

## COUNCIL MEETING: 24 MAY 2010

Minutes of meeting held at Colinton Mains Community Centre

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

In Attendance: N Tinlin (Fairmilehead Community Council); J Rust (Cllr); E Barry (Cllr)

### 1. Apologies

Received from M Milne; E Aitken (Cllr); PC D Crawford (Oxgangs Community Police);

### 2. Minutes of Previous Meeting: held 26 April 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

Re Item 5 – Flood Defence Update (H Levy)

The question of recording within the deeds of properties the affect this work will have on the care and maintenance of such properties had been raised at the meeting. Stuart Mackay had agreed to take the matter forward and the Chair reported that Stuart had forwarded to her a copy of his draft letter to this end.

Re Item 3 Future 'Open Day' to be held at Tesco's (see section 10. A.O.B item 3). Chair reported she had met with Tesco's community champion, Ann, and the arrangements for the event to be held on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> September were progressing.

Colinton Mains Community Education Centre Update (P Wright)

The Secretary – who is also Secretary of Colinton Mains CEC Management Committee - gave a chronological report on the activities that have taken place since the previous Firrhill CC meeting:

- 27 April: Councillor Rust asked for internal audit re the Centre's costs.
- 29 April: attended Full Council meeting along with S Christie. I submitted that Centre had been asked by CLD Dept to put in a business plan but were unable to do so because
  - a) we had been presented with four sets of widely varying running costs in as many weeks; and
  - b) there seemed to be huge irregularities in our repairs and maintenance costs. In taking only three main headings – Roof Repairs, Graffiti Removal and Drain Clearance – we were charged approx. £3.5k in the past three years for work that we say was not carried out at our Centre.

Ms Christie then answered questions, before Councillors entered into lively debate on these issues. Cllr MacLaren, Head of Children & Families, promised a full investigation.

- On that same morning we were offered the possibility of a reprieve if we came up with £5k of savings for the Council – the lowest amount yet, as this had varied between £6.5k in Feb. to £10k in April.
- 13 May: a letter, including a Proposal offering a potential saving to the Council of £5k+ by arranging for our own cleaning, was sent by the Centre's Management Committee to Mike Rosendale, Head of Schools & Community Services.

- 14 May: Cllr Barry and I met with Ian Stirton, Chief Internal Auditor, Financial Services, at Waverley Court. He admitted that what he thought would be “a five-minute job” checking our figures and tracing them back to the original paper-work had turned out to be anything but. He currently has staff working on this, and will widen their remit to include other Centres – and perhaps empty Council buildings.
- 14 May: Gillian Tee, Director of Children & Families, in consultation with the Director of Finance and the Director of City Development, asked Internal Audit to lead a short-life working group to investigate the issues raised at our Deputation. She has asked for a report back within six weeks.
- 18 May: Children & Families Committee, headed by Cllr MacLaren, met to discuss the CLD Review and Community Centres Closures. Mike Rosendale had compiled a report on each Centre based on the meeting with him (30 March) + letters of support and the petition sent in; so, with that, plus our Proposal, he recommended to the Committee that our Centre be saved, and this was agreed.
- In the letter with the Proposal, I included that (a) it would be more equitable if every Community Centre made a contribution towards running costs, not just Centres proposed for closure, and (b) in future we would like a copy of each worksheet before a job is started, and a copy of the invoice for each job to check its validity. Mike Rosendale said that he liked suggestion (a) and would take this on board, while Ian Stirton agrees that suggestion (b) should help to cut down/out the discrepancies in repairs and maintenance costs to Colinton Mains Centre.

In the general discussion on the Secretary’s report it was noted that the Management Committee had not received formal notification of the City Council’s decision, and it was the view of the members that the Centre’s Management Committee should ask for a letter of confirmation. The Secretary confirmed that this is actually on the CMCEC Management Committee’s Agenda for its next meeting, on 26 May.

#### **4. Community Police Report**

No report was given at the meeting. The following information was received from PC Crawford through his monthly newsletter and inserted for information purposes.

