

COUNCIL MEETING: 26 APRIL 2010

Minutes of meeting held at Colinton Mains Community Centre

Members: H Levy (Chair), P Wright; A Hunter; L Linn; P Podd; J Napier
In Attendance: M O'Brien; PC D Crawford (Oxgangs Community Police); N Tinlin (Fairmilehead Community Council); S Mackay (Carillion – Flood Prevention Works); E Barry (Cllr)

1. Apologies

Received from G Hunter; E Aitken (Cllr); J Rust (Cllr).

2. Minutes of Previous Meeting: held 22 March 2010

Minutes had been circulated prior to meeting. There were no corrections to be made.

The minutes were moved for approval by A Hunter, seconded by L Linn.

3. Matters Arising

Oxgangs Library Hub Development (H Levy)

The launch of the new community resource at the Library took place on 27 March. The event was very successful going by the feedback from the various people who attended. A number of stalls were set by participating local groups making the event very informative. The date for the McDonald Road Library's launch is the 4th June.

Future 'Open Day' to be held at Tesco's (see section 10. A.O.B item 3). Saturday 4th September has been agreed as the date the event will be held.

Colinton Mains Community Education Centre (P Wright)

Members were informed of the Centre's Management Committee's meeting with Councillor MacLaren and Mike Rosendale, who advised that the only option was for the community to take over part of the financial management of the Centre. In order to do this the Management Committee would need to submit a Business Plan identifying potential savings to the City Council for consideration. Whilst the Management Committee were considering this option, they had grave concerns regarding the figures produced by the CEC officer relating to the Centre's running costs. Based on the information provided to the Centre, there were several discrepancies and it appeared that repairs and maintenance costs had been charged to the Centre for work that had never been carried out.

Recommendation: that the Centre's Management Committee contact the independent Auditors at the City Council and ask for the Centre's expenditure to be checked.

4. Community Police Report

Before going into his local report, PC Crawford spoke about a Lothian and Borders Police Issue Driver Safety Warning that had been issued on the 21st April by the Press Office in Fettes. The Police were advising motorists that they were making greater use of unmarked Road Policing cars to help build on their improving road safety figures.

Officers from the Road Policing Unit will be deployed across main arterial trunk roads throughout the Force area to monitor drivers from unmarked police cars. Drivers committing offences such as speeding, talking on a mobile phone and failing to wear a seatbelt will be targeted and stopped by officers looking to make our roads safer.

For the second year in a row, there were no child fatalities as a result of collisions in the Lothians and Scottish Borders. The number of adults killed on the roads also fell to 29 from 42 the previous year, in addition to a decrease in the number of reported collisions.

A visible police presence would continue to be deployed and officers are now urging drivers to observe the laws of the road or face an even greater chance of prosecution.

The warning advised that the first deployments would be on the A720 and M8 and M9 on 21st, 22nd and 23rd April. Despite the warnings 27 drivers have been charged with mobile phone offences

Total number of calls made by residents living on the beat, from previous report, is 172.

Incidents of note in relation to crime are as follows:

April 1st, the occupiers of a flat in Oxcgangs Avenue were dealt with after being found in possession of drugs.

- “ 5th, a bike was stolen from Firrhill Park.
- “ 6th, a male was dealt with after a series of incidents involving assaults in the Oxcgangs Avenue area.
- “ 7th, a male was arrested after he turned up at an address he is not supposed to be at.
- “ 15th, an unattended bike was stolen from outside the shops in Colinton Mains Drive.
- “ 16th, 2 males were found in possession of drugs in a stair in Oxcgangs Avenue.
- “ 18th, a pursuit occurred when a male on a dirt bike made off from police in the Firrhill Park area. The bike, which was found to be stolen, was later recovered and the rider now faces numerous road traffic charges
- “ 20th, a car was stolen from Oxcgangs Terrace.
- “ 21st, an attempt was made to steal a motorcycle parked in Oxcgangs Park.
- “ 21st, a car was damaged whilst parked in Oxcgangs Path.
- “ 22nd, a motorcycle was stolen from outside Oxcgangs House.
- “ 24th, a car was damaged by a group of youths whilst it was parked in Oxcgangs Road North. A positive line of inquiry is being followed in this case.

