

FAIRMILEHEAD COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minute of the meeting held on Tuesday 6 December 2005, in Fairmilehead Parish Church Halls, 1 Frogston Road West, Edinburgh

Louise Maguire, Vice Chair, opened the meeting. Dennis Williams, Chair joined the meeting later on.

1. Attendance and Apologies

Present: Dennis Williams, Chair; Louise Maguire, Vice Chair; Sheena Robertson, Secretary; Alison Elfick, Treasurer; Catherine Macpherson; Richard Hinton (Buckstone Association); Margaret Walker (Youth Project); Norman Tinlin; Joyce Beveridge; Bruce Beveridge; Johanna Carrie; Norman McKenzie; Ian Elfick; Hugh Gibson ; Helen Gibson; Sandy Macpherson; Cllr Mrs Elaine Aitken and Cllr Andrew Scobbie (Part-time)

Apologies: Daphne Sleigh; Sheila Bulmer; Nigel Griffiths MP and Cllr Jason Rust.

2. Councillor's Report

Cllr Mrs Elaine Aitken reported that:

- a) Following the incident in Buckstone Grove the gas mains pipes are being replaced this week. Gas pipes will also be replaced in the Avenue and the Crescent; She said she would be asking for comments from the Emergency Services regarding the newly-installed traffic calming measures in the Drive and Grove;
- b) Lothianburn Golf Club had made a re-application for the Car Park, however the original objections raised by the Community Council still stand;
- c) There is funding available for the pedestrian crossing on Buckstone Terrace near Buckstone Gardens and this can go ahead In the next financial year (2006 -2007) as it is third on the priority list; She asked residents to let her know their views on a pedestrian crossing at Buckstone Terrace. The options are - to agree to the crossing or hold out for a fully automated traffic signal system, for which there is no budgetary provision;
- d) She has written to the Director of City Development asking him to re-consider installing a 40 mph speed limit on Buckstone Terrace;
- e) A Newsletter will going out to all residents next week in which they will be asked to contact her with their views on the proposed pedestrian crossing at Buckstone Terrace.
- f) she has asked for a site visit with Keith Rimmer to consider at double yellow lines outside the Medical Practice in Camus Avenue;
- g) Residents should identify and advise her exactly where double yellow lines are required at the corners of junctions in the Buckstone Estate – to prevent cars parking;
- h) The Council is considering a right-turn filter to Oxgangs Road at Fairmilehead Crossroads;
- i) The lighting at the path at Winton Woods will be installed before the end of the month;
- j) She will find out from Caroline Burwell what feedback there has been to the traffic calming measures in the Estate. She will also arrange a site visit for an inspection of the height and angle of the sides of the cushions as many are considered to be detrimental to safe driving. Norman Tinlin will accompany and represent FCC at the visit. (Contractors in other parts of the City have been instructed to replace those which do not meet the specifications).

3. Reports from Community Beat Officer

Sheena Robertson read the report which had been submitted by PC Graham Harvey, Community Beat Officer. Details can be found on the FCC website at www.fairmileheadcc.org.uk. Attention had been drawn to thefts from motor vehicles and residents were urged to take precautions. A copy of the advice had been placed on the FCC Notice Board.

4. Edinburgh City Libraries

The talk on the Edinburgh City Libraries Mobile Library consultation had been postponed to the January meeting.

5. Minute Of The Meeting Held On 1 November And Matters Arising

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

The Treasurer noted that a donation had already been sent to Planning Aid for Scotland in June 2005.

6. Correspondence

- 1) Community Council Liaison and Development Officer
 - a) CC 25th Anniversary Celebrations Monday 12 December *Dennis Williams and Catherine Macpherson will attend to collect the Certificate*
 - b) Get up and Go Programme in Libraries
 - c) HMOs October report
- 2) Community Voices Network
- 3) ASSCC – Newsletter, Petition, Managing Nuclear Waste –discussion guide
- 4) Scottish Executive discussion paper – *What can we do to help Community Councils fulfil their role? Comments by 28 February 2006*
- 5) Working Capital
- 6) Email from resident at Buckstone Rise re traffic calming measures
- 7) FCC response to 6 above from Norman Tinlin
- 8) Community Services Bulletin November 2005
- 9) Review of Community Council Scheme
(see papers on www.edinburgh.gov.uk/community_councils). *Norman Tinlin queried the boundaries – Sheena Robertson, Secretary, to check with Eileen Hewitt*
- 10) Correspondence re meetings with MARC and Waste Action Programme
- 11) CC Liaison and Development Officer re meeting on Proposed revised Planning Guidelines for HMOs
- 12) Planning Aid for Scotland November Newsletter
- 13) Inside Letting Newsletter
- 14) Season's Greetings from Nigel Griffiths MP
- 15) Letter from Process Manager Planning and Strategy, City Development Dept re CCs not getting decisions or acknowledgements – *Sheena Robertson, Secretary, to advise there had been no problems with FCC.*

7. Planning and Environment Sub Committee

Louise Maguire reported that pupils from Pentland Primary School had planted 3000 bluebell bulbs close to the children's play area in Camus Park. The pond has "grown" and some snowdrops have been seen.

Johanna Carrie reported that discussions with MARC and the Waste Action Programme had collapsed as the proposed project was not viable. Information on recycling stamps was distributed and it was agreed that copies will be put up in local shops, on the FCC Notice Board in the Fairmilehead Directory. The Open Door at Morningside accepts used stamps and Tesco accepts used Christmas cards.

A professional expert on household composting will be invited to speak at the March meeting

Dennis Williams spoke about the Planning re-application for a Car Park at Lothianburn Golf Course. After some discussion it was agreed that FCC would, as statutory consultees, object on the grounds of size, number of car parking spaces, encroachment in the Green Belt and nuisance to the resident at 104 Biggar Road. Copy letters are to be sent to Cllr Mrs Elaine Aitken, David McLetchie MSP, Nigel Griffiths MP and Damhead Community Council.

8. Transport Sub Committee

Norman Tinlin had written to City Development asking for a full re-instatement of the verge in Buckstone Grove where the workman's hut had been sited during the installation of the traffic calming measures for the whole of the Buckstone Estate.

He had queried the use of cones on the west side of Buckstone Terrace where the pavement is being replaced on the east side of the carriageway.

He advised the meeting that parts of the Central Management Traffic Scheme had been reversed and comments from residents clearly reflected their views that it "had been a waste of money."

9. AOCB

The meeting asked the Secretary to send a Get Well Card from Fairmilehead Community Council to the young man who had been injured in the incident at Buckstone Grove on 30 November.

Sheena Robertson, Secretary, advised the meeting that the Community Council had been requested by Mr J Chalmers to ascertain the state of the gas pipes in the whole of the Buckstone Estate. It was agreed that Dennis Williams, Chair, would write to John Moreau, Chief Operating Officer Scotland Gas Networks.

Dennis Williams thanked everyone for attending and participating in the meetings which he described as a learning process. He said he would like to see more active involvement from the elected MSP and MP.

Norman Mackenzie expressed his appreciation for the hospitality which was offered to the residents of Buckstone Grove by the Tusitala Restaurant on the evening of the fire incident.

Dennis Williams wished everyone a Happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year. He invited them to enjoy a song and dance act by the girls from the Buckstone Youth Project, which would be followed by wine and cheese.

10. Date Of The Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 10 January 2006 in the Caiystane Room, Fairmilehead Parish Church Halls,