Officers are continuing to investigate cannabis cultivations in the city, and in the past few months have uncovered a number in Edinburgh. Anyone who witnesses any suspicious behaviour or activity is encouraged to contact the police immediately. A series of conferences called ‘Weed Them Out’ were recently held, which were aimed at educating letting agencies and members of the community in how to spot a potential cannabis cultivation. These were very successful, and it is hoped that similar exercise will be undertaken in the future.

Residents are warned to be prepared for the ‘traditional’ visits from the Bogus Worker fraternity now that Spring has arrived

- ‘Cold Callers’/Bogus Workmen turn up on the doorstep unannounced - with good excuses such as ‘just happen to be working the area’ ‘you have some loose slates!’ Don’t let any casual caller do any work on your property; be that gardening; roofing or laying/repairing your drive. Most reputable companies do not operate in this manner. Thank them and inform them that your tradesman will look at it.
- What do Bogus Workmen look like? They are usually very plausible people dressed for the part.
- Who is at risk from them and when? They tend to prey on the more vulnerable in society and will usually call through the day.

- What can you do? Be prepared. Are you expecting someone to call? Check the person on the doorstep is genuine; most service providers carry identification, use the phone book to get the telephone number to contact the company to confirm. Best of all only deal with callers by appointment.
- Don't keep large sums of money in your home.
- Keep front and back doors locked even if you are just in the garden.
- Be a good neighbour – keep an eye on vulnerable neighbours. If suspicious persons are in the area - phone the police – give a good description of them and most importantly the registration number, make/model, and colour of any vehicle involved.

Incidents of note that occurred on the beat this month are:

On the 5th, a lone male was assaulted in Oxgangs Drive. Descriptions of 2 males and a female were obtained and enquiries are ongoing to trace these individuals and determine if they were involved or not.

On the 13th, a person was reported for a number of drug related matters following an incident in Firrhill Crescent.

On the 13th, a person was reported for Breach of the Peace following an incident in Colinton Mains Road.

On the 13th, a person was arrested and reported following an incident/disturbance in Colinton Mains Road. Charges relating to assault, police assault and possession of an offensive weapon were made.

On the 18th, a serious assault occurred in Firrhill Park where a female was assaulted. Enquiries are still ongoing to trace the male responsible.

On the 19th, a vehicle was taken from Oxgangs Crescent without the permission of the owner. The person responsible has been charged.

On the 21st, a car was damaged whilst parked in Colinton Mains Place.

On the 23rd, a driver who'd had one too many was arrested in Oxgangs Crescent. As well as the drink/drive charge, a number of other Road Traffic related charges were made.

A further 2 drivers were also reported this month after being stopped in Oxgangs Avenue and Colinton Mains Drive.

On the 25th, a male was arrested for Breaching Bail conditions not to be in the Oxgangs area. This was an involved incident as the male initially made his way through the loft space area of a flat in Oxgangs Drive onto the communal roof. A full response was necessary, as obviously there was nowhere he could go. After being talked down, he was naturally arrested and held in custody.

David's final message refers to the recent run of good weather, which has seen an increase in the number of people returning to and using the amenity of the Pentland Hills in our area.

Unfortunately, not all are as responsible as they could be and there have been reports that people have been swimming in the reservoirs at Torduff and Clubbiedean. It is also thought that such activity is being carried out in some cases under the influence of alcohol.

Quite simply – it is not safe to swim in the reservoirs - the main reason being the water temperature which, even on a blazing hot summer day, remains very low and near freezing. Coupled with alcohol intake, a swimmer could quickly and easily find themselves in difficulty. There is no guarantee life saving assistance would be available quickly enough to prevent an avoidable tragedy.

By all means enjoy the surroundings, but plan on making it home too.

## **5. Ward Councillors' Reports**

Cllr Rust reported on his involvement in opposing the closure of Colinton Mains Community Centre, adding to the report already given by the secretary.

The City Council have agreed to extend its subsidy for the No. 18 bus service to June 2011, when it will be reviewed. Opinion expressed that it should not need to be subsidised as it was a much reduced service and well used.

Colinton Mains Road / Loan – met with residents concerned about the height of the fence at the footbridge at this location.