If anyone recognises, or has any information relating to any of these incidents, they should get in touch with PC Crawford

Youth initiative: PC Crawford reported that with PC Jim Gillanders, School Liaison Officer, he had recently met with Stephen Gillies who has been seconded to the area as part of the Dunedin Canmore Youth Projects Programme. The project will be in place with funding for at least the next two years and already a ‘drop-in’ facility has been created at Oxcgangs Neighbour-hood Centre on Sunday evenings. Two dedicated volunteers are also in the area canvassing local youths on their thoughts concerning youth facilities.

The Council support PC Crawford’s wish for Steve Gillies and his team to be successful in their aim to bring some useful benefit to the youth in our community and the area in general.

Members raised a number of queries covering the carrying of knives; the sale of legal drugs and vehicles parking on the pavement.

5. Flood Defences Update:

Stuart Mackay (Carillion) gave an extensive update of the flood defence work which has now moved into its final stages.

Reach 1 – the flood wall is to all intent completed, including fencing, with only one part to be finished off. Landscaping work has been started and he expects the path to be re-opened in about 3 weeks from today. There have been complaints about gaps in fencing, generally in the area where the old and new fences met, which have been resolved. In response to a query he advised that the newly planted trees would be assessed after 12 months and if not growing, they would be replaced

Reach 2 – works all finished except for the re-instatement of some gardens. There has been a complaint about contaminated soil being re-laid and this will be sprayed with weed killer. There has also been a problem of rain water forming pools because it is unable to drain naturally into the burn due to the flood defence walls. Work to resolve this is liable to be contracted out for lift pumps to be installed. It is expected that in a project of this size, continuity work arising out of problems caused by the main contract will be ongoing

Reach 3 – concerns that trees planted do not conform to the landscape plan – problems to be reported to the Flood Prevention Unit. Re-instatement work ongoing at St Mark's Primary School to repair the football pitch and replace its security fence. The fruit orchard has been planted. There is no liability on the contractor in relation to vandalism or theft of any plants, trees, etc. It was not part of the flood defence contract to upgrade the handrail and ramp on the Park side of the footbridge to match in with the work on the other side.

Reach 4 – problems of water behind the wall on the dry side. Residents on the Greenbank side of the burn have complained about the loss of trees. At this location only certain types of trees can be planted in order to prevent damage to the flood wall. In response to a query as to why the pathway from Firrhill Drive to Oxfords Avenue was still closed, Stuart did not know but thought it may be due to a problem with the lighting.

6. Ward Councillors' Reports

Cllr Barry updated the meeting on the outcome of consultations that had taken place following recent events in Colinton Mains Park concerning the underground polythene tanks installed by Scottish Water. The tanks were installed to cope with an excess of water from heavy rainfalls but have in turn prevented ground water from draining naturally into the burn. The displacement of the newly laid tanks following the recent heavy rainfall was caused by a build up of ground water in this area. The tanks have been replaced with added reinforcement to prevent reoccurrence and discussions will be held on how to resolve the ground water problem.

The CEC Administration are considering charging Parent/Teacher Associations for the use of school facilities when they are organising fund raising events for the school.

7. Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer reports that the new bank account with Barclays Bank is now up and running. This includes telephone and on-line banking.

Barclays Bank asked about back-up on my computer and suggested their facility which would cost around 25p per day. Should this option be considered? No action.

It only remains for the old bank account with the Bank of Scotland to be closed. Heather Levy and I will attend at the Bank of Scotland on Wednesday to allow this to be done. There have been no transactions so far this year. The last statement received from the Bank of Scotland dated 19th February 2010 showed a balance in the sum of £2977.84. This sum will be transferred to the new Barclays account.

It is my intention to purchase a box folder for filing the Community Council's finance papers.

