

LOANHEAD & DISTRICT COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting held on Tuesday 10th September 2019 in Loanhead Library at 7 pm

In attendance: Annabel Hamilton, Charles Hamilton, Jack Aitchison, Norman Scott, Norma Bews, Ruth Stephen, Peter Frame, Gina Temple, Kelly Parry, Ben Shore, PC Graham Black and Pat Kenny.

Pat Kenny welcomed everyone to the meeting.

PC Black gave the police report for August 68 recorded crimes, 27 solved and 219 calls to police. Empty vodka bottles and drug packages were still picked up regularly on “litter picks” on the Edgefield Relief Road. A discussion on traffic calming for this area was discussed again. It was also suggested that Dryden Avenue “one way traffic flow” should be reviewed. The new chief constable has implemented regular checks on licenced premises within the area. PC Black was asked what was happening with Loanhead Police Station – he confirmed it had been decommissioned but had no knowledge of what was to happen to the building. A copy of the full August report is attached at the end of the minutes. **[Update PC Black has since reported that the Loanhead Police Station was sold to Midlothian Council.]**

1. **Apologies:** Adam Armit, David Temple and John Thomson.
2. **Minutes of previous meeting** were approved proposed by Jack Aitchison and seconded by Annabel Hamilton.
3. **Matters Arising:**
 - The review of polling districts and stations is open until 25 September 2019.
 - Community Council Training Day on 26th October at Lasswade Centre 9.30 am
 - A hard copy of the Guidelines for Community Councillors has been placed in the CC folder in the Library.
 - LCDA Annual Street Fair on Fountain Green – no action taken.
 - Making a Difference suggestion scheme – no action taken.

4. **Planning Applications**

19/00674/DPP 13 August 2019

Mr Dave Fisher, Starbucks Coffee Company, 4 Chiswick Park, Chiswick Park, London. Change of use from landscaping to external seating area, at Land South of 23 Straiton Mains, Loanhead
Ward: Midlothian West Case Officer: Mhairi-Anne Cowie 0131 271 3308

Applications of interest within the wider area

19/00664/DPP 12 August 2019

Miss Karen Heaney, BDW Trading Ltd, Telford House, 3 Mid New Cultins, Edinburgh
Siting of a temporary sales cabin and associated temporary access road, car parking and fence at Land 65M West of Rosslyn Bowling Club, Main Street, Roslin,
Ward: Midlothian West Case Officer: Mhairi-Anne Cowie 0131 271 3308

19/00677/ADV 14 August 2019

The University of Edinburgh, Old College, South Bridge, Edinburgh. Display of free standing signage, at The Royal (Dick) School of Veterinary Studies, Bush Farm Road, Roslin,
Ward: Midlothian West Case Officer:

19/00691/MSC 15 August 2019

CRIF Fordel Investment Ltd, 17 Brunswick Street, Edinburgh, EH7 5JP. Erection of 20 flatted dwellings, formation of access and car parking at Land At Fordel, Dalkeith,
Ward: Midlothian East Case Officer:

19/00705/ADV 16 August 2019

Mr Craig Henderson, Taylor Wimpey East Scotland, 1 Masterton Park, South Castle Drive, Dunfermline. Display of free standing signage at Land At Junction of Seafield Road and, Reeforts Avenue, Bilston, Roslin,

Ward: Midlothian West Case Officer:

19/00717/SCR 20 August 2019

Colin Lavety, Barton Willmore, Centrum Business Centre, 38 Queen Street, Glasgow
EIA screening opinion for proposed residential development and associated infrastructure at Land North of Seafield Road, Bilston, Roslin,

Ward: Midlothian West Case Officer: Adam Thomson 0131 271 3346

19/00722/LA 21 August 2019

Cala Management Ltd, Adam House, 5 Mid New Cultins, Edinburgh. Application to modify a planning obligation within a legal agreement associated with planning permission at Land between Deanburn and Mauricewood Road, Penicuik,

Ward: Penicuik Case Officer: Mr Matthew Atkins 0131 271 3027

19/00723/DPP 28 August 2019

Miss Karen Heaney, BDW Trading Ltd, Telford House, 3 Mid New Cultins, Edinburgh
Siting of temporary sales cabin and associated temporary access road, car parking and fence at Allocated Site H13, Land South West of Bilston, Seafield Moor Road, Bilston,

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

19/00727/DPP 26 August 2019

The Technical Department, Bellway Homes Ltd (Scotland East), 6 Almondvale Business Park, Livingston, EH54 6GA

Erection of 91 dwellinghouses; formation of access roads; SUDS feature and associated works (amended to have numbers, house types and layout approved in terms of planning permission 17/00068/DPP) at Land between Deanburn and Mauricewood Road, Penicuik, ,

Ward: Penicuik Case Officer: Adam Thomson 0131 271 3346

19/00730/S42 27 August 2019

Mr Hamish Martin, The Secret Herb Garden, 32A Damhead, Edinburgh, EH10 7EA

Section 42 application to remove condition 3 of planning permission 18/00057/DPP (to allow the distilling of the base gin on site) at 32A Damhead, Lothianburn, Edinburgh, EH10 7EA,