Pentlands Neighbourhood Partnership –projects are being delayed by a reluctance on the part of the Council's procurement services to process the applications for Fairer Scotland funding.

Cllr Barry reported on his involvement with the flood prevention work and issues arising from its completion. The construction of the flood wall has prevented the natural drainage from land on either side of the burn causing pools to form in gardens. There are plans to install lift pumps at strategic locations but is concerned that remedial work arising out of the flood prevention work is to be done under a separate contract.

Need to find out from Jonathan Davis, Aecom Design Consultant, who is the contact for this new £3 million contract, what is to be included in it.

The subject of communications was raised by a member and was discussed. The view expressed that whilst communications between the contractors and the Community Council may have been satisfactory this did not necessarily mean that residents affected by the work were satisfied that they had been kept informed.

The subject of dog fouling on the burn pathway was also raised. Cllr Barry suggested that the problem should be brought to the attention of the Community Safety wardens and that they will be in attendance at a Your Shop / My Shop promotion in Oxfords Broadway being organised by Dennis Williams. The use of Penalty Notices was also suggested and it was agreed that the Secretary should promote this in a question for a future NP meeting.

Cllr Barry reported that Pentlands Community Centre's problems with boiler and water tank leaks were still ongoing and there was a lack of activity by the department concerned.

He also reported on a meeting with the local cluster school group, which consists of parent/teacher representatives from the local schools. Concern had been raised about teachers who were apparently not required but still being paid. This referred to teachers who had not been allocated a school but were still teaching in schools. There are still complaints about the school buses using the wrong route.

## **6. Landscaping in the Community**

Chair was invited to participate in a walk-about with Tommy Walker and members of the Property and Estates Team to look at the area profile and audit areas for possible projects that could be carried out under the Neighbourhood Environmental Programme.

It was previously reported that a project had been approved to upgrade community drying greens in Oxfords. This was part of the Programme approved by the South West Area Board following recommendations put forward by the Property and Estates Team.

He was also looking at a similar project re communal drying areas in Firrhill Drive and asked if the Community Council would assist with the consultation exercise with residents in Firrhill Drive. EB expressed disappointment that the recent car parking project carried out in this area resulted in very minor improvement to the problem and that other options should have been considered.

Due to the current financial restraints these projects had been postponed but it was the intention to continue with the consultation exercises and complete the audits so there would be no delay when money becomes available.

It was agreed that the Community Council would assist in the Firrhill Drive consultation exercise and this would be actioned by the Chair and Vice Chair over the summer.

It had been previously agreed that the Community Council would organise a walk-about to take stock of the work that is ongoing and assess areas for possible improvement works to be carried out. This had never been arranged and some members would like this to be arranged. A number of dates were proposed but were clashing with other organised events such as the church fete. Agreed the Chair was to arrange for a new date to be set prior to next meeting.

## **7. Meeting Reports**

1. PNP<sup>1</sup> – Environment, Transport and Infrastructure Group, 4 May 2010, P Wright: see attached report (Appendix 1).
2. PNP – Health and Employment Sub Group, 10 May 2010, H Levy: see attached report (Appendix 2).
3. PNP – Business Meeting, 12 May 2010, H Levy: see attached report (App 3).

It should be noted that the reference to an action being ‘refused’ recorded in that part of the report headed “NHS Lothian – ECHP Management Arrangements” was disputed by NT as not reflecting what was actually said. The Chair upheld her report as correct in substance.

## **8. Treasurer’s Report**

There was nothing to report other than the closing the old account is in the process of being completed.

## **9. Planning Applications Report**

Three applications had been made over the reporting period had been made in the Firrhill ward. No decisions recorded. Information on the applications and of major development proposals within the city, extracted from the CEC’s Planning Applications Report, was circulated at the meeting and is attached as **Appendix 4**. No matters arising.

## **10. Correspondence**

A list of the correspondence received by the Secretary between 27 April and 14 May was issued with the agenda prior to meeting (see **Appendix 5**).

