

FAIRMILEHEAD COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minute of meeting held on Tuesday 1 November 2005 in Fairmilehead Parish Church Halls, 1 Frogston Road West, Edinburgh

1. Attendance And Apologies

Present: Dennis Williams, Chair; Louise Maguire, Vice Chair; Sheena Robertson, Secretary; Alison Elfick, Treasurer; Richard Hinton (Buckstone Association); Norman Tinlin; Johanna Carrie; Bruce and Joyce Beveridge; George and Muriel Neilson; Michael Brunsdon; Andrew Cross; Peter Armstrong; Sheila Bulmer; Hugh Gibson; PC Graham Harvey; Cllr Jason Rust and Cllr Mrs Elaine Aitken.

Apologies: Daphne Sleight; Norman McKenzie; Catherine Macpherson and Cllr Andrew Scobbie.

2. Reports from Community Beat Officer - PC Graham Harvey

Crimes reported in October included: 4 thefts; 3 assaults; 6 malicious damage; 2 broken windows; 1 breach of the peace; 3 possessions of drugs and 4 drunk drivers. PC Harvey reported that the police were called to deal with groups of youths in the Buckstone Estate, and throughout the city, at Halloween. The level of anti-social behaviour had escalated from the previous year.

The "Egg initiative" had been rolled out to the whole of "A" Division.

Dennis Williams, Chair, proposed that FCC work with the police, schools and youth workers next year, and that a meeting be set up in the summer in an effort to reduce anti-social behaviour at Halloween and Bonfire Nights.

3. Minute Of Meeting Held On 4 October And Matters Arising

The Minute, having been circulated, was accepted as a correct record; proposed by Norman Tinlin and seconded by Richard Hinton.

4. Correspondence

- 1) The Edinburgh Partnership Induction Pack and members Handbook
- 2) Planning Aid for Scotland – Client Questionnaire. *Alison Elfick to send a donation of £10.*
- 3) Nigel Griffiths MP
- 4) Water Customer Panels – 3 November Minto Hotel, Newington
- 5) Community Information Bulletin
- 6) Planning (Scotland) Bill - Petition to Scottish Parliament
- 7) Response from Caroline Burwell re 20 mph Zone
- 8) Scottish Health Council – 22 November Hibernian Football Stadium
- 9) Working from home - Draft guidelines re planning permission
- 10) Introduction of 20 mph speed limit Buckstone Primary School
- 11) FCC letter to Chief Superintendent Alan Shanks re Halloween
- 12) FCC letter to City Development re revised AIP Scheme

- 13) Response from Head of Transport re revised AIP Scheme
- 14) ASCC Annual Conference and AGM 19 November Pitlochry
- 15) Consultation Paper on Falling Primary School Rolls. *Initial reactions due 11 November. Dennis Williams to convene a meeting to discuss*
- 16) FCC response to Scottish Green Belts Alliance on Scottish Executive draft paper SSP 21 – Green Belts
- 17) Notice for Pentlands LDC Wednesday 16 November Morningside Primary School. *Put on Notice Board*
- 18) Edinburgh Standards for Streets consultation paper. – *Response due 30 December. Dennis Williams to convene meeting to discuss*
- 19) FCC letter to City Development with comments on Prohibition of Double Parking draft paper.

5. Planning and Environment Sub Committee

Louise Maguire advised that planning applications can now be made on-line.

She reported that the pond at Camus Park (Fairmilehead) had filled up in recent weeks and the school children will be planting bluebells in November. The date will be posted on the Notice Board and adults are invited to assist.

6. Waste Aware Project

Johanna Carrie had prepared a list for discussion of the projects which FCC could become involved in as part of the Waste Aware initiative. She will set up a meeting with Midlothian Advice and Resource Centre and report back at the next meeting. It was agreed that an expert should be invited to either the February or March meeting to talk about composting. Johanna and Louise will prepare a list of small actions which everyone can take to reduce waste and the list will be put on FCC website and the Notice Board.

7. Transport Sub Committee

The Community Council had been notified that the 20 mph speed limit will be implemented in Buckstone Estate, and the work will start w/c 31 October.

The AIP Scheme at Pentland View and Pentland Terrace will be constructed in the current financial year (before April 2006).

FCC comments and objections to the speed bumps and cushions in the Buckstone Estate had produced no impact on the plans which were originally shown in June, despite numerous letters from residents.

The plans for a Pelican crossing on Buckstone Terrace, which had been displayed on the Notice Board, which showed the proposed position and options for the bus stops, were discussed at length. In summary, those present at the meeting, expressed serious doubts about whether pedestrians would walk along Buckstone Gardens then turn south to use a Pelican Crossing, and then walk south to a Bus Stop to catch a bus into town. It was felt they would be more likely to dodge the traffic and cross by the central island

closest to Buckstone Road. It was agreed that Cllr Mrs Elaine Aitken would contact Tom Clark, Area Manager to convey the FCC concerns.

Norman Tinlin had responded with initial comments to the proposed draft prohibition order for double parking.

A TRO for Buckstone Terrace for maintenance work to the pavements from November to February 2006 had been noted.

Copies of the plan for a Park and Ride layout at Lothianburn were distributed. Cllr Aitken confirmed that two Park and Ride sites, at Todhills and Straiton will be given a year to bed-in. If they are well-used only then will the A702 be considered.

Plans to introduce Bus Clearways at Buckstone Terrace had been withdrawn.

8. Councillor's Report

Cllr Aitken reported:

- a) that the traffic calming was going ahead
- b) she would contact Tom Clark with FCC comments about the proposed crossing at Buckstone Terrace
- c) construction of a traffic crossing and lights on Frogston Road West had been put out to tender. It was part of the original development and could go ahead now that the stop-over stance was no longer required for the 11 Bus
- d) there had been no change to the 11 Bus route. Hyvot's Bank is a natural turning circle, but the possibility of turning at Liberton Hospital was being considered
- e) Elections were taking place for Buckstone and Pentland Primary School Boards. She has asked for a representative to be co-opted onto FCC from the PTA or the School Board – although this is made difficult as they meet on the same evening as the FCC
- f) two Primary 7 classes will be planting bluebells in Camus Park on either the 14 or 28 November. FCC members are invited to assist. She will be distributing a letter to all the residents who live near the pond area.
- g) despite assurances that the street lights on the path in Winton Woods would have been in place before the end of the October school break a timescale of mid-November has now been set. Mr Neilson agreed to attend a meeting with the Parks Officer and Cllr Aitken.

In response to questions raised by residents she agreed to find out more about the plot of land at Buckstone Court which is not being maintained by the Council.

9. AOCB

The Chair, Dennis Williams, said there would be wine and cheese after the December meeting and he invited everyone to come along and bring something to eat or drink.

10. Date Of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held at 7.00 pm on Tuesday 6 December in the Caiystane Room, Fairmilehead Parish Church Halls. It will be followed by wine and cheese.