes, 22 solved and 169 calls to police. He reported that the majority of crimes took place at the Straiton Retail Park and that the police now have good contact with the shops. A lengthy discussion took place about Dryden Terrace/Pentland Road between The Loan A765 and Straiton Road A701 "one way traffic flow". It was agreed to write to local representatives to ask for this to be reviewed. A copy of the September report is attached at the end of the minutes

1. **Apologies:** Adam Armit, Norma Bews, and Daya Feldwick.
2. **Minutes of previous meeting** were approved subject to a correction "Dryden Avenue" should be 'Dryden Terrace' under the police report. Proposed by Annabel Hamilton and seconded by Peter Frame.
3. **Matters Arising:**
  - Gina and Ruth attended "The Estate Walkabout with Council Officers", although invited none of the local councillors attended. The area covered was the "Dalums". A number of blocked drains and an abandoned car were noted. Ruth forwarded pictures taken while out with the Loanhead Walking Group to the Housing Officer and she has passed these on to the relevant departments in the Council.
  - The telephone box at George Drive – glass all green, contact Council to ask BT to clean this up.

#### 4. **Planning Applications**

**19/00761/DPP** 12 September 2019

Mr and Mrs Eddie Manson, 3 Mayburn Grove, Loanhead, EH20 9ES. Two storey extension to dwellinghouse and extension to existing porch at 3 Mayburn Grove, Loanhead, EH20 9ES,  
*Ward: Midlothian West Case Officer: Ingrid Forteach 0131 271 3316*

**19/00828/ADV** 2 October 2019

McDonalds Restaurants Ltd, 11-59 High Road, East Finchley, London Display of free standing illuminated signage at McDonalds Restaurant, Straiton Mains, Loanhead, EH20 9PW,  
*Ward: Midlothian West Case Officer: Mhairi-Anne Cowie 0131 271 3308*

**19/00829/WTT** 2 October 2019

Mr Clive Cruickshank, Historic Environment Scotland, Longmore House, Salisbury Place, Edinburgh Felling and pruning of trees within Mavisbank conservation area at Mavisbank Estate, Lasswade Road, Loanhead,,  
*Ward: Midlothian West Case Officer*

#### **Applications of interest within the wider area**

**19/00763/DPP** 11 September 2019

Mr Maurice McCann, Midlothian Council, Midlothian House, 40-46 Buccleuch Street, Dalkeith Erection of primary and nursery; formation of MUGA, car parking and associated works at Former Site of Newbattle Community High School, Easthouses Road, Easthouses, Dalkeith,  
*Ward: Midlothian East Case Officer: Joyce Learmonth 0131 271 3311*

**19/00781/WTT** 13 September 2019

Mrs Laura Mitchell, 15 Midfield House, Lasswade, EH18 1ED. Felling and pruning of trees protected by TPO 3 of 1978 at 15 Midfield House, Lasswade, EH18 1ED

Ward: *Midlothian West* Case Officer: *Ms Ellie Mills 0131 270 6763*

**19/00776/S42** 17 September 2019

Mr George Russell, Soutra Mains Farm, Blackshiels, Soutra Hill. Section 42 application to remove condition 7 of Planning permission 17/00951/PPP (to develop the site without providing improved public transport facilities) at Land At Soutra Mains Farm, Blackshiels, Pathhead.

Ward: *Midlothian East* Case Officer: *Ms Whitney Lindsay 0131 271 3315*

**19/00748/PPP** 17 September 2019

Shawfair LLP, 27 Silvermills Court, Henderson Place Lane, Edinburgh  
Application for Planning Permission in Principle for for an amendment of acceptable uses of the site from class 4 and 5 to Use Class 4- Business; Use Class 5- General Industry; Use Class 6- Storage and Distribution; Sui Generis- Home Improvement Showrooms/ Warehousing; Sui Generis- Builders Marchant; and Sui Generis- Car Showroom at Whitehills, Whitehill Road, Millerhill, Dalkeith

Ward: *Dalkeith* Case Officer: *Adam Thomson 0131 271 3346*

**19/00785/WTT** 16 September 2019

Dr Jan Kerr, The Gardens, Mavisbank, Lasswade Pruning of tree within Mavisbank conservation area at The Gardens, Mavisbank, Lasswade, EH18 1HY

