

Fairmilehead Community Council

Minute of the Meeting of Fairmilehead Community Council held in Fairmilehead Parish Church Halls, Frogston Road West, Edinburgh at 7.00 p.m. on Tuesday 3 September 2002

1. Attendance and Apologies

Present: Dennis Williams (Chair), Alison Elfick, Norman Grozier, Louise Maguire, Ray Newton and Sheena Robertson all elected members; Alan Gow, Kenny Mitchell nominated representatives; Councillors Mrs Daphne Sleight, J Lindsay Walls; Norman Tinlin, Sue Robertson (Firrhill School Board), Elaine Aitken and Peter Armstrong

Apologies: Catherine Macpherson, Councillor Brian Meek

2. Minutes of Meeting 4 June 2002

The Minutes of the previous meeting having been circulated were held as read and signed by the Chairman. Matters arising were dealt with on the Agenda.

3. Report from Community Police

P.C. Sheree Toombs from Howdenhall Station reported that there had been only a few incidents over the summer. These related to vehicles. Members expressed their concerns about youths speeding on the Buckstone Estate and asked what could be done to discourage it. It was agreed that vehicle registration numbers should be given to the police who will follow up the incidents.

There will be a police report from either Howdenhall or Oxfgangs Division at alternate meetings.

4. Brian McNally, Business and Community Relations Manager, Scottish Water

The Chairman welcomed Brian McNally, who described the main business of Scottish Water and explained that the only source of income was from water consumers. The organisation aimed to provide excellent water at a fair price in a competitive, commercial market. He outlined the plans for replacing the main sewer in the Camus/Caystane area and said that the householders will be informed by an information drop through their letter boxes and by a Public Meeting. Members expressed concern about the recent flooding in that area, including Comiston Primary School.

5. Correspondence

- 1) Scottish Executive Race Equality Leaflet – distributed to members
- 2) Live Issues – May 2002
- 3) Hutchison 3G re Monopole at Morton Mains – *Decision-no meeting*
- 4) Proposed Waiting restrictions – Comiston Area
- 5) Draft Urban Design Guidelines – public consultation by 5 July 2002
- 6) Friends of Edinburgh Green Belt – *Decision to become Members*
- 7) Calor Gas Awards – deadline 23 August 2002
- 8) Pentlands LDC 6 August – Demos Project
- 9) Iain Gray MSP Report 2001/2002
- 10) Eileen Hewitt- List of CC Office Bearers – CC Guidance Notes

- 11) Live Issues – June 2002
- 12) Friends of Braidburn Valley Park
- 13) EACC Meeting Saturday 5 October- *Louise Maguire and Dennis Williams will attend. Members to consider questions to raise at next meeting*
- 14) Planning contact – *Louise Maguire to respond*
- 15) Cllr Sleigh re change of dates for speakers
- 16) Memo from CC Liaison Officer
- 17) Minute of Joint Meeting 25 June
- 18) Keep Edinburgh Clean posters
- 19) Weekly Planning list recipient
- 20) Licensing Meeting dates
- 21) Edinburgh Environment Part Grants Scheme
- 22) Diary inserts
- 23) Get up and Go
- 24) Pentlands LDC – Demos Project
- 25) Website Training
- 26) Calor Gas Awards
- 27) Detritus Launch
- 28) Litter and Environment Conference 27 September – *Norman Grozier to attend*
- 29) Focus Group on Money Matters for older people – 6 September
- 30) Measuring Edinburgh's Performance
- 31) Review of Progress on the City Plan
- 32) CC Liaison Officer - Constitution
- 33) Notes from Demos Project Meeting
- 34) CC Liaison Officer – Response on model Constitution – *Treasurer to contact Ken Millar who has agreed to audit FCC books at no charge*
- 35) Friends of Braidburn Valley Park – *Decision to award £50*
- 36) Consignia – mail deliveries
- 37) Copy letter to Lothian Buses PLC re Night bus
- 38) Edinburgh Access Strategy

6. Chairman's Report

The Chair reported on recent events affecting the proposed education campus at Firrhill and Oxfords Schools. Sue Robertson and Cllr Mrs Daphne Sleigh explained the latest position adding that new proposals would be unveiled the next day.

7. Planning Sub Group Report

Louise Maguire confirmed that she had submitted an objection to the siting of the mast at Morton Mains, on behalf of FCC. She confirmed that she was receiving the Weekly Planning List and would bring anything of significance to the meetings.

8. Website

Norman Tinlin distributed photocopies of the draft pages he has set up for Fairmilehead Community Council on a temporary website. It can be viewed on www.ednet.co.uk/~ntinlin

Louise Maguire and Elaine Aitken will attend the website training course offered by CEC. The website will be an agenda item for the next meeting. The Chairman asked everyone to come prepared to discuss the details.

9. AOCB

Cllr Sleigh will contact the Community Education Officer for the area to invite him/her to attend the next meeting on 1 October to assist the CC to support efforts to implement a Buckstone Youth Sub Committee.

Cllr Sleigh has written to all householders in the Camus/Caiystane area who may have been affected by the recent flooding asking them to complete a questionnaire which will help gather information to assist in the discussions with Scottish Water. She will report back at the next meeting.

Notice Boards and other methods of advertising the FCC will be on the Agenda of the next meeting. Norman Grozier provided some information about leaflet drops using the Herald and Post newspaper.

Louise Maguire reported that there had been vandalism in Fairmilehead Park children's play area and the soft spongy ground covering needs to be repaired.

Cllr Walls said there will be a day of Bulb Planting in Braidburn Valley Park on 13 October 2002

The Secretary circulated names and addresses and asked members to provide her with any changes or additions