

FAIRMILEHEAD COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minute of meeting held on Tuesday 5 April 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; Catherine Macpherson, Richard Hinton (Buckstone Association), Norman Tinlin, Norman MacKenzie, Jennifer Munro, Bruce Beveridge, Joyce Beveridge, Len Brown, Dorothy Melville, Sandy Macpherson. Councillor Mrs Elaine Aitken.

Part-time: PC Brian Lothian and Susan Clark.

Apologies: Alison Elfick, Sheila Bulmer, Daphne Sleight and Johanna Carrie.

2. Report from Community Police

PC Brian Lothian gave a summary of the incidents which had been reported during the month of March. There were three house breakings; 13 thefts; 15 acts of vandalism and one minor assault. A total of 117 incidents had been reported of which 19 were youth-related. There were three vehicle accidents.

Brian Lothian explained that new Community Policing arrangements were being introduced and each beat will have one dedicated Community Officer. Graeme Harvey will be the Community Officer for Fairmilehead (Ward 52). Community Patrol Officers will work 24 hour shift patterns. As this was Brian's last meeting, Dennis Williams, Chair, thanked him for attending the Fairmilehead Community Council meetings and said that it was essential that the links which had been established should continue.

3. Susan Clark, Corporate Services, City of Edinburgh Council, Liquor Licensing and the Licensing (Scotland) Bill.

Susan Clark, Senior Solicitor, gave a comprehensive and succinct introduction to the work of the City of Edinburgh Licensing Board and the Licensing Forum. She spoke about and answered questions on the role, responsibility and powers of the Licensing Board and then gave an overview of some of the possible changes which may arise from the Licensing (Scotland) Bill which is currently being discussed. Dennis Williams thanked Susan for her informative talk which was much appreciated by those present.

4. Minute Of The Meeting Held On 1 March And Matters Arising

There was one minor alteration suggested to the minute at the end of Item 10 – that it should read “sharply”. The minute, having been circulated, was signed as a correct record, by the Chair, proposed by Louise Maguire and seconded by Dennis Williams.

Norman MacKenzie thanked FCC, and Norman Tinlin in particular, for helping to arrange the successful visit to the Scottish Parliament. Norman Tinlin reported that he had sent a letter to David McLetchie thanking him for inviting both FCC and Morningside CC members.

5. Correspondence

- 1) Pentland Hills Regional Park Consultative Forum – request to nominate a representative from FCC – *Louise Maguire to ask Alison Elfick if she would accept*
- 2) NHS - The outcome of the public consultation
- 3) Standing up to anti-social behaviour Awards Scheme 2005 (Scottish Executive) *Leaflets distributed at the meeting. Norman Tinlin will set up a link with the FCC website*
- 4) Email from Eileen Hewitt - Deadline for nominations for 3 above is 15 April 2005
- 5) Scottish Executive Water Division – Water Environment – Publication of Regulations General Binding Rules (28 day consultation period ended 5 April 2005)
- 6) Working Capital
- 7) Review of Scheme for CCs – Reply from David Jack to letter from New Town, Broughton and Pilrig CC
- 8) HMO for February 2005
- 9) Today and Tomorrow – City for all Ages – *booklets distributed*
- 10) Planning Aid Scotland Newsletter February 2005
- 11) Notice for Waste Initiative, Caledonian Hall, Edinburgh Botanics. *Johanna Carrie has agreed to attend and report back at the next meeting*
- 12) Edinburgh's Civic Code – **On agenda for next meeting.** *Copies previously circulated by email to FCC members and regular attendees.*
- 13) Notice of meeting on Schools – Wednesday 13 April, City Chambers. *Information to be put up on the FCC Notice Board*

6. Councillor's Report

Update on Pentland Primary School: - As part of the amalgamation process, Cllr Elaine Aitken has raised a motion at the full Council proposing that every child who will attend the new primary school should have a sweatshirt provided by the Education Department.

Cllr Aitken reported that the road-work has been done to narrow the approaches to Braid Hills Road/Braid Road.

The tactile signals are now working at Fairmilehead Crossroads traffic lights.

Following complaints from the Residents Association the road in Pentlands Drive will be re-surfaced during the 2005/2006 financial year.

A new planning application has been submitted for the house in Braid Hills Approach and Buckstone Nursery has applied for planning permission to revert the building to a dwelling-house. The application for 48 Pentland Terrace was refused.

A new bus shelter is to be sited opposite Riselaw Road and the old bus shelter will be re-located.

7. Planning and Environment Sub Committee

Louise Maguire reported that builders have appealed following the outcome of the Public Enquiry on the Polo Fields. Colinton Amenity Association has started an appeal to raise funds to fight the case. It was suggested that FCC should send a letter of encouragement, offering moral support. Louise said she had already written to them and that they were carrying out a survey on usage of the area.

Peacock butterflies have been seen at the pond at Fairmilehead Park.

8. Transport Sub Committee

Norman Tinlin said that the Gas Mains would be replaced in Morningside over a period of 40 weeks, during which time there would be no on street parking. He had also noted an over abundance of traffic attendants in Morningside.

The change in timetable for the No 18 bus is still causing concern and Cllr Aitken is still trying to obtain a more satisfactory solution.

9. Report Back From Community Council Boundaries Meeting

Norman Tinlin had attended the Boundary changes meeting and reported that there were plans to extend Fairmilehead Community Council northwards to include Braid Hills Road.

Referring to changes to the Community Council Scheme, there would no longer be a requirement for CCs to keep a separate account to cover triennial election expenses. There should be a report from the CC treasurer twice during the financial year e.g. for the meetings in May and November.

10. Open Day

A meeting had been convened during March, which was attended by Louise Maguire, Cllr Elaine Aitken and Dennis Williams to discuss and agree the details for the proposed Open Day on 28 May 2005 in Fairmilehead Park. The date had not been confirmed and a Form had to be completed and returned to James Hunter, to obtain permission to hold an event in the park. The main purpose of the event is to raise the profile of Fairmilehead Community Council.

11. AOCB

Richard Hinton said that he had attended the meeting on Grants.

Sandy Macpherson informed the meeting for the Hustings in Fairmilehead Parish Church Halls on 27 April 2005.

12. Date Of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held at 7.00 pm on Tuesday 3 May 2005. The monthly meeting will be preceded by the Annual General Meeting which is open to members of the public.