### **Correspondence Update to 24 May 2010**

#### **By e-mail**

1. S G Baker Ltd: Community Sandbag Info (commercial)
2. Edinburgh Civic Forum: Meeting Agenda, 22 June, 4.30 pm, City Chambers.
3. Graham Croucher: Colinton Mains Pavilion Site Excavation – test borings to be taken from 24 May for 3-5 days approx.
4. Pentlands N’hood P’ship Annual Review Meeting: Tues 8 June, 7 pm, in Colinton Mains Parish Church: all are invited

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<sup>1</sup> Pentlands Neighbourhood Partnership

5. Congratulations from Cllr Rust to Colinton Mains CC M'ment C'ttee on their successful campaign to keep the Centre open [but no official notification from Ch. & Families yet.]
6. Graham Croucher: reply to my e-mail re impact of new pavilion on Bowling Club – a) re-siting of electricity meter will be looked into; b) storage container will be installed at CMBC but was omitted from plans in error.
7. Draft letter from David Bewsey re EIT Group response to Open Space Strategy.
8. f by Cllr Barry: re Dunedin Canmore development – proposed Compulsory Purchase Order for properties in Oxgangs Crescent.
9. Steuart Campbell, EIT Group (follow-on from No. 6) re confusion over terminology within the Council, eg, what is defined as 'recreational use', and what as 'open space', and whether allotments being created within parks would need planning permission; one faction says they would, as they are not 'publicly accessible open space', yet Redhall allotments (Craiglockhart), and those within Inverleith Park are designated 'open space' and 'conservation area' in the Edinburgh City Local Plan.
10. Graham Budd, new Partnership Development Officer, asking for volunteers to give a presentation at Pentlands NP Review Meeting (No.22 above).
11. Cllr Jenny Dawe: Council Leader's Report for May.

#### **By Post**

12. Edinburgh Civic Forum: hard copy of e-mail No. 20, Meeting 22 June, + Minutes of meeting on 16 March.
13. Poster from Consumer Focus Scotland advertising the booklet "Common Repair, Common Sense" for anyone who shares ownership with neighbours of any of the following: roof, stairs, drainage, gardens, main doors - which means shared responsibility. This booklet is a clear and concise guide to explaining common repairs, as well as organising repairs and maintenance. Available to download FREE now at [consumerfocus-scotland.org.uk](http://consumerfocus-scotland.org.uk) It is also possible to order hard copy (at cost price) by visiting the website [no alternative address is given for those who don't have access to a computer].

#### **11.A.O.B.**

Oxgangs Avenue Development Site (St Hilda's) Chair contacted Dunedin Canmore and requested an update on this building development. Wendy Farmer sent a response stating that everything seems to be going well so far at St Hilda's. The contractors (Harts) were running a few weeks behind because of the snow but have now caught up on themselves. The handover date is 19 November 2010 which should be achievable. There are no particular concerns at this stage.

Community Council Website – JN reported that notice has been received from BT Corporate Responsibility Team that they will be making changes to their Community Website Builder Service when their service agreement with Recipero comes to an end.

The options are to join the new Community Website Builder Service that BT will offer in June 2010 and, as far as I can tell, with no change to our web address (or URL), or we can look for another service provider. The current site will remain live until 31 July 2010, after which it will no longer be available.

The new BT Community Website Builder will be available from June 2010 and they will email full details of the action that can be taken to transfer over sometime in the early part of that month.

The new facility will be as easy to use as the service it replaces and will continue to be free with no charges to users.

General opinion was to continue to use the service offered by BT until such time as we were in a better position to assess alternatives. NT cautioned that whilst the same website address may be kept that does not mean the current website will be kept and we should check with BT regarding this. JN to check and report back.

## **12.D.O.N.M.**

Monday, 28 June 2010 in the Colinton Mains Community Education Centre at 7 pm.