8. Meeting Reports

1. Pavilion Update, 3 March, H Levy: see attached report (Appendix 1).

2. Ward 8 Roads & Footways: P Wright: see attached report (Appendix 2).
3. Funding Panel: H Levy: see attached report (Appendix 3)
4. Open Space Strategy / Allotments: P Wright: see attached report (Appendix 4).
5. South West Area Board: H Levy: see attached report (Appendix 5).
6. Pentlands Neighbourhood Partnership Public Meeting: P Wright: see attached report (App 6).

9. Co-option Proposal

It is proposed by H Levy that MJ O'Brien be co-opted as a member of the Firrhill Community Council. Ms O'Brien is a resident of the community and is therefore eligible to become a member and has regularly attended meetings over the last year and shown a keen interest in our activities. Her knowledge of health matters would be of benefit to the Council and adds to her qualification to become a co-opted member. Seconded by P Wright. Proposal agreed by the members present.

10. Planning Applications Report

J Napier had handed in his Report for distribution at this meeting: attached as Appendix 7.

11. Review of the Community Council's representation on Pentland Neighbourhood Partnership

The Secretary wished to raise for discussion the ever growing number of meetings attached to the Pentland Neighbourhood Partnership and its various sub-groups, which is due to increase with the formation of a new Community Safety Group thus adding to the number of meeting currently being attended by the Chair and Secretary.

The current business meetings of the PNP are:

- Partnership Business Meetings
- Health, Community and Employment Group
- Funding Panel
- Environment and Transport Group
- South West Area Board

It was not possible to properly discuss this item in the time available but the Secretary hoped that other members would be willing to take the responsibility of representing the Council, where agreed, on one of the Groups on a regular basis and proposed it was time to review the Council's representative for each of these Partnership business groups on a more formal basis.

12. Correspondence

A list of the correspondence received by the Secretary between 23 March and 19 April was issued with the agenda prior to meeting (see Appendix 8).

Correspondence Update to 16 April 2010

1. Transition Edinburgh; Pentlands Energy Fair, Saturday 15 May 2:00 pm – 4:30 pm in Fairmilehead Church
2. Letter postponing planned Community Safety Meeting, 28 April.
3. Council Leaders Report; April 2010
4. Swanston Golf Club's proposal to install an 11kw wind turbine. Pre-consultation request.

5. Colinton Mains Park/Pavilion; revised draft programme (Cllr Barry)
6. Prohibition of Waiting, Loading or Unloading outside St Marks Primary (Firrhill Crescent), Oxgangs Primary (both entrances on Oxgangs Road North). Cllr Barry advised that this order enabled legal enforcement of the existing zigzag restrictions and did not infer additional restrictions. The exclusion of Pentlands Primary school was queried.
7. Street Naming Procedures – information available through CEC and Pentlands NP websites.

With reference to Item 31 Eileen Hewitt: How to Apply for Grant Funding – concerning a community council workshop on 25 May. Subject to their availability, it was agreed the Chair and Vice Chair should attend as a follow-up to their previous workshop on grant funding.

13.A.O.B.

Firrhill Drive: there have been numerous complaints from residents about their domestic waste not being uplifted by the Cleansing Department vehicles

14.D.O.N.M.

Monday 24 May 2010 in the Colinton Mains Community Education Centre at 7 pm.

Pavilion Update : 30-03-10

Present- Colin McKay CEC, Graham Croucher CEC, H. Levy Firrhill Community Council, John Spence ONC, D. Riley AC Oxfangs, S. McManus AC Oxfangs.

G.C gave the group an update on the consultation which was held in January 2010 by Firrhill Community Council in conjunction with flood prevention landscape and Scottish Water new drainage project within the park. All agreed it had been a very useful event and that all parties have had various opportunities to consult on the Pavilion plans with the only change being the relocation of the Disabled parking spaces to the front of the building. Planning had made a comment about the angle of the roof but it must be like this to accommodate utilities, water tanks etc. One old leaning cherry tree will have to be taken down but a new one will be relocated within the park. The plans will now be officially submitted to planning and it is envisioned to take up to two months to go through this process. Plans can be accessed on the Firrhill Community Council web site.

In the mean time the tendering process will begin and it is hoped that a contractor will be in place by August 2010.