Ward: *Midlothian West* Case Officer: *Ms Emma Hay 0131 270 6753*

**19/00786/SCR** 16 September 2019

Tara Cowley, Strutt & Parker, 5 St John Street, Perth, PH1 5SP EIA screening opinion

at Land At Wellington School, Penicuik

Ward: *Penicuik* Case Officer: *Mr Fraser James 0131 271 3514*

**19/00804/DPP** 23 September 2019

Mr Tim Mackay, Boghall Farmhouse, Biggar Road, A702 Hillend

Erection of garage and studio

at Boghall Farm House, Biggar Road, Edinburgh, EH10 7DX

Ward: *Midlothian West* Case Officer: *Ms Whitney Lindsay 0131 271 3315*

## 5. Correspondence

All correspondence was noted.

- A discussion took place about the Licensing Application for EH20 Bar & Kitchen. Jackie Aitchison clarified the licensing laws. It was agreed that the Community Council would not make an objection, but it was left to individuals to make their own objections known to the Committee at the following address: The Clerk to the Board, Midlothian Council, Midlothian House, Dalkeith, Midlothian EH22 1DN.
- A reminder - there will be a meeting of the Midlothian Council Working Together Group on Wednesday 9 October at 7pm at Newbattle High School about music provision in schools.
- The restructuring document of Midlothian Council was discussed briefly.
- The new contact details for the main departments at Midlothian Council were noted.
- A further Temporary Road Closure - Mayburn Avenue will be closed to through traffic for a further 2 weeks from 12 October to facilitate the instalment of new utility connections for the Barratt development. Mayburn Avenue will be subject to through traffic in phases between the junction at the overflow carpark to the junction at Number 141 Mayburn Avenue.

## 6. Any other competent business

- Parking and congestion on Fountain Place is getting worse. Baby Buggies and disabled scooters have to venture on to the road to get passed vehicles parked on the pavement. This has been exacerbated by the parking restrictions on Engine Road, the enforcement of waiting times in Clerk Street, the removal of the parking in front of the old library building and the additional vehicles for those working on the new development on the former Library HQ site. Residents have complained to police but they have to be on site to see a vehicle driving on the pavement to act. Jackie said that the new road traffic bill going through the Scottish Parliament will, if passed, make pavement parking illegal.
- VE75 day – Friday 9 May has been declared a public holiday next year. Ruth asked if the Community Council would be taking part in the commemoration. It was agreed that we would support the Library and LCDA in any activities they plan.
- John Thomson reported on the CC budget, we had spent £296 of the £300 grant so far this year.
- Jackie gave an update from Friends of Fountain Green – the flower beds will be lifted in the next few weeks and no further planting will take place until the Spring.

## 7. Date of next meeting and Annual General Meeting: 12<sup>th</sup> November 2019 at 7.00 pm in Loanhead Library.



### Criminal Activity September 2019



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If any person has any information about the incident(s) listed above, or indeed any other crime, please contact your Community Policing Officer PC Graham Black via 101 or email: [LothianScotBordersPenicuikCPT@scotland.pnn.police.uk](mailto:LothianScotBordersPenicuikCPT@scotland.pnn.police.uk)

- About 9.50am on 3/9/19 it was discovered that an attempt was made to break in to a business premises at Dryden Vale Industrial Estate.
- About 2pm on 5/9/19 it was discovered that a quantity of fuel was stolen from a business premises at Dryden Vale Industrial Estate.
- About 12:40am on 9/9/19 police stopped a vehicle on Dalum Drive, Loanhead. A 24 year old male was later arrested for drink driving, police assault and a breach of the peace. A report has been submitted to the Procurator Fiscal. A 19 year old female passenger was issued with a recorded police warning for her conduct.
- About 6pm on 17/09/2019 it was discovered that an attempt had been made to force open a caravan at a property on Paradykes Avenue, Loanhead.
- About 4pm on 19/09/2019 police carried out a drug search warrant at an address on McNeill Terrace, Loanhead. A 30 year old male and 28 year old female were charged with controlled drug offences and a report submitted to the Procurator Fiscal.
- About 5.30pm on 25/09/2019 it was discovered that flowers and other personal items were strewn across the ground within Old Loanhead Cemetery. Midlothian Council were contacted and informed.
- About 7.50pm on 27/9/19 on Edgefield Relief Road, Loanhead a 24 year old male and 23 year old male were issued with recorded police warnings for possession of cannabis.

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