

FAIRMILEHEAD COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minute of meeting held on Tuesday 1 March 2005 at 7pm in Fairmilehead Parish Church Halls, Frogston Road West, Edinburgh

1. Attendance and Apologies

Present: Dennis Williams, Chair; Louise Maguire, Vice Chair; Catherine Macpherson; Richard Hinton (Buckstone Association); Bruce Beveridge; Joyce Beveridge; Len Brown; Sheila Bulmer; Johanna Carrie; Norman McKenzie; Sandy Macpherson; Jennifer Munro; Norman Tinlin
Part Time: Councillor Elaine Aitken; Daphne Sleight; Jillian Hood; Scott Walker; Nicole Sayer; Margaret Walker

Apologies: Alison Elfick, Sheena Robertson, Dot Melville

In the absence of the Secretary the minutes were taken by Norman Tinlin

2. Report from Community Police

There was no police presence therefore no report.

3. Youth Club Update

Margaret Walker introduced the 3 youth members you were in attendance, Jillian Hood, Scott Walker and Nicole Sayer who each gave a brief report on the Youth Initiative. Margaret also circulated a programme of events and said that the average attendance was 26 youths. In addition to the 2 original laptops another one had been donated and trips for go-karting and laser quest had been undertaken along with football at Gracemount. There were still on-going staffing problems and an appeal was made for any assistance possible in this respect.

The Chairman thanked Margaret and the 3 youths for attending the meeting to give the members an update on this important initiative.

4. Minute Of Meeting Held On 1 February 2005 And Matters Arising

There was one alteration to the minute in Section 8 2nd line Leslie Riddock should read Lesley Riddock. The minutes were then signed as a correct record by the Chairman; proposed by Louise Maguire and seconded by Dennis Williams. Matters arising were covered on the agenda.

5. Correspondence

- 1) Scottish Executive Review of Marches and Parades (Report enclosed)
- 2) Scottish Executive Result of Water Services Consultations
- 3) Scottish Water Charges Announcement
- 4) Communities Scotland Questionnaire re Community Planning
- 5) The Local Channel Free listing of Community Web Site (Norman Tinlin attending)
- 6) Postwatch Scotland Spring 2005 newsletter
- 7) CEC Press release re Congestion Charging result
- 8) Transport Edinburgh Newsletter 2nd edition
- 9) Nigel Griffith MP Humanitarian Crisis in Sudan – Public Meeting 19/2/05
- 10) Eileen Hewitt CEC
 - a) Guide to Freedom of Information Act
 - b) Keep Edinburgh Growing Competition
 - c) Fair Trade Fortnight Events
 - d) ASCC (Association of Scottish Community Councils) Meeting 18 June
 - e) EACC (Edinburgh Association of Community Councils) events in 2005

- f) Queen Margaret College - Learning Fair 26 February
- g) HMO Monthly report (None in our area)
- 11) Scottish Natural Heritage Outdoor Access Code (Copy of and leaflets)
- 12) Donald Anderson, leader, CEC, Press release re CEC Budget 2005/06
- 13) Eileen Hewitt CEC Community Council Mapping Exercise 3 March (Norman Tinlin & Louise Maguire attending)
- 14) Eileen Hewitt CEC ASCC – Public Call Box Consultation
 - a) Central LDC Meeting 2 March
 - b) Fund raising seminar 17 March
- 15) L & B Police February newsletter (Copy on Website)
- 16) Morningside CC Photographic exhibition 11 & 12 March (Copy for noticeboard)

Norman Tinlin said that in view of the number of items of correspondence that advised of forthcoming meetings, seminars and other events he would look at the possibility of putting a diary on the website and something similar for the noticeboard.

6. Planning & Environmental Sub-Committee

Louise Maguire reported that frog spawn had appeared in Fairmilehead Park and 2 herons had been seen.

7. Transport Sub-Committee

Norman Tinlin formally reported to the meeting the result of the referendum on Congestion Charging. Those who had voted YES for the Council's preferred option had been 45,965 whilst those voting NO had been 133,678. The vote had been lost by 3 to 1 and 61.85% of eligible electors had voted. The total cost of the exercise to date including the referendum had been £9 million. He had lodged a complaint with the relevant department regarding the number of Yes posters that were still on lampposts in contravention of the permission granted. Everybody would require to be vigilant in case the Council tried to introduce some of the measures by the 'back door'.

8. Visit to Scottish Parliament

Norman Tinlin confirmed that the date for the visit was 22 March 2005 and was a joint visit with Morningside CC. Quotes had been obtained from 3 firms for a 40 seater coach and it was decided to accept the one from McKendry at £120. This would leave from Fairmilehead Church and then pick up MCC at the Open Door. There 18 names from FCC so far, including 3 youth members, and 10 from MCC so far. A further name was provided at the meeting. It was agreed that the cost would be divided equally between all those attending but the youth members would be exempt.

9. Councillor's Report

Councillor Elaine Aitken apologised for her late attendance but she had just come from a meeting of the joint primary school board. It had been officially announced the new amalgamated school would be called Pentland Primary School.

The pupils from both the existing schools were designing the uniform and she was trying to obtain funding to give each pupil at least a sweat shirt.

Regarding the No 18 bus this was being discussed at the Environmental Scrutiny Panel in April. Bill Campbell of Lothian Buses had said that he may reduce another route to enable him to extend the 18 service.

A report was being put in front of the Executive regarding the narrowing of the junction at Braid Hills/Braid Road. The red surfaces with SLOW on them had been installed on Braid Road. The cost of a roundabout was £90,000 whilst redesigning the junction was £20,000.

Comiston School Fair was on 7 May which meant that the FCC Open Day could possibly be held on 28 May and she would contact the Parks Department.

Work was ongoing on the Comiston Cistern to try and alleviate the leakage.

In reply to a query raised at the previous meeting by Sandy Mcpherson she had been unable to get any information re the bypass arrangement. Nobody appeared to know anything about it and the only hope was if there was something in writing.

10. AOCB

Norman McKenzie asked about fire alarm checks; Sheila Bulmer enquired regarding the law relating to zig-zag lines at pedestrian crossings and Johanna Carrie asked about Water Board consultations.

Susan Clark, Corporate Services, City of Edinburgh Council would be attending the next meeting to give a brief overview of the proposed legislation on liquor licensing.

In view of the inclement weather the meeting was concluded sharp.

11. Date Of Next Meeting

The meeting will be held on Tuesday 5 April 2005 at 7pm in the Caiystane Room, Fairmilehead Parish Church Halls.

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