One of the existing outbuildings will be used as a storage space for goal posts etc.

The conversion of the toilets to a community room still needs to be costed. There was some discussion re the need of a community room. It was agreed at previous consultations that a room for training sessions and Health workers re mental health and healthy eating would be better held near the place of exercise/sport fields. H.L agreed to approach Health to see if they would support some of the cost. Services and drainage have been checked and Scottish Water will repair the sewer pipe for Portakabin usage. An application with Scottish Football also needs to be sought for Portakabin costs as well as planning permission.

There was some discussion re changing facilities if Portakabin could not be secured. Firrhill High school and St Marks primary school could be approached. Meggetland is a good facility but only to be considered as a last resort.

The vehicle access to the pitches is in a bad way after the flood prevention work and although part of their contract is to reinstate this it is hoped that they will agree to put this on hold until after the completion of the new Pavilion.- ***Since the meeting this has been agreed.***

There was some discussion about A.C Oxfangs in partnership with CEC investigating the feasibility of managing the Pavilion and sports pitches in the future with a peppercorn rent.

It was agreed that a presentation needs to go to the Pentland Neighbourhood Partnership probably after the summer recess to update.

Heather Levy, Chair
Firrhill Community Council

S.W. ROADS AND FOOTWAYS CAPITAL PROJECT, 25 MARCH (P WRIGHT)

There being £42k left for Ward 8, after £58k had been spent on projects already completed (or in progress, eg, Colinton Mains Park lighting; pavement refurbishment in Colinton Village), this meeting was held to discuss projects in the 'bids bank' which would make best use of this money.

Present: Norman Tinlin, representing Fairmilehead Community Council
Peggy Wright, " Firrhill " "
David Bewsey & Alex Stewart representing Colinton Amenity Association
Councillors Elaine Aitken and Eric Barry
SW Roads Council Officials Stuart Farquhar & Gordon Drysdale

After due consideration of the merits of each project put forward, the following were selected for delivery in the Financial Year 2010/11:

- a) Woodhall Road @ Dreghorn Loan/Barnshot Road etc. Drainage investigation and works to prevent flood water cascading across Woodhall Road - £10k
- b) Cockmylane – Resurfacing of bottom part of lane (to/from Oxfangs Hill/Fox Spring Crescent) + handrail on path from Pentland Primary School at junction with Cockmylane - £7.5k
- c) Cockmylane/ Pentland Drive - *new culvert - *£6k
- d) The Strip, Buckstone Crescent - new street lighting - £5k
- e) Buckstone Road/ Buckstone Loan - new pedestrian barrier/ bollards - £5k
- f) Swanston Muir/ New Swanston - new street lighting - £7k

This leaves £1.5k unallocated.

* Mr Drysdale said it may be possible to partly-fund this culvert from money set aside for drainage. If so, with the money saved there could then be two pieces of railing fitted instead of one.

The above figures are 'best guesses', but these schemes will now be 'worked up' with costs and designs being assessed more accurately and a report on them will come back to this group in due course.

Pentland Neighbourhood Partnership
Funding Panel 21-04-10

The group still await confirmation of how much budget will be allocated to the Community Grant but it is estimated to be in the region of £48,000 for year 2010/11.

There were four applications submitted for consideration

1. The Mark Wright Project- requested £4,850 to support the development and provision of a Homecoming Family Day/ Welcome Home Concert for the 3rd Battalion Rifles based at Redford Barracks, awarded in full. Members also agreed to allow SN to process this award through the SO63 route due to tight time restraints.
2. Girl guiding Edinburgh, Harlow Division- £4,900 requested - £2400 for t-shirts, £1500 towards camp costs & £1,000 to replace division flags. It was agreed to award £2,000 for the camp costs and one flag.
3. Clovenstone Amateur Boxing Club- £4,350 requested, awarded £4,200 for a new boxing ring
4. Redhall Walled Garden-£3,500 requested to support an Open Day. It was agreed that more information/break-down of costs was needed.

