

Estate Walkabout Report

March 2018

Penicuik

In attendance:

Midlothian Council: Housing Officer Nicola O'Connor, Community Safety Officer Elaine Wilson, Tenant Participation Officer Lesley Connell

Residents: Sheena, Graeme, Pamela and Stuart

This walkabout took place on Wednesday 28 March 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 approximately 150 local tenants.

Two residents had sent text messages identifying the areas they wanted the group to inspect, one resident sent a message on Facebook and the Cowan Court Tenants' Group sent a message via their Tenant Participation Officer.

The group met outside Cowan Court and decided to walk a route which would include Eastfield Drive, Eastfield Grove, Loan Burn, Loanburn Avenue, Woodside Drive, Windsor Drive, Strathesk Grove and Pentland Way.

Eastfield Drive



Issue: Potholes along Eastfield Drive, especially bad at junction with Eastfield Park Road.

Action: Reported to Contact Centre

Eastfield Grove

Issue: Rubbish in garden at * Eastfield Grove

Action: MC tenancy – Housing Officer to investigate



Issue: Non offensive graffiti on fence

Action: Reported to Contact Centre

Issue: Dumped sofa in garden (number *)

Action: MC tenancy – Housing Officer to investigate

Issue: Fly tipping in all bin stores

Action: Tam Crawford, Environmental Warden to visit and inspect for evidence of ownership. If successful the culprit will be issued with a £200 fixed penalty notice.



Issue: Dog fouling in communal garden (number *)

Action: MC tenancy – Housing Officer to investigate

Issue: Broken gas meter cover (number **)

Action: Reported to Contact Centre



Issue: Large trampoline dangerously close to property at number *

Action: MC tenancy – Housing Officer to investigate

Issue: Rubbish in garden (number *)

Action: MC tenancy – Housing Officer to investigate

Loanburn/Cuikenburn



Issue: Reports of drug dealing, antisocial behaviour and littering at the bridge

Action: Elaine Wilson reported this to Mick Ewen (Police Antosocial Behaviour Officer) at the Tasking and Coordinating Group for the Penicuik Community Police to monitor.

Issue: Untidy garden at ** Loanburn Avenue

Action: MC tenancy – Housing Officer to investigate

Windsor Drive



Issue: Dog fouling and tyre tracks on grass verges

Action: Reported to Contact Centre

Issue: Several potholes

Action: Reported to Contact Centre

Issue: Litterpick needed in lane between Windsor Drive and Strathesk Grove

Action: Reported to Contact Centre



The walkabout concluded by inspecting Pentland Way. There weren't any issues, the street was very well maintained.



As requested by the Cowan Court Tenant Group, Lesley visited the Penicuik Centre to check whether it is accessible to those who use wheelchairs and mobility aids. As the photos show, there aren't any kerbs and the area is accessible to all.

The next walkabout will be in Dalkeith on 11 April 2018.