

# **FAIRMILEHEAD COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

Minute of meeting held on Tuesday 5 September 2006 in the Caiystane Room, Fairmilehead Parish Church Halls, Frogston Road West, Edinburgh

## **1. Attendance and Apologies**

**Present:** Dennis Williams, Chair; Louise Maguire, Vice Chair, Norman Tinlin, Secretary; Alison Elfick, Treasurer; Cllr Elaine Aitken (part); Bruce & Joyce Beveridge; Johanna Carrie; Andrew Cross; Ian Elfick; PC Graham Harvey (part); Jim & Caroline Hill; Richard Hinton; Jennifer Munro; Sheena Robertson; Cllr Jason Rust (part); Audrey Ryan; Daphne Sleigh (part); Charles Whytock; Margaret Walker (part)

**Apologies:** Mike Brunsdon; Sheila Bulmer; Dot Logan; Norman McKenzie

Due to some participants having to attend other meetings some items were taken in a different order from the published Agenda.

## **2. Councillors Reports (Part 1)**

Councillor Aitken said that she had to leave early to attend the Pentland School Board meeting and Daphne Sleigh likewise but to attend Buckstone School Board.

She had been asked to ensure that thanks to the 48 residents who contributed to the wall repair in Buckstone Terrace at the gardens was minuted.

In regards to the Scottish Water consultation change had to happen and the various options had been outlined in the consultation document. If the decision was not to go ahead with enhancements at the Fairmilehead site then this would more than likely be converted into housing. She was trying to get officials along to a CC meeting.

She had recently issued a newsletter in the Ward which mentioned that 5 sets of speed cushions had been realigned/rebuilt. Discussion followed and it was felt that there was not a uniform pattern of build or height of the cushions on the estate and there were also inconsistencies when compared with cushions in other areas of the city. The Secretary said he would submit an FOI request to get the reports of any measurements undertaken recently on the cushions.

Although some cushions in Buckstone Drive had been replaced and the surrounding areas resurfaced this work had not extended to resurfacing the remainder of the street which was particularly badly pot holed.

There had been a recent fatal accident in Biggar Road and the speed limit may require to be reviewed. Information was also given regarding the erection of a flashing sign at the approach to the shops in Buckstone Terrace. Members expressed the concerns about the safety aspects of the sign. A member raised the question of the different speed limits along the length of Frogston Road West and East.

It was also raised that there were no dropped kerbs in the Buckstone Estate which made it difficult for those that used wheelchairs or motorised buggies. The parking of cars outside the school had been displaced to surrounding streets causing problems at times for wheelchairs and other road users.

PC Harvey said that this was an ongoing transport problem and he had been 6 times since the start of term and given advice to errant motorists and others. He was attending the School Board meeting later that evening and a letter had been approved by his Inspector for the Board regarding this problem.

### **3. Report from Community Beat Officer**

PC Graham Harvey reported on the number of vandalisms, thefts etc for the month of August. There were 5 thefts from motor vehicles. Spare wheels for Renault Clios appeared to particularly vulnerable at the present time. There were also 2 thefts of motor vehicle but the vehicles had been recovered nearby.

A lock up garage in Braid Hills Road had been entered overnight and an unsuccessful attempt made to steal property. It was suspected that the culprits may have observed the property being [ut in the garage earlier in the day and returned later to steal it.

There were 6 vandalisms and a number to bus stops in Pentland Terrace had been solved this month.

He also highlighted the details of a scam operating in regard to mail order goods.

Richard Hinton stated that the woodland sign at the play park had been cut down. Following on a report of misbehaviour at the park the Tutor unit had been involved in patrolling it.

Mrs Ryan mentioned that there were sometime cars racing in Winton Loan. In response to a question PC Harvey was not aware of any incidents at the Braids regarding the Festival fireworks, The area had been given passing attention. The Chairman also drew attention to the fact that Halloween was approaching and the problems of egg throwing.

PC Harvey advised members to phone in any incidents as at least they were logged.

### **4. Minute of Meeting Held on 5 September and Matters Arising**

Under approval of minutes the correct spelling of seconder should be Elfick not Elphick.

In relation to item 3, 3<sup>rd</sup> para Mr Whytock said that this should read “ Following the gas explosion in Buckstone Grove and the replacement of the 100mm dia cast iron pipework with the 60mm dia plastic pipework will the reduced diameter of main gas supply pipework have the capacity to sustain correct supply quantity and pressure at *peak* demand times?”

In relation to item 6 the Environmental Wardens report related to littering and dog fouling.

With these amendments the minutes of the previous meeting were approved on the motion of Sheena Robertson and seconded by Dennis Williams.

### **5. Youth Project**

Margaret Walker gave a brief report. The residential weekend that been held at Nethy Bridge had been a success so much so that it was requested that it be held every month. Funding for the project had been obtained for a further year and she wished to thank all those involved. The Junior Club would commence in October and the Senior one in September.

The Project was again this year undertaking a visit to the pantomime at the Kings. Anybody interested could contact her and a notice was handed over for display on the noticeboard.