There then followed a discussion re the criteria and process of applications. As there is less money in the budget it was agreed that future applications could be capped at a possible £3,000. It was agreed that all applications would continue to be ratified at the Neighbourhood Partnership public meetings and only in exceptional circumstances would this happen at the NP business meetings.

There was no date set for the next meeting which I raised concerns about. Councillors and CEC staff must realise that as volunteers our time is precious and we must be appreciated and it must be taken into consideration that we also have commitments!

Heather Levy
Chair

ENVIRONMENT & TRANSPORT MEETING, 14 APRIL: PEGGY WRIGHT

Pentlands NP Community Council reps from Balerno, Currie, Fairmilehead, Firrhill, and Longstone, plus Colinton Amenity Assoc, M Ferrigan (Piper), and Scott Neill (SWNO) met to discuss the Draft Open Space Strategy (OSS), including allotments.

Kenny Bowes (Planning Officer) did a presentation on: the Draft Open Space Audit (first for 40 yrs, now to be 5-yrly) carried out last May-July, when 700 questionnaires were returned and 900 comments recorded, from which comes the OSS, a wide, over-arching strategy in relation to open space; covers issues in relation to a number of open space types, eg, parks, small patches of greenery – but not farmland, as well as proposing standards [Colinton Mains Park is recorded as not meeting these standards – but was virtually a building site when audit was done!]

It also contains a short, but important, section on allotments, with a 42-page accompanying document on Allotments Strategy for the City of Edinburgh, 2010-15, which was discussed in particular at this meeting. There is great need for more allotments – the waiting list has grown from 147 in 1998 to 2,152 in 2009, with only 1,233 Council-owned plots – and part of this strategy identifies a further 32 possible sites in the city for allotments. However, many of these are parts of parks, and two reps present were concerned at the inclusion of King George V Park (Currie) and Dovecot Park (Kingsknowe) – though K Bowes pointed out that this list was compiled by a Steering Group as a ‘desktop study’. This meeting agreed that other potential sites should be looked at before parks; that HRA land could possibly be used as community gardens or allotments (would save money); that Council identify areas which should not be used for allotments; that ‘garden sharing’ - someone no longer able to look after their garden would share with someone who has no garden – be promoted and encouraged. It was also regretted that the E & T group could not discuss further, or take to Community Councils for discussion: Council must give more time for consultations. But: as part of the OSS consultation (26 March to 21 May), public meeting/workshops are being held in each NP area: will ask for comments on the proposed allotment sites + suggestions for other sites. **Our Public Workshop will be held in Oxfangs Library, 27 April, 6.30 pm to 8 pm.**

Please contact me if you would like to view any of the OSS documents/books.

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Firrhill Community Council
South West Area Board Meeting
20-04-10

There was an hour of meet and greet at the Edinburgh Tenants Federation where their structure and remit was explained. The ETF are made up of representatives from Edinburgh Council residents and tenants organisations, there are 10 registered RTO's in the South West Area. They highlighted some of the projects they have successfully undertaken such as Tenant Lead Inspections of local call centres/offices. The reports among other information can be viewed on their web site.

The meeting was then opened up to include the representatives of the South West Area Board. This sub group covers both the South West and Pentlands Partnerships. The role covers Environmental Projects, Landlord Performance/ Housing Activity and Communications. A standing agenda rotates between selection and monitoring of Neighbourhood Environment Projects (NEP'S) and Landlord/ Housing activities. There was a Housing Management Performance Update tabled including some annual revenues and expenditures, copies of these can be given on request.

The representatives sitting round the table then had an opportunity to feed back to the group. The group were informed of a preplanning application consultation on the new Healthy Living Centre which will be held Friday 30th April 2010 in Wester Hailes Education Centre with presentations being given at 10a.m and 2p.m

This is the first time Firrhill Community Council has been invited to take part in this group and we were made very welcome and the Chair hoped that we would continue to be involved in the group.

Heather Levy & Alistair Hunter

PENTLANDS N'HOOD P'SHIP PUBLIC MEETING, 30 MARCH '10, CURRIE HS

Chaired by Councillor Jason Rust; attended by NP Councillors, Council Officials, Community Council reps and interested members of the public.

