

FAIRMILEHEAD COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minute of the meeting held on Tuesday 7 February 2006, in Fairmilehead Parish Church Halls, 1 Frogston Road West, Edinburgh

1. Attendance and Apologies

Present: Dennis Williams, Chair; Louise Maguire, Vice Chair; Alison Elfick, Treasurer; Sheena Robertson, Secretary; Richard Hinton (Buckstone Association); Catherine Macpherson; Norman Tinlin; Daphne Sleigh; Johanna Carrie; Andrew Cross; Margaret Walker; Fiona Simon; Dot Logan; Michael Brunson; Donald Pound; Norman Mackenzie; Sandy Macpherson; Audrey Ryan; PC Graham Harvey; Hugh Gibson and Cllr Mrs Elaine Aitken.

Apologies: Sheila Bulmer; Joyce and Bruce Beveridge.

2. Report from Buckstone Youth Project

Margaret Walker reported that funding had been granted by Pentlands LDC which would help to keep the Youth Project going. The young people don't want the project to close so to raise funds they are having a FAMILY FUN NIGHT on Friday 3 March, for adults, youth and families, in St Fillans Church. A poster has been made for the Notice Board. Everyone is encouraged to support this Project.

Working with the police Margaret hopes to arrange a Drugs Awareness event for parents and young people.

3. Reports from Community Beat Officer

The number of reported incidents was down but included 5 vandalisms to motor vehicles. He alerted the meeting to bogus workmen in the area.

PC Graham Harvey said that the Community Safety Team was available to give a talk to parents, residents and young people about Drug Awareness, if a minimum of 60 people were interested in attending. Cllr Aitken said she could include information in her Newsletter and make a tear-off slip available to help gauge the level of interest. Richard Hinton said he would raise it with the Buckstone Association committee.

4. Minute Of 3 January 2006 And Matters Arising

There were two amendments; para. 6 Councillor's Report: f) was changed to read, "Buckstone Association has been asked to adopt the land on the island in Buckstone Court" and para. 7 Planning and Environment Sub Committee the first sentence should read; "footpath repairs" would be continued between Oxfords Brae and Caiystane Drive".

The Minute, having been circulated, with the above amendments was agreed as a correct record; proposed by Norman Tinlin and seconded by Louise Maguire.

5. Matters Arising

1) Dennis Williams, Chair reported that he and Sheena Robertson had met with senior Officers of Scotland Gas Networks, Bert Keys and George Watson who had confirmed that the gas mains replacement programme was underway. All the cast iron pipes will be replaced with polyethylene pipes in Buckstone Grove, Dell, View, Way (all already completed), Gardens, Place, Wood, Bank and Road. The work is expected to be completed by May 2006(weather permitting). Cllr Elaine Aitken has been asked by residents about other parts of the Estate. She will contact Scotland Gas Networks and report back at the next meeting.

Norman Mackenzie said a couple of reported gas leaks had been dealt with promptly in Caiystane Gardens and he hoped that the change in priority, following the explosion, would not delay the planned replacement programme in the Caiystane area.

2) Dennis Williams asked for assistance in completing the questionnaire which is part of the Scottish Executive discussion paper, "What can we do to help community councils fulfil the role?" A sub group of six members will meet on Thursday 23 February to deal with the response. The meeting agreed that their views would be representative of the community.

3) It was agreed that Edinburgh Green Belt Trust should be invited to give a talk at the FCC meeting on 4 April and that Morningside Community Council and Colinton Amenity Association be invited to come along too.

4) Catherine Macpherson said she would take the Certificate of Thanks to be framed and then speak to Fairmilehead Church Officer about having it hung in the Church Halls.

6. Correspondence

- 1) Dogs Trust - Notice Board
- 2) Travel time
- 3) Nigel Griffiths- copy of letter from Head of Planning re Car Park at Lothianburn Golf Course
- 4) Morningside CC – joint meeting – invite to 4 April meeting
- 5) Student from Japan doing PhD in graduate School of Politics, Yokohama City
- 6) Grants for Green Communities – 9 March. Daphne Sleight and Louise Maguire to attend. Sheena Robertson to book places.
- 7) Development Committee Guidelines: Telecommunications
- 8) HMO – Buckstone Gardens
- 9) Scottish Awards for Quality Planning
- 10) TRO to introduce 20 mph speed limit in Buckstone Estate
- 11) Postwatch Scotland
- 12) Triennial Elections – Returning Officer Cllr Elaine Aitken
- 13) Colinton Post Office change of location
- 14) Postwatch – Colinton Post Office
- 15) ASCC Newsletter

7. Councillor's Report

Councillor Mrs Elaine Aitken reported

- 1) There had been an accident on Buckstone Terrace and she intended to contact City Development again to ask for the speed limit to be reduced to 30 mph.
- 2) 2A salt bin had been provided on Riselaw Crescent and it is on the priority list for gritting. The residents are keen to have traffic calming measures. These will be provided under the residential zoning which will be implemented once the school zones have been completed.
- 3) Parking restrictions on the corners of Swanston Avenue are being addressed.
- 4) Pentland Primary School is progressing well.
- 5) The council is still looking for a new site for Boroughmuir High School
- 6) She intended to put a Motion to the Full Council asking the Leader to instruct the Officials to rectify the problems on the Buckstone Estate relating to the introduction of 20 mph zone traffic calming measures in the vicinity of Buckstone Primary School.
- 7) There had been no movement on the pedestrian crossing between Buckstone Gardens and Buckstone Road, on Buckstone Terrace.
- 8) The AIP Scheme at the junction of Pentland View and Comiston Road is going ahead.
- 9) PC Harvey and Inspector Grant had been patrolling Buckstone Primary School to advise drivers of the seriousness of the offence for parking on double yellow lines when dropping off and collecting children, which is £60 fine and 3 points on the driving licence.
- 10) There is no movement on the 18 bus timetable as there is no money to support it.

8. Planning and Environment Sub Committee

Louise Maguire asked if the Community Council planned to have an Open Day this year. The Chair said that the public liability insurance premium was now so high that it was not feasible for FCC to hold a Gala Day. Cllr Aitken agreed to check out how the Friends of Braidburn Valley Park operated their "Open Day". People would be invited to see the Bluebells when they are in bloom. Once a date is decided then a flyer will be put up on the Notice Board.

Louise said there is a lot of litter around and asked if people would be willing to help clear up.

9. Transport Sub Committee

Norman Tinlin reported that Andrew Cross, Mike Brunson and he had examined and measured all the speed cushions and that they had found wide variations to the Council's specifications. A letter will be sent to Andrew Holmes, Director of City Development with details of their findings.

The questionnaire on the Local Transport Strategy will be completed on behalf of FCC. Individuals were urged to complete the questionnaire which is available on-line and in the Libraries.

He said the proposals for the trams are being reviewed.

10. AOCB

Johanna Carrie reminded the meeting that there will be a talk by an expert on home composting at the March meeting. Notices will be put up on the Notice Board and in the local shops.

Sheena Robertson commented that the speed cushions across Buckstone Drive in front of St Fillans Manse were very difficult to negotiate when there are cars parked along the pavement in front of the Manse and Church. It was suggested that the Playgroup Supervisor should be asked to remind drivers to take greater care when opening their car doors as other drivers are forced to the left of the road to avoid drivers coming in the opposite direction coming from Braid Road.

Flyers for the Buckstone Youth Project "Family Fun Night" on 3 March were distributed.

Catherine Macpherson said she will check with the Church Officer to see if there is a portable Loop System which could be made available for the FCC meetings.

11. Date of Next Meeting

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