She also reported that a blue car, no further details known, went rather fast on the estate. If the vehicle was seen could details be passed to either her or the police. She also reiterated PC Harvey's request to report incidents or groups of youths as the majority of the time they were nor from the estate.

## 6. Correspondence

- 1) Letter to Chief Constable and response from Safety Camera Partnership re camera van parking on footway, Frogston Road West
- 2) Eileen Hewitt, CEC – Community Engagement Training Event – 27 June 2006 (Norman Tinlin & Louise Maguire had attended)
- 3) Alan Henderson, CEC Planning – Scheme of Delegation, Hearings Guidance & Survey on Use of planning Charters
- 4) Planning Aid Scotland – Summer Newsletter
- 5) Roy Jobson, CEC Children & Families – Service improvement Plan
- 6) Transport Edinburgh – Traveltime Newsletter
- 7) Lothian & Borders Police, Oxfgangs - Letter of thanks for donation to and report on Child Safety Day
- 8) Scottish Executive – Acknowledgement of response to Age & Experience consultation
- 9) CEC – Acknowledgment of responses to Edinburgh City Local Plan & Vision for Capital Growth
- 10) Eileen Hewitt, CEC – Community Council Joint Meeting, 14 September 2006. Subject is Local Community Planning. Norman Tinlin & Sheena Robertson attending.
- 11) CEC – Private Renting In Edinburgh information leaflet
- 12) Planning, CEC – Swanston Conservation Area Character Appraisal (Copies given to Louise Maguire & Alison Elfick)
- 13) Local Government Boundary Commission for Scotland – New Wards Boundaries
- 14) Fire Brigades Union – Information re Integrated Risk Management Plans
- 15) CEC Planning – Appointed Planning Contact & Weekly List
- 16) NHS Lothian – Consultation on Healthcare for Children and Young People – Closing date 30 September 2006
- 17) Scottish Health Council – Recruitment of volunteers for Local Advisory Council
- 18) CEC Planning – Development Quality Guidelines for Radio Telecommunications (Copies passed to Louise Maguire & Alison Elfick)
- 19) Scottish Water – Consultation on Edinburgh Drinking Water Project – Closing date 7 November 2006-09-25 Association of Scottish Community Councils – AGM 14 October 2006 in Stirling
- 20) Planning Aid Scotland – Renewal of membership (Agreed to pay £10 renewal fee)
- 21) NHS Lothian – Consultation on Healthcare for Children and Young People – Notification of Public Meetings
- 22) CEC Licensing Board – Proposed Policy on Dance entertainment – Closing date 30 September 2006 (Dennis Williams examining)
- 23) Edinburgh Partnership – Invitation to Launch Event 27 September 2006 (Norman Tinlin attending)
- 24) Edinburgh Partnership – Newsletter and copy of Strategy & Engagement Strategy
- 25) CEC - Chief Executive's Annual Report
- 26) Eileen Hewitt, CEC – Map of Local Community Planning Partnerships & Community Council Guidance Notes
- 27) Scottish Executive Planning Division – Community Involvement Award
- 28) CEC – Get Up & Go Brochure Launch Ceilidh
- 29) Edinburgh Community Safety Partnership – Older People's Day – 10 October 2006
- 30) CEC – HMOs for June & July
- 31) CEC – Edinburgh Licensing Standards Initiative leaflet

## 7. Councillors Reports (Part 2)

Councillor Rust explained that he had just come from the Pentland School Board. The school had suffered vandalism to the windows over the summer and costs came the school budget.

He had had a meeting with the new Chief Inspector for the area, John Hawkins. He also mentioned the new ward boundaries coming into effect next May and the new Council Leader, Rev Ewan Aitken.

The capital budget for 2007-08 is at present being worked on. This covers amongst other things, roads and pavements.

4000 names had been collected for the petition on the No18 bus.

A member stated that work had commenced on the expansion of Swanston Golf Course. Councillor Rust was not aware that permission had been granted and he would check out the situation. He also stated that Tesco had applied for planning permission for a new store at Craiglockhart near to Meggetland. There were some people for and others against the store. Discussion ensued and it was decided that a letter of objection be submitted. This would be based on a personal objection submitted by Dennis Williams.

## **8. Planning and Environment Sub Committee**

Louise Maguire mentioned that 5000 bluebells would be planted by the children from Pentland Primary School in Fairmilehead park. One maybe 2 benches were to be installed there.

## **9. Transport Sub Committee**

There was nothing additional to report.

## **10. Consultations**

The Secretary suggested that if anybody had any comments they wished to make regarding the NHS Children and Young Person's consultation they could e-mail them to him and he will collate and submit.

Efforts would be made to get Scottish Water to attend on of the next 2 meetings regarding their consultation on drinking water.

## **11. AOCB**

Mr Whytock raised the question of the ongoing roadworks on Morningside Road. Norman Tinlin explained some of the background to this i.e. it was taking longer than anticipated due to plans and surveys for existing services being incorrect or out of date and the pipeline being encased in a special concrete.

## **12. Date of Next Meeting**

This was arranged for Tuesday 3 October 2006 in the Caiystane Room, Fairmilehead Parish Church.

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