The following is a brief report on what took place at this meeting:

Motion by Councillor Rust, seconded by Peggy Wright, re CLD Review – Proposed Closure of Community Centres, in particular Colinton Mains CC. [Approved; so will go to Full Council]

Minutes of PNP Public Mtg on 8/12/09 in Colinton PS were approved. [Written answer to question from P Wright, on behalf of Firrhill CC, re rumour of Scottish Water about to dig up Colinton Mains Park again, was included in these Minutes.]

Motion by Councillor Henderson re local concerns about safety at Wester Hailes Road to Baberton Mains Pedestrian Underpass: PNP Manager to produce a report examining these safety issues + present options for improvements (or a road crossing).

Community Grants Fund/Community Engagement Fund: Approved for award – Buckstone Youth Club £3,100; Buckstone Youth Project £2,500; Transition Edin. Pentlands £1,150; Youth Vision £3,000 (partial); Balerno Scout Group £3,000 (partial); Balerno Village Trust £3,000 (partial); Juniper Green CC £4,250 (partial); Currie BBs £1,240; Currie Ride Cttee of Currie CC £1,500 (partial); Currie Youth & Community Centre £4,000 (partial); Ratho War Memorial sub-cttee of Ratho CC £3,750 (partial). [Full details of above from me on request.]

NB: £500 award to Oxfangs Central Residents Assoc., to buy computer, was handed back.

Pentland Hills Regional Park: Midlothian Council, which had intimated withdrawal of all funding, will now give £52k, ie £40k less than Minute of Agreement as its contribution, but it is also currently having problems funding the loss-making ski slope.

Community Safety in Pentlands Area: joint presentation by Community Safety Team and Lothian & Borders Police. Tasking & Co-ordinating (TAC) Group Report: meet monthly; share information with partners; mainly tackle anti-social behaviour and vandalism; Week of Action was discussed – SfC, cleansing, etc go into an area, eg, Oxfangs, Calders, Gorgie, to advertise what they do. 'Hot spots' can be identified to L & BP; funding can be directed to identified tasks; Youth Tracking System; letters sent out to parents + meetings with them and youths; Acceptable Behaviour Contracts may be issued. Work done in communities is paying off: youth calls down 21% in 2009/10; **Ward 8 3yr average reduced by 50%** (though 'blip' to figures in December because of snowballing); found very useful to have one community officer for CCs etc to contact. Police strategic objectives are on issues to do with violence; drugs; public protection; terrorism; antisocial behaviour; serious organised crime groups. Police aim to meet Council Objectives and Outcomes/Community Plans and Priorities. [To view full TAC Group Report (14 pages), please contact me.]

Next Meeting: 8 June, 2010 (venue tba)

Peggy Wright (Firrhill CC rep)

Planning Report for April 2010 Meeting

22 Mar 2010

Section 1 No applications.

Section 2 No proposals of applications for Ward 08 - Firrhill

Ward 01 – Almond – 10/00501/PAN. Proposed planning application in principle for redevelopment and extension to show ground site including access, car parking and landscaping, the proposal will be subject to a detailed masterplan showing a range of uses compatible with the show ground at Royal Highland Centre, Ingilston Road, Edinburgh, EH28 8NE. Additional consultation required.

Ward 04 – Forth – 10/00606/PAN. The walled garden and adjacent land and sea front land to the north of West Shore Road, the whole project is situated in the Granton area of north Edinburgh EH5 at Land 90 metres east and south of 20 West Shore Road, Edinburgh. Additional consultation required.

Ward 11 – City Centre – 10/00686/PAN. Detailed planning application for purpose built student accommodation and ancillary works including landscaping and means of access at St Leonard's Land 98 Holyrood Road, Edinburgh EH8 8AJ. Additional consultation required.

Ward 11 – City Centre – 10/00688/PAN. Application for planning permission in principle for redevelopment and refurbishment including demolition works and new building to provide mixed use development comprising education, class 10 and associated ancillary uses, retail class 1, food and drink class 3, offices class 4 and purpose built student accommodation and associated works at Land between Canongate and Holyrood Road, St John Street, Edinburgh EH8 8AJ. Additional consultation required.

