

# Fairmilehead Community Council

Minutes of meeting held on Tuesday 6 January 2009 in Fairmilehead Parish Church Halls

**Present:** Dennis Williams (Chair); Norman Tinlin (Secretary); Alison Elfick (Treasurer); Councillors Elaine Aitken, Eric Barry (Part) and Jason Rust, Johanna Carrie; Richard Hinton (Buckstone Association); Sheena Robertson; PC Kenny Welsh; Joyce and Bruce Beveridge; Ian Elfick; Catherine and Sandy Macpherson; Norman McKenzie; Tom Strathdee; Margaret Walker; Charles Whytock

**Apologies:** James Gow; Louise Maguire (Vice Chair)

## 1. Police Report

PC Kenny Welsh reported on the December figures- there were 12 crimes reported none of which had been solved. 7 were property crimes, 4 for dishonesty and one fire raising. They were not in one particular area but all over. £7,000 worth of damage had been done to a car owned by an Asian family in Buckstone. Regarding the previous incidents in Buckstone Avenue three persons were on bail and were due to appear in court shortly. The following matters were raised: Neighbourhood Watch problems in Buckstone Avenue (The Secretary would try to arrange a speaker on this subject); Parking on pavements stopping the pavement gritters getting past (Police were not allowed to act as complainers, members of public or gritter drivers would require to do this).

## 2. Minute Of Meeting Held On 2 December 2008 And Matters Arising.

The minutes were approved on the motion of Sheena Robertson seconded by Richard Hinton after typographical errors were corrected..

### Matters Arising:

#### a) Patients Rights Bill Consultation:

The Secretary reported that he was in the process of drafting responses which he would circulate to members for comments prior to submission.

#### b) Boroughmuir School

Councillor Aitken reported that at the Council meeting on 18 December a report had been approved which recommended a refurbishment option on the present site. The Council would not be pursuing a new build on the Scottish Water site.

#### c) Oxgangs Post Office

The Secretary reported the joint submission from Firrhill and Fairmilehead CCs had been submitted. The submission amounted to 16 pages and could be found on the website at:

<http://www.fairmileheadcc.org.uk/Oxgangs%20PO/Submission%20to%20Post%20Office.pdf>

A decision was expected in the middle of the month.

#### d) Food and Drink Establishments Consultation

The Secretary reported that he had a look at this and there was nothing likely to effect our area. There were changes in areas of sensitivity in that Nicolson Street and Clerk Street been removed

### **e) Calderstones Planning Application**

Objections to this development had been submitted on behalf of the Community Council. A lot of other bodies had also submitted objections. It would eventually go to the Planning Committee at Midlothian (which consists of all the 18 Councillors) for a decision but as it was in the green belt it would have to go to the Scottish Government for final approval. A copy of the 8 page submission can be found at:

<http://www.fairmileheadcc.org.uk/Planning/FCC%20Calderstones%20Submission.pdf>

### **3. Correspondence**

Scottish Water – Glencorse Water Treatment Works E-letter 17 (*Circulated by e-mail*)

Councillor Rust – Letter stating adopted as candidate for Edinburgh SW constituency at next general election.

CEC City Development – Proposed 20mph zone around Pentland Primary School

CEC Licensing Department – List of regular extensions (*None in area*)

CEC Corporate Services – Fairness and Respect Seminar – various dates

CEC City Development – Report to Planning Committee re Engagement with Community Councils (*Copied to Louise Maguire & Alison Elfick*)

CEC Liaison Officer – Review of Community Council Scheme (*Dealt with under Item 7c*)

CEC Liaison Officer – Responses to National Consultation on Community Councils (*Circulated by e-mail*)

CEC SW Neighbourhood Office – Area Walkabout Diary for 2009

Scottish Government – Consultation on the National Forest Estate – Closing date 27 January 2009

Christmas cards from:- Lord and Lady Provost; David McLetchie MSP; Councillor Aitken; Pentlands Neighbourhood Partnership Information staff; Mike Pringle MSP

### **4. Councillors Reports**

Councillor Aitken reported that the Edinburgh City Control bunker in Buckstone Grove which had been the subject to graffiti had been repainted.

Louise Maguire had devised the route for the recent area walkabout which had started in Camus Avenue, went to Pentland Drive round about the school, took in hotspots in Fairmilehead Park and also took in Colmestone Gate. The next one was scheduled for 27 February. She also highlighted gritting problems in the Pentland Drive area.

The Pentlands Community Safety Panel had undertaken two action days where information and leaflets had been distributed at the local supermarkets.

Letters were being sent to the frontages at the bus stop in Buckstone Terrace (west side) regarding the intention to install a seat there. The Councillor had been invited to several school concerts at Christmas. Questions arose regarding the lighting on skips to which PC Welsh responded.

Councillors Rust and Barry had nothing further to add.

### **5. Planning and Environment**

Councillor Aitken had obtained the plans for a proposed development to build a house within the garden ground next to the nursery at 226 Braid Road. (08/04064/FUL) and these were displayed to the meeting. After discussion it was decided that the Community Council would formally object on various grounds; transport issues, entrance interfering with proposed new parking bays, height of the building and possible overshadowing. Comments were also made regarding the dog parlour in a front garden in Biggar Road which had been granted permission and that was out of keeping with the adjoining properties.

### **6. Transport Sub-Committee**

Nothing further to report.

## **7. Other Matters**

### **a) Pentlands Neighbourhood Partnership**

The Secretary gave a brief report on the meeting that had been held on 9 December 2008. This had included the attendance of Bill Campbell, Operations Director, Lothian Buses who had answered some of the queries that had been raised both at that meeting and the previous one at which he had been unable to attend.

### **b) Local Community Plan**

The Secretary had circulated this to members prior to the meeting. It was decided that the Secretary would arrange a special meeting be held to discuss this. He would ascertain if there was a closing date.

### **c) Review of Community Council Scheme**

The Secretary had circulated this to members prior to the meeting. The closing date was 28 February 2009. This would be subject of a special meeting and discussed if there was time left at the end of the meeting regarding the Local Community Plan.

### **D) Consultation On Developer Contributions In Relation To Planning**

The closing date was 27 March. He had consulted with Louise Maguire and she was of the opinion that the Community Council should look at the document. A copy was given to Alison Elfick. Councillor Rust also highlighted a recent situation where the Council had forgotten to obtain a substantial sum from a developer under this legislation.

## **8. AOCB**

Ian Elfick handed out leaflets regarding a blood transfusion session in the church halls on 14 January. Johanna Carrie said that the next Transition meeting, which was on energy, was being held on 12 January at 7.30pm in the Pentland Centre.

In response to a question Councillor Aitken said that the current owner of the Fairmile Inn hoped to bring forward new proposals for the site shortly.

## **9. Date Of Next Meeting**

This was arranged for Tuesday 3 February 2009 in Fairmilehead Parish Church.

### **Forthcoming Meetings:**

Tuesday 3 March 2009

Tuesday 7 April 2009

Tuesday 5 May 2009

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