PENTLANDS N. P. ENVIRONMENT & TRANSPORT GROUP: 4 MAY 2010

With David Bewsey (Colinton Amenity Assoc) in the Chair, this group discussed:

1. Open Space Strategy: Consultation deadline 21 May; CAA's concern re proposed Dreghorn development – is area classified as farmland (available for development) or a nature conservation site?; it was hoped this would form part of 'green corridor' to Pentlands; old path is so overgrown it can't be used; is there a case for having rough grassland with minimal maintenance?; perceived discrepancy in classifying Redford Wood as 'Local Greenspace' but Covenanters Wood not. "Open Space" is semi-natural green space; biodiversity must be considered – open spaces and woodland may not meet CEC standards, but could still be of benefit to flora and fauna; paths along burns should be kept as green corridors. Review of Green Belt is still to come. Edinburgh City Local Plan is being challenged by developers; there will be a Judicial Review. This group recommends that local people should be given the opportunity to put forward their views where any changes will affect them. [Chair will send letter to Local Planning Policy re group's response to this OSS Report.]
2. Pedestrian Crossings Report: a new priority list has been compiled; after review, many proposed sites previously on list have been removed – though some have been deemed suitable for a refuge island instead. Having got to No 13 on previous priority list, Oxbgangs Avenue is no longer on the priority list (official reason for this was handed out to Firrhill CC members at last month's meeting) – but neither is it on List of Locations Removed from Priority List! [ Do FCC members feel this should be re-assessed? As this is an open-ended Report, it can be brought back to next meeting of Env'tment & Transport Group.]
3. Public Convenience Strategic Review: this Report sets out a number of ways in which the Council might improve the quality of provision and possibly increase the number of available facilities. There are 30 free conveniences throughout the city; some with low usage could be closed down, but a footfall and satisfaction survey analysis would be too costly, so usage is known only at the few public toilets which have permanent staff. St James Centre, Granton and Haymarket ones will definitely close because of re-development. Agreement with Dept. Stores re public use of their toilets is being considered, as in some other cities; there would be a financial implication for the Council. In the Pentlands N.P. area: Colinton – new toilets just opened (old ones being converted into a house); Balerno – toilets were removed but have not yet been reinstated; should be a priority because of number of walkers accessing/leaving Pentland Hills at Balerno. Fairmilehead – toilets were closed because of problem with people congregating there to drink, etc, but a request has been made for these to be re-opened. This group feels that the need for toilets in tourist areas outwith the city centre should be examined. [This Review will also be considered again at our next meeting.]
4. Sub-group Name: because of the widening range of inter-related topics covered in this group's remit, after discussion the decision was made to re-name the group 'Environment, Transport and Infrastructure' (ETI).
5. Date of Next Meeting: Monday 16 August, 2010.

Peggy Wright, Firrhill CC rep.



Pentland Neighbourhood Partnership Health A  
Employment Sub Group 10-05-10 Report

There was a presentation by Emma Crawshaw on a new government city wide initiative of training Youth workers and educational staff on how to educate youth on why they should not smoke.

**Action Plans update,**

Health: H.L - feedback on the mapping of Mental Health services that is in process although it has been delayed due to staffing issues.

Employment: G.W - the Employment Fair that was hoped to be held in June would now be held in September where learning providers will offer advice on courses available it would also include volunteering information.

Shona McAlistair gave an update on the Get On Project that is undergoing changes. They are developing a Web site which should go live in June/July 2010. They have been allocated a Library bus which has to be refitted this should make it easier to access more venues. The refit should be complete by August/Sep 2010, when it will be launched. This could be in conjunction with the Employment Fair. The bus can be used for other purposes such as Health Fairs, etc but Shona will need three weeks' notice. Gap Points will now be known as Get On points.

The Chair announced a restructuring of the sub group. The sub group will be split into two separate groups one for Health and one for Employment. Meetings will be held on a monthly basis with Health one month and Employment the next, plus four strategic meetings being held over any one year. The Chair reported back on the first meeting of the South Edinburgh Public Partnership Forum. He raised concerns re the fixed schedule and timings of the meetings. He wishes to continue to be one of two reps representing Pentlands. There is still one more rep needed.

G.W. has organised a presentation on Grant Net on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> May 12.45p.m in Oxbgangs Library. Grant Net is similar to Grant finder but can be accessed by nominated community reps but is only available in the library. H.L reported that she would be accompanying a new Firrhill CC rep for the Health group, Mary-Jo O'Brien, to the next meeting. There was no date set for the next meeting but could be some time in July.