Section 3 No decisions

29 Mar 2010

Section 1 No applications

Section 2 No proposals of applications for Ward 08

Ward 01 – Almond – 10/00501/PAN. See above for details. Additional consultation required.

Ward 07 – Sighthill/Gorgie – 10/00685/PAN. Redevelopment of the former B&Q and adjoining land to create a food superstore of up to 90,000 sq ft 8,361 sq m gross at 10 - 12 Inglis Green Road, Edinburgh, EH14 2HY. Additional consultation required.

Ward 11 – City Centre – 10/00686/PAN. See above for details. Additional consultation required.

Ward 11 – City Centre – 10/00688/PAN. See above for details. Additional consultation required.

- Section 3 Application to erect a new building to house a bookmakers at 2 Oxfangs Bank North has been granted (10/0396/FUL).

Application for a house extension and conversion to attic at 116 Oxfangs Road has been granted (10/00399/FUL).

06 Apr 2010

- Section 1 No applications
Section 2 No proposals of applications for Ward 08

Ward 07 – Sighthill/Gorgie – 10/00685/PAN. See above for details. Additional consultation required.
Section 3 No decisions.

12 Apr 2010

- Section 1 Application 10/00742/FUL – to create a driveway in front of house with a drop kerb at 208 Colinton Mains Road.
Section 2 No proposals of applications for Ward 08 - Firrhill

Ward 01 – Almond – 10/00920/PAN. Hotel complex with ancillary conference and bar facilities, restaurants and meeting rooms at Land 105 metres southwest of 8 Eastfield Road, Edinburgh.

Ward 09 – Fountainbridge/Craiglockhart – 10/00886/PAN. Proposed student housing on plot J with consequential reconfiguration of approved master plan to integrate relocated affordable housing fully within adjacent residential housing plots at land adjacent to 194 Fountainbridge, Edinburgh. Additional consultation required.
Section 3 No decisions

20 Apr 2010

- Section 1 No applications.
Section 2 No proposals of applications for Ward 08 - Firrhill

Ward 01 – Almond – 10/00920/PAN. See above for details. Additional consultation required.
Section 3 No decisions.

CORRESPONDENCE: 23 MARCH – 19 APRIL

By e-mail

- 1 Rhona Sinclair: Supplementary Agenda for PNP Public Meeting – Councillor Rust's Motion re CLD Review, Closure of Community Centres
- 2 Scott Neill: change of date re PNP Business Meeting from 11th to 12th May.
- 3 Eileen Hewitt: reminder re CC Planning Training, 27 March
- 4 f: Cllr Barry: notification of proposed change of new street name from Spruce Gait to Spruce Way (asked for feedback). [Looks like my comments, at PNP Business Meeting presentation on street-naming, re possible confusion with spelling of 'Gait' have been taken on board!]
- 5 Eileen Hewitt: Consultation/Info Event, Oxfangs Library, 27 March [on website]
- 6 Gordon Drysdale: £100k Capital Project, Ward 8 meeting, 25 March, 6 pm
- 7 Cllr Barry: TTRO for Oxfangs Rd North, Sun 28 March [put on website]
- 8 Eileen Hewitt: Annual Neighbourhood Survey Findings, 2009
- 9 Rhona Sinclair: Amended Grants Report for PNP Public Meeting – refusal of £270 to Juniper Green CC.
- 10 f: Cllr Aitken: re new lighting in Colinton Mains Park – cabling and power supply work completed; erection of light columns postponed until Carillion has finished moving heavy plant so that there is no risk of damage being caused.
- 11 Paul Matthews, Roads Safety Technician, City Development: reply to my e-mail asking why proposed pedestrian crossing on Oxfangs Avenue has disappeared from the current list [reply printed in full separately]
- 12 Numerous messages to/from ASCC and member CCs re delay in announcing name of new Edinburgh Area Rep (voting deadline was 22 March) + non-delivery of papers requested by Craigmillar CC
- 13 Frank Gunning, National Secy, ASCC: notification that Norman Bonney (West End CC) is new Edinburgh Area Rep, having received most votes in election.
- 14 Secretary @ Fairmilehead CC: copy of letter sent to Councillors & Officials in support of Colinton Mains Community Centre
- 15 Scott Neill, Partnership Dev'ment Officer re meeting of PNP Env'ment & Transport sub-group to discuss Allotments Strategy: 14 April, 7 pm.
- 16 Scott Neill: request for CCs to review membership of/attendance at sub-groups, as many group reps have rarely been turning up to meetings. Existing member/s should be confirmed, or new member/s appointed, by each CC (to be in by June). Also, new members of Community Safety sub-group will be taken by Veronica Wright and Raymond Rickis from SW Community Safety Panel.
- 17 Secy @ Craigeith & Blackhall CC: Results of CC advertising survey carried out: view website at <http://www.craigeithblackhall.info>
- 18 Kenneth Bowes, lead officer on Open Space Strategy & Action Plan: workshop in Oxfangs Library, Tuesday 27th April, 6.30 – 8 pm.
- 19 f : Cllr Barry: re eruption/movement above ground of surge containment chamber in Scottish Water works in Colinton Mains Park + resulting delay in other works.
- 20 R Millar, Depute Clerk, CoE Licensing Board re licensed hours on Sundays.
- 21 N Bonney, new ASCC Edinburgh rep: promise to make ASCC more transparent and accountable, and more open in constitutional matters, and to ask for voting procedures to be reviewed: www.normanbonneyoncommunitycouncils.blogspot.com

