

# FIRRHILL COMMUNITY COUNCIL

## COUNCIL MEETING: 25 JANUARY 2010

Note of event held at the Colinton Mains Community Centre.

Because of proposed works in our community, this meeting was advertised as a public drop-in session to look at plans for:

- a) Scottish Water's Waste Water Drainage Works from Firrhill Crescent along the burn in Colinton Mains Park;
- b) The new Pavilion to be built in Colinton Mains Park;
- c) Plans of the proposed landscaping for the flood prevention work.

Representatives from Scottish Water, City of Edinburgh Council parks department and the flood Prevention Contractors – Carillion were in attendance to explain the Plans/Designs and answer any questions.

a) Scottish Water presented their proposals to relieve the flooding problem in the area around the junction of Oxbgangs Road North and Colinton Mains Road that occurred during spells of high rainfall. As previously reported, the flooding was due to the drainage design where two drain pipes converging into one pipe of the same diameter. When the two feeder pipes were flowing to full capacity the outlet pipe was unable to match the flow and as a consequence water backed-up and spilled out of the drains in this area.

Scottish Water's solution is to construct a new sewer pipeline to act as a reservoir tank. The project will involve laying a 2.6m diameter pipe, which splits into two 1.65m pipes running side by side along the side of the Braid Burn in Colinton Mains Park. This reservoir would hold the excess water created by a heavy rainfall and release it when the volume of water in the drainage system returned to normal levels.

The proposed work will affect the upgrades already carried out on the park over the last two years, but we have been advised the pitches will be reseeded following the laying of the pipe and the future works in the park will be scheduled to fit around Scottish Water's timetable.

Advised Firrhill Crescent will be closed to vehicular traffic between Oxbgangs Road North and Firrhill Drive from the 12th to the 22nd February 2010 to facilitate Scottish Water operations.

b) Over the last few months the proposals for the changing rooms in Colinton Mains Park have gone from a new build to a refurbishment and back to a new build. Graham Croucher, Sports Officer, CEC Culture and Sport and Craig Dunlop, SW Community Parks Officer provided computer generated drawings of their proposals for a new build on the site of the existing changing rooms. The proposed external and interior design of the building will provide a substantial and welcome improvement to the existing facilities for those that use them. Concerns were raised about the loss of the changing facilities during the time this work is carried out and on the decline of car parking arrangements.

c) Stuart Mackay, Carillion presented a plan of the landscaping proposals that would complete the flood prevention work were laid out for inspection and comment.

A short business session was held after the public event primarily to approve the minutes in order that they could be published.

Members: H Levy (Chair), P Wright; A Hunter; G Hunter; L Linn; P Podd; J Napier;

In Attendance: E Barry (Cllr); E Aitken (Cllr); J Rust (Cllr);

It should be noted that Cllrs E Aitken and J Rust attended the early part of the drop-in session but left to attend other meetings

### **1. Correspondence: Secretary**

See appendix 2 for the list of correspondence received since the date of the last meeting:

### **2. Minutes of Previous Meeting: held on the 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2009**

Minutes approved by P Wright, seconded by A Hunter. There were no amendments.

### **3. Matters Arising:**

**Grit Bins:** AH reported that he had received an acknowledgement from the Head of Oxgangs Primary School regarding the grit bins located near the school. This led to a discussion on the overall provision and the need to identify the CEC's arrangements in order that they can be recorded, assessed and used when appropriate to ensure those arrangements are in place.

Action:

1. Heather to ask Ian Bell, City Planning for a large scale map of the ward.
2. Heather to ask Ewan Kennedy for a map of the area showing the location of grit bins in accordance with the CEC's current provision.
3. To note that Alan Simpson is the City officer responsible for the provision of grit bins.

### **4. Councillors' Report: E Barry**

He had received an email from Mike Avery, SW N'hood Manager regarding the completion of new footpath and drainage works but it was not clear about the location. Advised the path along the Braid Burn between Colinton Mains Drive and Oxgangs Road North has just re-opened.

Lighting will be proved along the path that runs through Colinton Mains Park between Oxgangs Road North and Firrhill Drive.

Reported on two planning applications out with the ward but may be of interest to the Council. An application has been submitted to build a new hotel on the Biggar Road near Hillend Ski Centre and there has been an application to build houses on the Dreghorn polo fields in Colinton.

