

# **FAIRMILEHEAD COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

Minutes of meeting held in Fairmilehead Parish Church Halls, Frogston Road West, at 7.00 pm on Tuesday 7 October 2003

## **1. Attendance and apologies**

**Present:** Dennis Williams, Chair; Sheena Robertson, Secretary; Alison Elfick, Treasurer; Louise Maguire, Vice Chair; Ray Newton; Cllr Mrs Elaine Aitken; Richard Hinton; (Buckstone Association); Norman Tinlin; Daphne Sleigh; Dot Melville; Len Brown; Norman McKenzie and Jennifer Munro. PC Brian Lothian (Community Beat Officer for Fairmilehead), Margaret Walker, Stuart Hill, Gordon Hunter and Elliot Lennie – all part-time.

**Apologies:** Cllr Brian Meek; Cllr Andrew Scobbie; Catherine and Sandy Macpherson and June Edwards (Comiston Primary School PTA)

## **2. Report from Community Police**

PC Lothian gave a summary of the incidents for September. Housebreakings 2; Theft 1; Car crime 5; Assault 2; Vandalism 10 (five of these were at Mortonhall Golf Course); Offensive weapon 1; Drugs 1. There were 121 incidents reported, of these 13 related to complaints about youth behaviour. The details are shown on the website – [fairmileheadcc.org.uk/Police\\_Page.htm](http://fairmileheadcc.org.uk/Police_Page.htm) There had been six accidents involving motor vehicles.

## **3. Youth Project Sub Committee Report**

Margaret Walker gave a progress report on the Buckstone Youth Project which has been very successful in raising the funding and getting started in St Fillans Church. The project, which has been open for two weeks, meets on Thursday evenings from 7.30 – 9.30 pm. There are 30 children attending and more names on the waiting list. Three boys told the meeting about the equipment, their involvement in organising the activities and said how much they enjoyed and really liked the 'club'. There are student volunteers from Edinburgh University working with the leader.

Dennis Williams thanked Margaret Walker for all her hard work and effort in setting up the project and invited her to keep the FCC informed of further progress.

## **4. Minutes of meeting held on 2 September and matters arising**

There was one change and one addition to the Minutes. Under Correspondence 15, 20 and 21 should read Caiystane Crescent. Under AOCB add – Mr Norman MacKenzie enquired about the introduction of the Garden Waste recycling uplift in the Caiystane area and Cllr Mrs Elaine Aitken informed the meeting that there will be a roll-out programme across the City, dependant on funding in the next financial year.

The minutes of the meeting having been circulated, with the above amendments, were approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record, proposed by Norman Tinlin and seconded by Dennis Williams.

Norman McKenzie expressed concern about the Scottish Water traffic arrangements into Caiystane Crescent when work starts on the manholes. Dennis Williams said he would contact Tom Davidson to find out when the letters were going to be sent out to the residents who will be affected by the work.

Cllr Mrs Elaine Aitken said that FCC would be informed by John Gill, Manager Network South, when the TRO for waiting Restrictions on Comiston Road, Camus Avenue, and Caiystane Crescent/Fairmile Avenue will be implemented.

Richard Hinton said that the request for a Tree Warden will be raised at the Buckstone Association AGM next year.

The report on the proposals for the Fairmile Inn was not available yet.

Cllr Mrs Aitken and Dennis Williams will arrange a meeting with the Practice Manager at the Braids Medical Practice to discuss patient parking.

Louise Maguire and Daphne Sleight had met with the Recreation Department and the Scottish Wild Life Trust to discuss the Gully in Fairmilehead Park and an application will be submitted for a grant, possibly in October, to improve the area and encourage wildlife.

Louise Maguire reported that she had received a copy of the finalised Structure Plan – Edinburgh and Lothians 2000-2015

Norman Tinlin said that the Notice board should be up soon. The contractor was doing it as a donation to the community.

Two questions had been submitted to the Pentlands LDC meeting on 12 September.

(1) Request for clarification of statutory consultee status for community councils

A verbal response had been given and a copy of the *Guidance Note – Community Councils and the Planning Process* had been provided by Dinah Pountain (LDC Co-ordinator). The salient points were read out and the meeting decided that the 7 working days limit, following the issuing date of the Weekly list, for requesting formal consultation as a statutory consultee on a Planning Application was quite unworkable and unacceptable as the Community Council meets only once a month. *A statutory consultee is an organisation listed in the Town and Country Planning (General Development Procedure) (Scotland) Order (GDPO) as having a particular contribution to make to the information base on which a planning decision will be made.*

The meeting agreed the Secretary should raise this issue with the Council and the EACC.