22 Scott Neill: Agendas for Env'ment & Transport group meetings 14 April & 4 May + Minutes of E & T meeting on 1 Feb.

23 Scott Neill: notice of PNP Business Meeting, 12 May [I can't attend; f to H Levy]

24 Annmaree Wood, SESPlan Development Plan Scheme No 2 www.sesplan.co.uk

25 f: Cllr Barry: Scottish Power to finish their work re Firrhill Drive car-park on 15 & 16 April; thereafter, Council contractors can complete their works.

26 f: Cllr Barry: Scottish Water/Carillion work to be completed on 21 May; other works in Colinton Mains Park can then get underway/be completed.

Play Park: contractors should be on site beginning of July, after process to tender and award contract; work should take 4-6 weeks.

27 f: Scott Neill: World Heritage photo raffle: <http://www.ewht.org.uk/Where-do-you-love-Edinburgh.aspx>

28 Finlay Martin, Planning: programme for preparing Council's Development Plan Scheme 2010 (to eventually replace Edin City Local Plan & Rural W Edin L P), is now available to view: www.edinburgh.gov.uk/localdevelopmentplan

29 f: Cllr Barry: City Development plan to either replace park-side ramp on bridge, or replace complete bridge; will likely need Controlled Activities Regulations Licence from SEPA; this could take approx 5 months, so works will likely be in Sept. '10.

30 Eileen Hewitt: Joint Council & CCs meeting in June: will concentrate on role of Community Councils on N'hood P'ships – role on sub-groups; communications (publicity & promotion); young people (how do we get their input?); engagement (involve & reflect views of community). [Feedback to me by 22 April.]

31 Eileen Hewitt: How to Apply for Grant Funding – workshop, Tuesday, 25 May, 6.30/7.00 pm – 9 pm [I have Agenda & Application Form.]

By Post

- 1 NHS Lothian 'Health Link', Spring '10 (copies to distribute).
- 2 SMP Playgrounds Advertising leaflet for Parish & Community Councils
- 3 Edinburgh CC News, March '10 (copies to distribute).
- 4 Draft Open Space Strategy: workshop events leaflets; booklet; Draft Action Plan for Pentlands NP area (March '10); Open space Audit, Dec '09 (updated from questionnaires during May-July '09).
- 5 'Working Capital' – Edinburgh's 'Joined up for Jobs' April booklet + poster on what Jobseekers need to know to get a job in 2010.

Please contact me if you wish to view any of the above.

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