

# **FAIRMILEHEAD COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

Minute of AGM and meeting held on Tuesday 3 May 2005 in the Frogston Room, 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; Catherine Macpherson; Cllr Mrs Elaine Aitken; Norman Tinlin; Len Brown; Sandy Macpherson, Johanna Carrie and Sheila Bulmer.

Part-time; Tom Clark, Andrew McBride and Gary Patton, City Development and 44 members of the public/residents.

Apologies: Jennifer Munro; Norman MacKenzie; Richard Hinton; Daphne Sleigh; Bruce Beveridge, Joyce Beveridge and Dorothy Melville.

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

PC Graham Harvey had provided written statistics for the month of April, as he was unable to attend the meeting. There were six reports of vandalism and two thefts from motor vehicles; three domestic housebreakings, one business housebreaking and two thefts of pedal cycles. Four youths have been arrested in Buckstone Estate for housebreaking with intent. Following complaints made about youths on motor scooters – one youth was reported for theft, re-set and numerous driving offences in Buckstone Estate.

Norman Tinlin, Webmaster, will contact PC Harvey to obtain the Lothian and Borders Police Newsletters for the months of March and April and put them on the FCC website.

Dennis Williams confirmed that the FCC has worked closely with the police over the past year and the Community Council hopes to build a strong link with the newly appointed Community Beat Constable for Fairmilehead.

## **3. Reports from the Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer**

Dennis Williams reported that the Community Council had had a great year working on several issues. The visit to the Scottish Parliament had been very interesting and he thanked everyone for their involvement and commitment, especially the Treasurer and the Secretary.

Sheena Robertson gave a summary of the number of meetings, attendance, correspondence and names of guest speakers during the past year.

Alison Elfick provided copies of the audited accounts and Balance sheet for the period 1 April 2004 to 31 March 2005.

#### **4. Adoption Of The Accounts**

Norman Tinlin proposed that the accounts be adopted. This was carried unanimously.

#### **5. Appointment of Auditor**

Kenneth W Millar MCIBS was re-appointed auditor for the next financial year.

#### **6. City Development Road Safety Team re proposed AIP Scheme at junction of Pentland View and Comiston Road**

Dennis Williams welcomed members of the public and introduced Andrew McBride, Project Manager, Strategic Services/Transport, City of Edinburgh Council who confirmed that, in light of the public response, the proposed AIP Scheme will not be going ahead in its present form. He outlined the criteria for AIP Schemes and gave examples of traffic measures throughout the city. Members of the public were encouraged to ask questions and give their views.

Tom Clark, Network Manager for the area gave a brief history of the traffic measures that have been put in place locally. He said there were two distinct issues under discussion; 1) the AIP Scheme and 2) the traffic speeds between Greenbank and Frogston on Comiston Road.

After a period of questions and comments from residents, it was agreed that the Council Officers would re-examine the issues and come back to a meeting of the Fairmilehead Community Council with a new AIP Scheme proposal. There was a request for maps to be available so that people could refer to them at that meeting.

At this point members of the public left the meeting, the office bearers stood down and Cllr Aitken took the Chair for the annual election of office bearers.

#### **7. Election of Office Bearers: Chairperson, Vice Chairperson; Secretary and Treasurer.**

Office	Name	Proposed by	Seconded by
Chairperson	Dennis Williams	Norman Tinlin	Catherine Macpherson
Vice Chairperson	Louise Maguire	Elaine Aitken	Dennis Williams
Secretary	Sheena Robertson	Dennis Williams	Elaine Aitken
Treasurer	Alison Elfick	Elaine Aitken	Dennis Williams

Planning and Environment Sub Committee: Louise Maguire and Johanna Carrie.  
Transport Sub Committee: Norman Tinlin. All were co-opted and approved.

Sheena Robertson said that she will not seek re-election as an office-bearer in 2006.

#### **8. Minute Of Meeting Held On 5 April 2005 And Matters Arising**

Norman Tinlin asked for three typing errors to be corrected. The minute, with the corrections, having been circulated was signed as a correct record by the Chair - proposed by Louise Maguire and seconded by Norman Tinlin.

## **9. Correspondence**

- 1) Nigel Griffiths MP
- 2) Dr Lynda Clark QC MP
- 3) Glasdon
- 4) Water Customer Panels – Questionnaire - *Dennis Williams will complete for FCC*
- 5) Eileen Hewitt – CEC Liaison Officer
  - (a) Diary inserts
  - (b) HMO Licensing Applications
  - (c) National Standards for Community Engagement Conference 20 May 2005
- 6) Edinburgh City Libraries Bulletin
- 7) Colinton Amenity Association AGM Thursday 19 May at 7.30 pm
- 8) Water Customer Panels
- 9) Calor Scottish Community of the Year 2005 Entry Forms and Guidelines

## **Councillor's Report**

Cllr Aitken reported that the head teacher for the new Pentland Primary Sschool was now in post and a Depute Head had also been appointed.

She reported that another two accidents involving vehicles had occurred at the junction of Braid Hills Road and Braid Road. There were no injuries.

There has been no progress on the re-instatement of the No 18 bus schedule and a response is awaited from the Chief Executive of the new Edinburgh Royal Infirmary.

The sequencing of the traffic lights at Fairmilehead crossroads has been adjusted.

## **10. Edinburgh's Civic Code**

It was agreed that it would not be easy to implement and enforce such a Code and the existing legislation should be sufficient. Norman Tinlin agreed to draft a response on behalf of FCC.

## **11. Waste Initiative Meeting**

Johanna Carrie spoke about the ways in which residents could re-use, reduce and re-cycle waste and said that grant funding was available for projects. Cllr Aitken said that the school children will be doing a litter collection which is organized by Inspector Grant (Oxgangs) on Wednesday 18 May. Louise Maguire and Johanna Carrie will meet to discuss ideas and bring them to the June meeting.

## **12. AOCB**

a) Dennis Williams said that it was too late to organize the Open Day for 28 May and suggested it was a good idea which should be planned for September/ October. If it is to include bulb planting then the schools should be advised of the date well in advance.

Culture and Leisure Department can supply bulbs which could be planted in Fairmilehead Park. Details will be discussed at the FCC meeting on 6 September.

b) Dr Gina Opdycke advised FCC that a planning application for a 66-space car park, directly behind her house on Biggar Road ( A702), had been submitted by Lothianburn Golf Club to Midlothian and City of Edinburgh Councils.

It was agreed that FCC would write to the Planning Department advising that FCC wishes to be consulted on this application as a statutory consultee and to ask for clarification that the proposed site was on the Green Belt. Norman Tinlin agreed to draft the letter

c) Sandy Macpherson informed the meeting that the Scottish Executive was proposing that it will have powers to decide on any development which is considered to be "of national importance." This will have the effect of over-riding the democratic planning process.

d) It was noted that a planning application has been submitted for a short term travellers' park at Silverburn petrol station.

## **13. Date of next meeting**

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 7 June at 7.00 pm in the Caiystane Room, Fairmilehead Parish Church Halls, 1 Frogston Road West, Edinburgh.

NB. there will be no meetings in July or August