Heather Levy, Chair  
Firrhill Community Council

**Firrhill Community Council: H Levy, PNP rep.  
Pentland Neighbourhood Partnership  
Business Meeting 12-05-10 Report**

**NHS Lothian - ECHP Management Arrangements** there was a paper tabled for comment on new ECHP Management Arrangements. Mike Avery asked the Chair of the Health sub group to take it to said group for comment, he refused but agreed to contact Linda Cowie to ask for clarity.

**PNP Environment & Transport** - Allotment Strategy, Sub Group comments were read out and will be submitted along with the Open Space Consultation, which closes on May 31<sup>st</sup> 2010.

**Funding Panel-** Christine Doherty has been informed that the tendering system for the Fairer Scotland Fund could take up to six months so she proposed that the NP commission existing agencies to do specific projects costing roughly £20,000. This process could limit the variety of agencies that could be approached but it can be implemented in two months. She will come back with more clarity. It was noted that Pentland NP is the only partnership which has followed the tendering system that all partnerships were supposed to follow. Four applications had been approved to go forward to the public NP. Still await an announcement of how much Community Grant monies are to be allocated.

**Environment & Transport Group-** Scott Neill reported that this group had not met yet but was hoping to soon. They will also include Infrastructure.

**Health & Employment-** The chair gave a verbal feedback.

**Community Safety-** Veronica Wright could not attend the meeting but reported that the next meeting will be 15<sup>th</sup> June in Oxfords Library Fraser room 6p.m-8p.m.

**Area Board-** Scott Neill reported that 22 projects had been agreed and 8 are in the Bank.

Annual review discussion on how the Annual Report would be presented on the 8<sup>th</sup> June 2010 in Colinton Mains Church. It is hoped to demonstrate what has been achieved and what still has to be done. Priorities will be lifted from the Pentland Community Plan. There will be an interactive voting system used. Diana Potter's post has been filled and the new member of staff with excellent IT skills will be in post soon. It was commented that sub group reports should be in writing even this is only in bullet form. This was agreed. There is a revised report underway which M.A will report back on for comment. Ward 2 and 8 have had their first allocation of monies. Approved projects are Woodhall Rd drainage investment, Cock-My-Lane resurfacing and hand rail, the culvert will be funded from elsewhere. Two projects at Buckstone and one at Swanston.

**Pentland Hills Regional Park-** Midlothian Council will not be withdrawing their funding more information will be fed back to the partnership. There will be a Convenor's meeting held in June where the issue regarding meeting dates or lack of them will be raised again.

### **Planning Report for May 2010 Meeting**

#### **26 Apr 2010**

- Section 1 No applications.
- Section 2 No proposals of applications for Ward 08 - Firrhill
- Ward 09 – Fountainbridge/Craiglockhart – 10/00886/PAN. Proposed student housing on plot J, with consequent reconfiguration of approved master plan to integrate relocated affordable housing fully within adjacent residential housing plots at land adjacent to 194 Fountainbridge, Edinburgh. Approved.
- Ward 17 – Portobello/Craigmillar – 10/01051/PAN. The erection of new Portobello High School and associated ancillary buildings, site works, car parking, landscaping, pitches and floodlighting at Portobello Park and Golf Course, 20 Stanley Road, Edinburgh EH15 1JJ.
- Section 3 No decisions

#### **04 May 2010**

- Section 1 Application 10/01121/FUL to demolish existing pavilion with proposed new pavilion on same site at 221 Oxfords Road North Edinburgh, EH13 9ED (Colinton Mains Park)
- Section 2 No proposals of applications
- Section 3 no decisions.

#### **10 May 2010**

- Section 1 Application 10/01211/FUL for
- a) proposed removal of existing O2 10m high monopole and replacement with a 15 m high O2/Vodafone Jupiter 830 pole incorporating 3 O2/Vodafone antennae.
- b) proposed new Vodafone equipment to be located within the existing o2 type 'C' cabinet at Telecomms Mast 42 metres southwest of 66 Oxfords Farm Drive, Edinburgh.
- Section 2 No proposals of applications
- Section 3 No decisions.

