

Fairmilehead Community Council

Minutes of meeting held on Tuesday 5 June 2007 in Fairmilehead Parish Church Halls.

Present: Dennis Williams (Chair); Louise Maguire (Vice-Chair); Norman Tinlin (Secretary); Alison Elfick (Treasurer); Councillors Elaine Aitken, Eric Barry and Jason Rust; Johanna Carrie; Andrew Cross; Richard Hinton (Buckstone Association); Sheena Robertson; Daphne Sleight; PC Kenny Welsh (Part); Joyce & Bruce Beveridge; Colin Manson; Matthew McKerrow; Bill Robertson; Audrey Ryan; Christine Spence; Tom & Jean Strathdee; Charles Whytock; Alan & Pam Wight; Margaret Walker (Part)

Apologies: Ian Elfick; Jennifer Munro; Kenneth MacAskill; Norman McKenzie

1. Chairman's Opening Remarks

The Chairman apologised for being absent at the previous meeting. He welcomed the three Councillors for the area in what was a new experience for everybody with the multi member wards. He also expressed his thanks to everybody that attended the meetings and to the office bearers for their work throughout the year.

He also expressed the Community Council's condolences to the family of 4 year old Olivia Donachie who had recently been tragically killed in a hit and run accident outside her home in Redford Drive.

2. Police Report

Pc Kenny Welsh gave an update on crime for May. There had been 4 thefts in the Buckstone area and 4 smashed windows in Swan Springs Avenue, Galachlawside, Buckstone Drive and Gardens. There were three other acts of vandalism one of which was where graffiti had been sprayed on the walls of Buckstone Primary School. A car in Pentland View had been damaged and a trees cut down in Galachlawside.

In relation to the vandalism he had been round photographing the graffiti and the "tags" (signatures) with a view to tracing the perpetrators. He was going to take the photographs to Boroughmuir School to see if they can be identified.

He had visited Margaret Walker in relation to the youth clubs and was arranging materials for the safety day. He had looked in Winton Woods but there had been no trace of any bottles. With Councillor Barry he had looked at the parking on Frogston Road West at Marie Curie but the double yellow lines would shortly be in place.

Councillor Aitken said that she had been in touch with Virgin regarding the graffiti on their green terminal boxes on the Buckstone estate. In response to questions PC Welsh said he was aware of the apparently abandoned car in Caiystane Hill and of the double parking problems at the Buckstone shops.

PC Welsh then left the meeting.

3. Youth Project

Margaret Walker reported that as a result of the group packing bags at Morrison's on a recent Saturday they had raised £298. Funding for a year had been obtained from the Edinburgh Community Safety Partnership but it was difficult trying to obtain funding on a year on year basis.

4. Minute Of Meeting Held On 1 May 2007 And Matters Arising.

An additional apology was Daphne Sleight. Under item 11, 2nd para it should read Angela Leitch not Leith.

The minutes of the meeting on 1 May 2007 were approved on the motion of Andrew Cross seconded by Louise Maguire.

5. Matters Arising

Dealt with under other headings

6. Correspondence

- 1) CEC – Edinburgh Partnership e-News for May 2007 (Circulated by e-mail)
- 2) Eileen Hewitt, Liaison Officer – HMOs for march 2007 – Nothing in area
- 3) Inspector Sue Wilson – L & B Police – request for donation for Oxfords Police Child Safety day 20 June 2007 – Agreed £50 be donated
- 4) CEC – Private Housing Strategy Consolation – Closing date 6 July 2007 (Secretary to circulate web link and ask for suggestions by e-mail)
- 5) Pentland Hills Regional Park – Pentland Beacon magazine for Spring 2007
- 6) CEC – Foster Care Week 14 – 27 May (Circulated by e-mail and poster put on noticeboard)
- 7) Edinburgh Association of Community Councils – Meeting 30 May 2007
- 8) Community Voices - Networking event Glasgow 19 June 2007
- 9) Planning Aid Scotland AGM Glasgow 14 June 2007 (After discussion it was decided that if Louise Maguire wished to attend, FCC would pay her expenses)
- 10) CEC Licensing Department – Application for June Board meeting (Nothing in our area)
- 11) CEC City Development – Finalised Edinburgh City Local Plan – Any objections were to be lodged by 6 July 2007.
- 12) Capital Review – Spring 2007. Also enclosed was statistical information on Edinburgh.
- 13) Eileen Hewitt, Liaison Officer – Love Parks Week 16 – 24 June. (Circulated by e-mail)
- 14) Cockburn Association – Invitation to join – affiliate membership £30 (After discussion Chair and Vice Chair were to discuss any benefits with Lindsay Walls)

7. Councillor's Reports

Councillor Aitken informed the meeting of the changes in the City of Edinburgh Council as a result of the recent elections held under the proportional representation system. There was now a coalition in power with the Leader and Lord Provost being Liberal Democrats. Half of the Councillors were new and had not held public office previously. The system of government within the Council would also change in that the Executive system would be abandoned and in its place a series of Committees would be formed.