### **5. Planning Report: J Napier**

See appendix 1 for details of those applications/decisions and of notices covering major works in Edinburgh.

### **6. AOCB**

Concerns have been raised about the number of workmen floating about in Firrhill Drive without identification. Not clear who they are employed by.

### **7. Date and Venue of Next Meeting**

The next business meeting of the Firrhill Community Council will be held in the Oxgangs Neighbourhood Centre on Wednesday, 10<sup>th</sup> February 2010 at 10am.

### Planning Report for Jan 2010 Meeting

#### 23 Nov 2009

- Section 1 No applications
- Section 2 No proposals of applications for Ward 08 - Firrhill
- Ward 02 – Pentland Hills – 09/02964/PAN. Bounded by Wester Hailes Road and Railway Line – proposed healthy living centre containing a range of Edinburgh Council services, NHS primary care services and a GP practice at Land 30 metres north of 28 Harvesters Way, Edinburgh.
- Ward 08 – Colinton – 09/02946/PAN. Residential development (including affordable housing provision) and associated access roads, open space, tree planting, enhancement of existing pedestrian routes and all ancillary works at land 260 metres south of 63 Dreghorn Loan, Edinburgh.
- Ward 11 – City Centre – 09/02911/PAN. Proposed redevelopment of redundant brewery site to create a mixed use development comprising potential compatible uses from fully managed student accommodation, residential, hotel/apart hotel, office and retail (the final mix to be determined following consultation) with associated public realm and landscaping at 160 Canongate 41, 49, 53 Holyrood Road.
- Section 3 No decisions

#### 30 Nov 2009 –

- Section 1 No applications
- Section 2 No proposals of applications for Ward 08
- Ward 07 – Sighthill/Gorgie – 09/03060/PAN. Application for planning permission in principle for redevelopment of site for affordable housing and housing for sale with ancillary community facilities and associated landscaping and public realm at Site 94 metres north of 376 Calder Road, Edinburgh
- Section 3 No decisions

#### 07 Dec 2009

- Section 1 No applications
- Section 2 No proposals of applications
- Section 3 Application to extend house to form bathroom at Oxfangs Farm Drive has been granted (09/02835/FUL)

#### 21 Dec 2009

- Section 1 No applications.
- Section 2 No proposals of applications.
- Section 3 No decisions.

#### 05 Jan 2010

- Section 1 09/03182/FUL. Erection of front and rear single storey extension to create new decontamination facility and toilets including relocation of building entrance to facilitate disabled access to premises in Oxfangs Road North.
- Section 2 No proposals of applications for Ward 08

Ward 11 – City Centre – 09/03194/PAN. - Formation of development site, creation of open space and erection of hotel with ground floor mixed uses and ancillary supporting infrastructure at Land 63 metres south of 12 Picardy Place, Edinburgh

Ward 11 – City Centre – 09/03291/PAN. -Flagship retail development with frontage to both Princes Street and Rose Street, target minimum net retail area: 70,000 square feet at 91-93 Princes Street, Edinburgh.

Ward 16 – Liberton/Gilmerton – 09/03108/PAN - The proposal is for residential development at Burdiehouse creating a sustainable, integrated residential community. The proposed development area is defined by an existing boundary area of approx 4 hectares at Land 196 metres south of 49 Burdiehouse Road, Edinburgh (Green Belt)

Ward 11 - Liberton/Gilmerton – 09/03140/PAN – Reprovision of the Royal Hospital for Sick Children and associated expansion of the Royal Infirmary of Edinburgh and public transport variations at Edinburgh Royal Infirmary, 51 Little France Crescent, Edinburgh. (Green Belt)

Section 3 Application 09/02829/FUL - to erect a single storey ground floor rear extension (as amended) at premises in Caiystane Gardens has been granted

#### 11 Jan 2010

Section 1 No applications

Section 2 No proposals of applications for Ward 08

Ward 11 – City Centre - 09/03291/PAN – As above. Additional consultation required.