Ward: Midlothian West Case Officer: Mhairi-Anne Cowie 0131 271 3308

19/00742/DPP 6 September 2019

Lasswade Townhouse Development, 17 Brunswick Street, Edinburgh, EH7

5JN. Erection of 4 dwellinghouses; alterations to ground levels and erection of associated retaining walls; formation of car parking and associated works at Land between 5 and 9, Elm Row, Lasswade, ,

Ward: Bonnyrigg Case Officer:

19/00756/DPP 6 September 2019

Mr James Eccles, Craig Gowrie, Edgehead Village, Pathhead

Conversion of agricultural building to form two dwelling houses and associated external alterations; erection of 9 dwelling houses; formation of access and car parking and associated works at Land At Newbattle Home Farm, Newtongrange, Dalkeith,

Ward: Midlothian East Case Officer:

It was agreed that we should get more information on application no. 19/00722/LA, otherwise no action required.

The Scottish Government have announced £1Billion investment in schools, in particular Midlothian will get a new High School at Shawfair and a new STEM Centre – “Beeslack” sited off the Gowkley Moss Roundabout on the A701 and its catchment area will include Loanhead, Bilston and Roslin. Once the new school is built, Penicuik High School will be refurbished and extended to include the whole of Penicuik in its catchment area, pupils will be transferred to the existing Beeslack building whilst this work is ongoing.

5. Correspondence

- Re the telephone boxes at The Loan and Clerk Street/George Drive – as agreed at our meeting last year the telephone box at Clerk Street/George Drive should be kept for 24 hr emergency use, the other on the Loan should be decommissioned.

- The email about applications for Comic Relief funding was noted.
- The siting of a re-use cabin at Stobhill Household Waste Recycling Centre was noted. All items must be in a good, clean condition, free from defects, stains, pet hair, and with safety labels as required
- CDAS Annual Conference 2019: Community Development: Tackling Inequalities - Tuesday 10th September 2019, 10.30 – 3.30 pm, Edinburgh Training &| Conference Venue.
- Resilient Community seminar being hosted by colleagues in East Lothian Council (ELC)
Date: Saturday, 26 October 2019, Time: 0930-1245, Venue: Brunton Hall, Musselburgh
- Equal Futures is a small charity supporting people with a learning disability and autism across Midlothian, looking for volunteers.
- The next Resident Led Estate Walkabout in Loanhead will take place on Wednesday 18 September 2019 at 11 am. Meeting at the Loanhead Leisure Centre.
- Armed Forces Charities are requesting Community Councils get involved in VE Day celebrations.
- The HCI Skills Gateway Report supporting Skills and Innovation through inclusive growth by Professor Sean Smith was noted. A hard copy to be placed in the CC folder in the library.

6. Any other competent business

- Cul de Sac sign reported to the Council but not replaced yet.
- Giant Hogweed at Sainsbury's car park reported to the council but not dealt with yet.
- A fun fair is scheduled to be in the Memorial Park from 18-22 September 2019. A discussion ensued on who is responsible for the repair of the fabric of the park after such events, especially in the light of Midlothian Council cutbacks.
- Report to Council Japanese knot weed is growing in the grounds of Inveravon House.
- Community noticeboard – Pat to remove old posters and put up new ones.
- Updating the CC web site was discussed – any offers of help would be appreciated.

7. Date of next meeting: 8th October 2019 at 7.00 pm in Loanhead Library.



Criminal Activity August 2019

Beat Areas MW01 and MW03 – Loanhead & District



During the month of August 2019 in the beat areas of Loanhead & District there were 68 recorded crimes reported, of which 27 were solved. During this time period there were 219 calls to police.

Incidents of Note

- About 1.50am on 1/08/2019 police stopped a vehicle on Lawrie Terrace, Loanhead. A 31 year old male passenger was issued with a recorded police warning for possession of a controlled drug (cannabis).
- About 1.50am on 3/8/19 it was discovered that a car parked at an address on Mayburn Avenue, Loanhead had been stolen.
- About 10.25am on 4/8/19 police were called to a robbery at Nike Store, Straiton after threats were made to staff and items stolen before the male suspect made off. A 17 year old male was later arrested and held in police custody for his appearance at court.
- About 7pm on 4/8/19 police were called to IKEA after reports of youths causing issues for staff and customers. Police attended with the youths having made off.
- About 4pm on 20/8/19 police were called to Nike Store, Straiton after a male had made off after stealing items from the shop. A 17 year old male was later arrested for theft and breach of bail offences and was held in custody for his appearance at court.
- About 11.50pm on 28/8/19 police were called to Burghlee Park, Loanhead, after a report of males with dogs and torches allegedly hunting in a field nearby. Police attended in the area with no trace of any males or dogs in the area.
-

•
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