The new Neighbourhood Partnerships were about to be inaugurated and the one for this area would have 6 Councillors on it along with 6 Community representatives. Training events were being held for members of the partnerships.

There was hold up with the new pedestrian crossing in Buckstone Terrace as there was a mix-up with the location of the bus stops. This has now been rectified although the installation took far longer than anticipated. 4 persons had been charged with contravening

the no left turn signs in Swanston at Biggar Road. Lamp standards were being replaced in Swanston Avenue but the holes for the old ones were being left unfilled. This has now been rectified. The loose traffic island in Biggar road has had a temporary repair.

The pavements are being replaced in Caiystane Terrace but had been dug up shortly afterwards by Scottish Power who were laying cables for the new lampposts. She had walked the route with parents and children from Swanston through the Caiystanes to Pentland School to identify the crossing points required and passed the information onto the council department. The last meetings of the School Boards for Buckstone and Pentland had been held and in future there would be Parent Councils.

She had attended a meeting at Liberton CC where the issues of the 11 and 18 services had been raised with a representative from Lothian buses. The problem with the 11 terminus was ongoing and from July for 3 years the 18 would run again on a Sunday.

Questions were raised as follows:

Andrew Cross – Was there a new schedule for the No. 11 as it appeared very erratic in the mornings – Not as far as aware.

Sheena Robertson on behalf of Jennifer Munro – Had heard Council was considering the Scottish Water site for a new Boroughmuir School – New school required very soon and any land at filter works would not be available for some considerable time. It was believed the new Boroughmuir was going to part of the site at the old brewery at Fountainbridge.

Regarding the water project the proposed location was with the new minister and would be announced in due course.

Norman Tinlin – Update on 17 Buckstone Crescent – There had been renewed youth activity and the police were keeping a watching brief. Speed bumps – This was still outstanding and she would contact Jim Grieve at CEC for an update as it was overdue. Neighbourhood Manager – Graham Kitching.

Councillor Barry introduced himself to the meeting and said that under the new multi-member ward system he and the other 2 Councillors covered the area from the Klondyke Garden Centre all the way over to Gillespie Crossroads and constituents were free to contact any of them. He had already been involved with the parking at Mounthooly and the crossing at Buckstone Terrace.

8. Planning and Environment

Nothing to report.

9. Transport Sub-Committee

The Secretary updated the meeting on the additional information he had received from the Council relative to the ANPR cameras at Buckstone Terrace. They were one of a set throughout the city allegedly to monitor traffic flow in conjunction with the information signs similar to the one at Braidburn Valley/Greenbank. The data would not be kept for more than 3 hours and would not be passed onto to other agencies.

He also updated the meeting with the full circumstances relating to the protracted installation of the pedestrian crossing at Buckstone Terrace. The traffic order that had been published expired on the day work commenced and the Council had had to issue temporary orders for each week of the work. The issuing of the orders was stretching the legislation to its limit if not overstepping it. Buckstone Gardens had also been closed illegally for a whole weekend over a public holiday and no parking notices had been erected on several private properties without the owners' permission. There had also been inadequate warning signs erected

round the workmen's containers. A contract that should have taken a maximum of 2 weeks to complete had taken 6 weeks in total.

Louise Maguire mentioned the Spokes Cycle to the City Chambers for a free breakfast event on 20 June 2007.

10. Safety Event

Sheena Robertson gave an update on the Safety Event to be held on 16 June. She was asking for volunteers to assist on the day and also the previous week at Buckstone and Fairmilehead shops to hand out leaflets between 10am and 12 noon. The local youth organisations were also assisting in the distribution of leaflets. Prizes were required for the tombola.

Tables would be set up for teas and coffee and the stalls and she asked that everybody meet at 12.30pm in the hall. The Frogston Room was also available if required and she required the £60 fee for the hall hire.

The Chair thanked Sheena and the sub-group for their work.

11. Finalised Edinburgh City Local Plan

After discussion it was decided that the Secretary would circulate web link, covering letter and objection form and ask for suggestions by e-mail. If necessary a meeting to be arranged at Chairman's house to discuss this and the Private Housing Strategy.

12. AOCB

It was agreed that the Secretary arrange the appropriate hall lets for the first Tuesday of each month for the coming session.

13. Date Of Next Meeting

This was arranged for Tuesday 4 September 2007 in Fairmilehead Parish Church Halls.

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