Section 3 Application 09/02874/FUL to construct single storey extension to side and rear of dwelling house and construct 2.3 m high boundary fence at Firrhill Drive has been granted

#### 18 Jan 2010

Section 1 No applications

Section 2 No proposals of applications for Ward 08

Ward 01 – Almond – 10/00043/PAN – Development of 1 hotel building incorporating a 150 bed hotel and a 200 bed hotel together with associated ancillary uses, car parking and landscaping. The final development form will be determined through design evolution at Site at Almond Avenue Edinburgh (Green Belt)

Ward 13 – Leith – 10/00045/PAN – Residential development, Constitution Street / Ocean Drive, consisting of around 50 – 60 flats providing a mixture of accommodation and tenure at Land 96 metres south of 2 Ocean Drive Edinburgh

Section 3 Application 09/02740/FUL for installation of 15 m street works monopole, 3.3G antennas within GRP shroud, 2 outdoor cabinets, 1 electrical meter and all ancillary equipment at Telecomms Mast 22 metres southeast of 228 Oxbgangs Road North has been granted



## CORRESPONDENCE: SECRETARY

If a member would like to view any item below, please contact me.

### By e-mail

1. Reply from Paul Matthews to our query re Waiting & Loading Restrictions at Pentland PS: Oxbgangs & St Mark's were in this batch for enforcement access; Pentland should be in the next batch (early 2010) – but note: the enforcement process for any of these restrictions can take up to a year to complete [f. to HL & JN]
2. H Levy: draft Pavilion Update minutes (from meeting on 17.11.09)
3. Diana Potter: PNP November Update [f. to HL, JN & PP]
4. PC David Crawford: reply to e-mail re parking by employees at McCarthy Stone site.
5. Alison Stoddart: confirmation from Library Service re FCC's website inclusion.
8. PC David Crawford: November Newsletter.
9. Jim Napier: approved FCC October Minutes.
10. Eileen Hewitt: Community Council Matters 'Buddy Mentoring System' [f. to HL]
11. Eileen Hewitt: Housing Info Event for Older People, 7/12/09 [f. to HL]
12. Eileen Hewitt: Good Practice Guidance for Community Councils (from Anna Gilbert, Scottish Govt, Victoria Quay) [f. to HL + paper copy requested]
13. H Levy: Oxbgangs Gardening Club news + equipment list
14. Andy Wightman, Stockbridge & Inverleith CC: Edinburgh Parks Briefs x 3
15. H Levy: Flood Prevention Landscape Update: 17 Nov '09 + Minutes from July.
16. Cllr Rust: Acknowledgement of receipt of our Question on Scottish Water's proposed works in Colinton Mains Park (for Pentlands N'hood P'ship meeting).
17. Eileen Hewitt: Dealing with Disputes - advice in administering CCs Code of Conduct.
18. Cllr Barry: TTRO, Oxbgangs Avenue, 8-11 Dec (no parking, waiting or unloading for length of street because of road and footway works). [f. to JN + put on website]
19. Amy Ferguson, CEC Licensing Standards Officer: offer to attend an FCC meeting to talk about procedures for residents with difficulties re licensed premises in the area [f. to HL & JN]
20. ASCC Admin: advice re Difficult Community Councillor Behaviour [f. to HL]
22. Eileen Hewitt (f. from Gillian Baxter): Capital City Partnership's Social Inclusion News/ electronic newsletter for December [f. to HL]
23. EVOC (f. by HL): "Funding Extra" re equalities.
24. Amy Ferguson, Licensing Standards Officer, offering to visit FCC to explain her role re licensed premises obeying the law and behaving responsibly (possible for a future meeting).
25. Andrew Young, plan and info re part time 20 mph zone around Firrhill High School affecting Colinton Mains Rd & Oxbgangs Rd North [f. to JN for inclusion in FCC website].
26. Sharon Niven, SW N'hood Roads: plans re siting of 3 grit bins in area of new bridge on Oxbgangs Rd North for benefit of residents and schoolchildren.
27. Scott Neill, SW N'hood Office, re proposed £500 computer upgrade grant to OCRA.
28. Cllr Eric Barry re upgrade to Priority 1 of Oxbgangs Rd N for winter salting/gritting.
29. EVOC (f. by HL): Eke-Out Bulletin for December.
31. Cllr Rust re above meeting on Scottish Water project – the first the City Council has heard of this project officially, never mind FCC and stakeholders, + very inappropriate venue chosen.
32. Gary Turner o.b.o. Cllr Jenny Dawe: Council Leader's Report for 2009.
33. Alf Orriell, Tie, re tramworks in early 2010 at Haymarket, Shandwick Pl, York Place.
34. Kenneth Welsh @ lbp [f. by N Tinlin]: Dec newsletter for Fairmilehead area.
35. Scottish Water: Warm Pipes Campaign re heating, insulating, and protecting homes.
36. EVOC: Edinburgh Equalities Network News + Morningside Library refurb.



