

Fairmilehead Community Council

Minutes of meeting held on Tuesday 6 February 2007 in Fairmilehead Parish Church Halls.

Present: Dennis Williams (Chair); Louise Maguire (Vice-Chair); Norman Tinlin (Secretary); Alison Elfick (Treasurer); Councillor Elaine Aitken; Andrew Cross; Sheena Robertson; Eric Barry; Joyce and Bruce Beveridge; Mike Brunsdon; Norman McKenzie; Matthew McKerrow; Jennifer Munro; Audrey Ryan; Fiona Simon; Roger West;

Apologies: Councillor Jason Rust; Johanna Carrie; Richard Hinton; Daphne Sleight; T/PS Lorna Cottier

Louise Maguire took the chair until the arrival of Dennis Williams

1. Police Report

The Secretary said he had e-mailed for a report in the absence of a permanent beat officer but it had not yet been received.

(Due to a misunderstanding over the date of the meeting the January report was e-mailed to the Secretary the following day)

There were 5 vandalisms reported, 4 of which related to damage to motor vehicles in the Buckstone Area; there were 2 housebreakings and 2 vehicles were broken into, in one the satellite navigation system was stolen and in the other a DVD player was stolen. 3 vandalism reported in October 2006 had been solved and the culprits charged.

Councillor Aitken said that a replacement community beat officer would be appointed. Inspector Alan Grant had just retired and his replacement would be Margaret Lyall but she was on extended sick leave at the moment. Meantime Inspector Sue Wilson, who is now based at Balerno, would also be covering Ogangs meantime. Chief Inspector John Hawkins had been replaced at Wester Hailes by CI Paul Bullen.

2. Minute Of Meeting Held On 9 January 2007 And Matters Arising.

Under section 6 Councillor's Report, 2nd last line should read stated not started. In Section 8 the Fairmilehead Association which had started in 1994 is not changing its name but forming a sub-committee for Fairmilehead Park and Cockmylane.

The minutes of the meeting held on 6 February 2006 were approved on the motion of Alison Elfick and seconded by Andrew Cross.

3. Matters Arising

Louise Maguire clarified that in regard to postal voting persons did not require to re-register for the forthcoming elections. Councillor Aitken reported that the original planner for the Fairmile Inn, AMA, had pulled back but appeared to be back in action again. She was trying to clarify the situation.

Regarding Lothianburn Golf Course she had contacted David McFarlane in the Planning Department who was going to undertake a site visit.

4. Correspondence

Dennis William arrived at this point and assumed the chair.

- 1) Acknowledgement from Scottish Water confirming our response to the Consultation on the Edinburgh Drinking Water Project. The Secretary had e-mailed that day and ascertained that a decision had not been made. Councillor Aitken added that at the last Buckstone School Board at the end of January, Scottish Water had had explained to them the use that was made of the field. There had also been a representative from Children & Families at the meeting. If the field was not used it would only delay the project by 3 months.
- 2) Brian Torrance, Traffic Control Manager, CEC – Pentland View – Removal of loading prohibitions.
- 3) TIE – Tramtime Magazine – January Special edition
- 4) Children and Families Department – Service Improvement Plan 2007-2010
- 5) Scottish Executive Development Department – Seminar on national planning Framework
- 6) Pentlands LDC – Notice of Meeting – 31 January 2007
- 7) CEC – Working Capital Magazine- January 2007
- 8) Peter Noble Glazing – Invoice for £91.05 to replace recently broken glass on noticeboard
- 9) Planning Aid Scotland – Survey – *Completed and returned by Secretary*
- 10) Lord Provost – Nominations for Edinburgh Award – *Passed to Chairman*
- 11) CEC Housing – Inside Letting magazine – Winter issue
- 12) CEC – Capital Review – Winter edition
- 13) Confirmation from Councillor Mark McInnes – attending next meeting the talk on new electoral system.
- 14) Edinburgh Partnership e-Newsletter – January edition
- 15) E-mail from 702gazette.com – proposal to start new magazine – invite for articles (*Secretary to obtain further information re distribution area*)

5. Councillor's Report

On behalf of Councillor Rust, who was involved in a public inquiry, Councillor Aitken reported that planning permission had not yet been granted for Swanston Golf Course but this was expected within the next month.

She reported that the 20's plenty zone around Pentland Primary School had been mapped out but she had pointed out some flaws in it and requested a traffic audit. The question of crossing points in the area was also to be looked at. A further speed audit in Pentland Drive, View and Swan Springs had also been requested.

Andrew Cross asked about when the report on speed bumps in the City would be available. She had previously checked with Jim Grieve and it was to be available in the spring.

6. Planning and Environment

Louise Maguire said that there had been nothing of interest in the planning weekly lists. It was intended to join up with the Oxfords and Firrhill Forum to do some tidying up in the area. The bluebells were starting to appear in Fairmilehead Park.

Alison Elphick reported that she had the receipt for payment of our fees for Friends of the Pentlands and that she had attended a recent meeting. Their website was: www.pentlandfriends.plus.com

7. Transport Sub-Committee

Nothing to report.

8. Consultation - NHS Primary Care Strategy

The Chairman reported on the recent meeting that had been held on this. The Secretary read over the draft letter he had prepared as a result of the points made at the meeting.

Some minor amendments were suggested to the draft before submission.

It was also suggested that it may be useful to get somebody from the local medical practice to address the meeting.

9. Community Safety Event

The Secretary briefly mentioned the points that had been raised at the meeting at the Chairman's house. Discussion followed and it was agreed that this would be a good idea. Dennis Williams, Elaine Aitken, Andrew Cross, Sheena Robertson and Louise Maguire all agreed to form a sub-committee to organise this event.

10. AOCB

Louise Maguire mentioned that she had received a phone call from somebody in Buckstone complaining about a resident working on cars. As the caller had not given any further details it was agreed to note the matter.

Norman McKenzie asked if there was any update on the house at Buckstone Crescent. Councillor Aitken supplied the appropriate information.

Sheena Robertson said she had received an e-mail from Hatsui Hayashi who had visited in March last year as part of her research. She had been able to come to this meeting but an invitation had been extended for her to visit at the next meeting.

The Secretary had been asked to advise West End Community Council on setting up a website.

11. Date Of Next Meeting

This was arranged for Tuesday 6 March 2007 in Fairmilehead Parish Church Halls.

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