

## Estate Walkabout Report

June 2018

**In attendance:**

**Midlothian Council: Housing Officers Natasia Lewis and Kayleigh Gautschi, Tenant Participation Officer Greig Henderson and Councillor Ken Baird**

**Residents: 0**

**Apologies: Police Scotland**

This walkabout took place on Wednesday 27 June 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.

The Mayfield Community Council were also advised about the walkabout and displayed information on their website for residents.

The meeting point was outside the Mayfield Community Club in Stone place.

**Resident Led  
Estate Walkabout  
MAYFIELD**

**WEDNESDAY 27 JUNE 2018  
11am  
Meeting point – Mayfield Community  
Club, Stone Place**

A resident led estate walkabout is going to be held in this area and all local residents are invited to attend.

Residents and Council Officers are going to inspect the area for problems including fly tipping, dog fouling and messy gardens.

If you want to report issues in advance of the estate walkabout or require further information  
Phone: 0131 271 3629  
Or email:  
tenantparticipation@midlothian.gov.uk



**Midlothian**

Whilst waiting outside the Mayfield Community Club, a gentleman approached both myself and Councillor Baird, to report concerns he had regarding his neighbours who were Midlothian Council tenants. He advised that the neighbours had not maintained their gardens, which were now badly overgrown and that the neighbours had allowed their rubbish bins to overfill and left out in the garden area. The gentleman advised that he was concerned about the possibility of mice and rats. The Housing Officers took the gentleman's details and agreed to go round to the tenancy and look at the issues.

The gentleman pointed out to us the 2 large potholes at the rear of the Mayfield Community Club, we took a look at the potholes and Councillor Baird advised that as the land was not Midlothian Council land, there was nothing the council could do about the potholes as the responsibility was with the businesses on this road.



Potholes on the road to the rear of the Mayfield Community Club.

As no residents attended the walkabout, Councillor Baird asked if we could take a look at some issues brought to him by his constituents.

We walked down Eskview Road, down to the path leading into St Luke's Way. There was temporary fencing erected by the Coal Board covering a deep hole in the ground.



Greig advised Councillor Baird that he had taken photographs of this and passed over to the Housing Manager to make him aware of this. The Housing Manager had made enquiries to establish the cause of the sink hole and what action was being taken to resolve the problem.

The outcome of this enquiry was –

*'Midlothian Council's Operations Managers investigated this several weeks ago and the Coal Authority was subsequently contacted. Our own services drawings for that development have also been shared. They have researched their records and a report is due Friday 29 June. The Coal authority have scheduled 12 July as the first availability to dig out the hole to investigate.'*

*The possible reasons under consideration are;*

*Blocked road drain burst*

*mining activity - seams reported 20m down dislodged grouting which would require resealing (this part of the site was grouted)*

*As seen the Coal Authority has extended the fenced off a larger area.*

*As soon as we have an update from the Coal Authority we will advise. '*

All elected members have now been updated.

Councillor Baird asked if I would accompany him to visit a stair in which constituents had raised concerns regarding mess within the stair and possible fire hazard.

On visiting the stair, the stair appeared clean and tidy, however on the top floor there was furniture and other items lying around.



**ACTION: Greig to pass this over to the Housing Officer for them to take possible action.**

**Date of next walkabout – 25 July 2018 in Bonnyrigg**