37. Eileen Hewitt re Partnership Agreement to complement CC Scheme and make for closer working between City Council and Community Councils [f. to HL & JN]
38. EVOC: Eke-out News @ 17 Dec (last news for 2009)
40. SW Area Roads Services (f. by Cllr Barry) re new footpath at Oxfangs Library (f. to HL + JN for posting on FCC website)
41. Rachel Somerville re N'hood P'ship Digest: accounts of partnership working in the area.
43. E. Hewitt (from Planning Aid Scotland) Training Event, 13.02.10, Dalkeith (f. to JN)
44. E. Hewitt, re e-mails from President of ASCC on Dispute Resolution: she is seeking legal advice on the issues raised; in the meantime CCs should follow City Council's Edinburgh Scheme & Guidance (f. to HL & JN)
45. Dr Nick Walker, Treasurer, ASCC, re nominations of Community Councillor to be Local Authority Area Representative of ASCC; form to be in by Feb 12. (f. to HL)
46. Scott Neill re January Pentland Funding Panel Meeting (f. to HL)
47. Pamela Williamson, Fund-raising Manager for Macmillan Cancer Support re advertising through our Community Council: need 50 volunteers, from 2 pm-8 pm, in Murrayfield area on 13 March – day of Scotland v England rugby match (f. to HL & JN)
48. Eke-out News (f. by HL) re consultation on youth issues and young people being involved in decision-making in Edinburgh (closes 29 Jan: put on FCC website calendar by PW)
49. Gary Turner (on behalf of Cllr Jenny Dawe) re impact of the extreme weather conditions.
50. Colinton Amenity Assoc: consultation on developer's proposal to overturn Local Plan by building houses on Polo Fields.
51. Transition Edinburgh Pentland meeting dates at Pentland Centre (put on FCC website)
52. From HL: Proposal re Firrwood Gardening Club
53. S W CL&D re Creative Writing Course, Oxfangs Library, from Thurs 4 Feb, 2-4 pm (put on FCC website calendar)
54. f. by E Hewitt: Meet the Funders Event, 28 Jan, 2-4 pm, Comm Centre, 10 Northfield Rd.
55. Anna Herriman: N'hood P'ship Conference Report (PW gave minuted report after event)
56. f. by EH: Edinburgh Equalities Network Event Programme, Jan-March 2010 (f. to HL)
57. f. by EH: Edinburgh Disasters Response Cttee re Haiti Appeal (f. to HL)
58. Enquiry at FCC website from Juniper Green CC rep (answered by PW)
59. Scott Neill (f. by NT): change of PNP Business Meeting date to 3 March.
60. NHS Lothian: Living & Dying Well Event, 2 Feb, 10 am, City Chambers (f. to HL)
61. NT, Secy @ Fairmilehead: Minutes + Agenda for Feb 2 Meeting.
62. f. by EH: Waste Action Grants, 8 Feb deadline for larger grants (f. to HL & PIP)
63. f. by EH (from Scot. Govt): consultation on Council putting out Public Info Notices electronically instead of publishing in newspapers, by 12 Feb. (f. to HL & JN)

By post:

1. L & B Police Board re Custody Visiting Scheme
2. Flood Prevention Update, Winter '10, Braid Burn & Water of Leith
3. Sepa View: mag of Scottish Environment Protection Agency, Winter '10
4. NHS Lothian: Living & Dying Well in Lothian consultation form (by 5 Feb)
5. Edinburgh & Lothians Greenspace Trust "Greenspace Matters" leaflet
6. Edinburgh Community Councils News (for distribution to members at Jan. meeting)
7. NHS Lothian "Health Link" newspaper ( " " " " " )