

Estate Walkabout Report

January 2018

Loanhead

In attendance:

Midlothian Council: Housing Officer Louise Smith, Community Safety Officer Elaine Wilson, Tenant Participation Officer Greig Henderson

Residents: None

This walkabout took place on Wednesday 24 January 2018. The walkabout was advertised on the council's website, and social networking pages. Posters were displayed in the local area on lampposts, bus stops, library etc. and flyers were sent to local tenants.

Due to severe weather conditions and ice and snow on the roads, it was not expected that any resident would attend the walkabout. As two people had already indicated that they intended to attend, it was agreed that we would all meet outside Loanhead Leisure in case the residents still wished the walkabout to proceed.

It was agreed that the Housing Officer and Community Safety Officer would return to the office, however as a few issues had been raised at the last Loanhead Tenants meeting, the Tenant Participation Officer agreed to take a look at the issues raised.

A property in George Avenue had a considerable amount of furniture and rubbish bags in the back garden. This was reported to the Housing Officer to address.

One of the issues raised at the Loanhead Tenants meeting was dog fouling in and around McLean Place and McLean Terrace. The council's task force had been out and about in the area in the weeks previous and there did not appear to be any major issues.

Another issue raised at the meeting was the abandonment of a White van with a tank on the back of it in McLean Terrace. On inspection, the van had a number of missing items such as exhaust system and wing mirrors. On return to office, it was noted that the van did not have a valid MOT certificate and was not Road Taxed. The van also was not SORN. This information was passed to Police Scotland and the DVLA.



In the grassed area at the corner of McKinlay Terrace and McNeill Avenue, it was noted that there was a considerable amount of dog fouling and rubbish lying about. This has been passed over to Midlothian Council's Contact centre to arrange for a clear up and also address the continuous dog fouling.

There was a double mattress and broken bed lying in a front garden in McKinlay Terrace, this was reported to the Housing Officer for the area.

The next walkabout is on Wednesday 28th March in Penicuik