(2) The response to the question about the speed restrictions in the vicinity of schools was that, 'there will be report to the Executive this year on current pilots, recommending a roll-out programme across residential areas. Priority will be given to areas around schools on the basis of accident statistics'.

## **5. Correspondence**

- 1) Water Customer Consultation Panels –see [www.watercustomer.org](http://www.watercustomer.org)
- 2) Glasdon Local Authorities NewsSheet
- 3) Scottish Water – Ground Maintenance Buckstone Terrace/Gardens
- 4) Letter to Planning re Objection 43-45 Frogston Road West
- 5) Acknowledgement to 4 above
- 6) Items for Pentlands LDC – emailed to Dinah Pountain
- 7) Guidance Note – Community Councils and the Planning Process

- 8) Letter from John Inman – Question will be recorded in the Minutes
- 9) Notice of Meeting and Agenda LDC 17 September
- 10) Neil MacCormick MEP Newsletter
- 11) EACC EGM 25 September Agenda items – Youth issues and reducing speed limits put forward for FCC
- 12) 1Joint Health Improvement Plan for Edinburgh – [www.nhslothian.scot.nhs.uk](http://www.nhslothian.scot.nhs.uk)
- 13) 1Friends of the Pentlands Society – Inaugural meeting 17 November 7.30 pm in Merchiston Castle School (Cllr Mrs Elaine Aitken and Daphne Sleight will attend)
- 14) Transforming your Space
- 15) Live Issues July/August 2003
- 16) Spectrum – Volunteer Development
- 17) Yellow Pages – new Fife Directory
- 18) Scottish Water first Annual Report
- 19) Letter to Dr Lynda Clark – inviting her to FCC meeting
- 20) Forthcoming Pentlands LDC Meetings: Wednesday 29 October at 2-4 pm Lunch available at 1.00 pm (Special meeting on Services for the Elderly) in Pentlands Community Centre (*Louise Maguire and Sheena Robertson will attend*) Wednesday 12 November at 10.30 am in Balerno Community High School LDC meeting themed with youth issues and services for young people
- 21) Coastal Litter Campaign
- 22) Integrated Transport Initiative – [www.ititime.com](http://www.ititime.com)

### **Items arising from Correspondence**

Item 20 Pentlands LDC Meeting on Youth Issues and services for young people. Several people were unhappy with the time of this meeting as those who are at work at 10.30 am and will be unable to attend. The meeting asked the Secretary to convey our concerns to the Council.

Item 22 Integrated Transport Initiative  
The letter from Mike Howell, Chief Executive **tie** and the leaflet were discussed. These items to be placed on the website- [fairmileheadcc.org.uk](http://fairmileheadcc.org.uk)

It was agreed that a Public Meeting should be set up to during November as the deadline for comments is 3 January 2003. The Secretary was asked to make the arrangements and contact the Council to invite Cllr Andrew Burns to speak to the residents about the proposed Congestion Charging. This will give the public the opportunity to ask questions and clarify any issues. Cllr Mrs Elaine Aitken agreed to find out when the distribution of leaflets to households will take place in the Fairmilehead Ward.

## **6. Councillors' Reports**

Cllr Mrs Elaine Aitken reported that she had met with Planning about the Maurice Steedman development at Frogston Road West which looked as though it was likely to go ahead despite the objections. The report on the proposals for the Fairmile Inn site, Biggar Road was still to be submitted.

The proposals for the A702 (Comiston Road) had been withdrawn following the public consultation earlier in the year. The Council was looking at new proposals which may include a round-about at the junction of Braid Road and Braid Hills Road. Any changes will be dependant on costs and the funding being available.

There had been over 70 objections to the restricted waiting measures in the vicinity of Buckstone School, but it was likely to go ahead. It will come up at the Pentlands LDC in January 2004.

In response to a question from Norman Tinlin, Cllr Mrs Elaine Aitken said that the finance had been agreed for Firrhill Primary School.

## **7. Planning/Environment Sub Committee Report**

Louise Maguire reported that she examined the plans for 260 houses on Oxgangs Crescent which were being erected by a Housing Association. She also informed the meeting of the Food Market at Pentlands Community Centre on Wednesdays at 10.30 – 12 .00 pm which sells fresh fruit and vegetables at reasonable prices.

## **8. AOCB**

The meeting agreed that the December meeting should be followed by a social event and a budget of £50 was agreed.

Date of next meeting: Tuesday 4 November at 7.00 pm in Fairmilehead Parish Church Halls, Frogston Road West, Edinburgh