#### **18 May 2010**

- Section 1 Application 10/01193/FUL – to erect two storey extension to side and single storey extension to rear of property at 342 Oxfords Road North, Edinburgh, EH13 9NE.
- Section 2 No proposals of applications for Ward 08 - Firrhill
- Ward 05 – Inverleith – 10/01238/PAN. Extension to existing hotel and members clubhouse (all to operate with hotel liquor license), alterations to boundary wall at Raeburn House Hotel, 112 Raeburn Place and the Edinburgh Academicals Sports Centre Clubhouse, Portgower Place, Edinburgh at Raeburn House Hotel, 112 Raeburn Place, Edinburgh, EH4 1HG.
- Ward 17 – Portobello/Craigmillar – 10/01051/PAN. As per above Additional consultation required
- Section 3 No decisions

FCC CORRESPONDENCE: 27 APRIL – 14 MAY: SECRETARY

By e-mail:

- 1 Sue Liddle: resignation from Firrhill CC due to other commitments.
- 2 Ed Foster, Ch. & Families Dept (f. by Cllrs Rust & Barry): running expenses re Colinton Mains Centre. Also Peter Preston, Property Care Services, City Development: repairs & maintenance costs for 2007/8-2009/10.
- 3 Eileen Hewitt: reminder re Meet the Funders Day, 6 May, at Faith Mission, Gilmerton.
- 4 Ian Stirton, CEC Auditor (f. by Cllr Barry): check being made on R & M costs at CMCC
- 5 Eileen Hewitt: Capital City Partnership Social Inclusion News
- 6 Steuart Campbell: clearing up confusion re Planning Permission for allotments in parks – PP is required for allotments on land currently in recreational use, not just for the fences.
- 7 Liberton & District CC: advert for Minutes & Correspondence Clerk (paid)
- 8 Scott Neill: Pentland NP April Digest [f. to members with e-mail] – *on FCC website*
- 9 Kate Kasprovicz, EVOC (f. by H Levy) re saving Lloyds TSB Foundation
- 10 Graham Croucher, Sports Officer (f. by H Levy): latest park pavilion drawings/plans. *On FCC website*
- 11 “ “ “ “ “ : internal & external specs. *On FCC website*
- 12 Reminder from TEP re Energy Fair (15 May), Talk (19 May) [on our web calendar]
- 13 Planning Aid for Scotland: Breakfast Meeting, 20 May, 7.45 am, Café Rouge.
- 14 George Williamson: Grantnet Presentation, 21 May, 12.45-2 pm, Oxfords Library: re search engine for external funding for community organisations/facilities [web calendar]
- 15 Maureen Thomson: Funding Newsflash for April/May, including groups eligible for various funds, themes, max/min available, contacts.
- 16 Eileen Hewitt: CEC Community Council Joint Meeting, Monday 21 June, 7 pm-9 pm, City Chambers. Registration Form and list of workshops will be available soon.
- 17 f by Scott Neill: Edinburgh Canal Festival & Raft Race, 26 June, Edinburgh Quay.
- 18 Christine Doherty: Delivering Capital Growth Workshop, 26 May, 6.30 (invite for two Neighbourhood P'ship reps only).

By Post

- 1 Scottish Natural Heritage: “The Nature of Scotland”, Spring '10, + Scotland's National Nature Reserves Visitor's Guide.
- 2 Scottish Health Council: role is to improve how the NHS in Scotland involves people in decisions about health services. Established in 2005, it has recently been restructured. Info: letter; or t: 537 8545; e: [Lothian@scottishhealthcouncil.org](mailto:Lothian@scottishhealthcouncil.org) + “Connect” SHC magazine.
- 3 Edinburgh City Local Plan, adopted 28 Jan '10: replaces NW, SW, Central, NE & SE local plans. [This is a large book, with maps, which will be handed round all members to view.]
- 4 Cllr Elaine Aitken: re-scheduled Community Safety Sub-group – Oxfords Library Fraser Room, Tuesday 15 June, 6 pm – 7.30 pm.

If any member wishes to view any of the above, please contact me.

Peggy Wright