

FIRRHILL COMMUNITY COUNCIL

COUNCIL MEETING: 26 JULY 2010

Minutes of meeting held at Colinton Mains Community Centre

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

In Attendance: E Aitken (Cllr); N Tinlin (Fairmilehead CC); PC D Crawford (Oxgangs Community Police);

1. Apologies

Received from M Milne; J Rust (Cllr) and E Barry (Cllr)

2. Minutes of Previous Meeting: held 24 May 2010

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

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

3. Matters Arising

Health and Social Care Centre (Item 7). EA was to organise a meeting with Social Work on the progress of this project. Matter ongoing

Community Council Website (Re Item 3). JN advised that we have now registered with the new website builder service and retained the web address for the Firrhill Community Council Website. The job now was to start to rebuild the site. Chair suggested a working group may be required for this. Agreed.

4. Community Police Report

Verbal report given by PC David Crawford, Community Beat Officer.

5. Ward Councillors' Reports

Councillor Aitken advised that the dates set for Pentland Community Council Safety Panel and the Community Safety Group was 11 August and 26 August respectively.

One issue raised was the amount of refuse and supermarket trolleys accumulating in the burn. In discussion, members indicated the appropriate authorities had been notified but no action taken. Councillor Aitken to take forward.

Another environmental issue had been about bird droppings and the possible health hazard they caused. In discussion it was thought that the loss of the high flats had caused the birds to look elsewhere for nesting sites creating a relatively new problem for residents if a bird took up residence in or on the same building. Birds are protected when nesting therefore residents should be careful about what action they take to get rid of them.

6. Presentation: Streetwork Youth Service – Esist Project

Mike Bell and Mark Pearson from Streetwork gave a presentation on the introduction of this new youth service. Streetwork has been working with vulnerable people on the streets for 18 years and have a track record of engaging with those who are often the most hardest to reach with the aim of 'enabling a life off the streets'.

They have been awarded funding from the Big Lottery Fund to develop a new service in Edinburgh providing support to young people, aged between 14 and 25 years, who have been in care and who are at risk of or experiencing homelessness.

A new staff team have been appointed and are currently mapping the City to ensure Streetwork deliver the project in a way that complements current provision. The immediate priority is to get out and about to let people know about the service, what it is set up to do and to develop appropriate referral routes.

7. Feed back on VOiCE Presentation

The Chair and JN reported back on the presentation which was held in the City Chambers on 30th June. VOiCE stands for 'Visioning Outcomes in Community Engagement' and is a database planning and evaluation tool that can be used to monitor and record community engagement activities. It has been developed using funding from the Scottish Government to support the National Standards for Community Engagement.

Whilst the electronic database was considered to be a worthwhile tool what did impress was the methodology adopted to produce the necessary information to populate the database. The system asks key questions related to good community engagement that need to be addressed at each step. It was considered that using this system even without the electronic database would enable the Community Council to focus their actions and determine what is practicable in relation to the outcomes of community engagement.

8. Community Audit

The Chair explained that this item had been placed on the agenda to provide an update on the community audit project. A lot of information on activities taking place within the community is held by the Community Council but it was presented piecemeal and it was difficult to get a clear picture of everything at the one time. Displaying this information on a large scale map of the Firrhill Ward, would enable Council members and others to get a clearer profile of the work that was taking place and the impact it was having.

This information would also be held on the website and provide an audit of the development of the community, its environment and infrastructure.

Previous work on the community audit has identified the main amenity and activity centres within the area and these can be transferred to the map along with current development projects. Relevant information on the activities that are taking place within these centres can be provided on the website

9. Treasurer's Report

Treasurer reported that the monies held at The Bank of Scotland have now been transferred to the new Barclays account and as at today's date there is a balance of £2977.87p. Any outstanding invoices will now be settled forthwith.

In order to satisfy our auditors and the City of Edinburgh Council that our finances are in order there is still a need for copies of missing statements to be obtained from the RBS. Chair and Vice Chair to action

10. Planning Applications Report: 28 June to 19 July 2010

There are five applications for the Firrhill ward recorded in the weekly bulletins over the reporting period. Two were new applications and the remainder were decisions, all of which were granted. 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 App 1.

11. Correspondence

A full list of the correspondence received by the Secretary for the period since the last meeting is contained in App 2.

12. A.O.B.

Oxgangs Primary School pupils have raised more than £2,650 for charity by doing a sponsored skip. The kids presented the cash to the British Heart Foundation at their end-of-term assembly.

13. D.O.N.M.

A Business meeting will be held on 19 August at 6.00 pm. Proposed venue is Tesco cafe (subject to confirmation).

Date for the next general meeting will be Monday, 23 August at 7.00 pm in the Colinton Mains Community Education Centre. As this will be our last meeting at this venue for the foreseeable future, Secretary to inquire whether Colinton Mains Bowling Club is available for the six months from October (off-season for bowling); failing that, she would ask for availability at Oxgangs NC and Pentland Centre.

The Annual General Meeting will be held on Monday 27 September at 7.00 pm, in the Oxgangs Neighbourhood Centre.

Planning Report for July 2010 Meeting

28 June 2010

- Section 1 No applications.
- Section 2 No proposals of applications for Ward 08 - Firrhill
- Ward 09 – Fountainbridge/Craiglockhart – 10/01687/PAN. Listed Category CS. Planning permission in principal for a mixed use development including offices, residential, retail, hotel, care home and student housing at Fountain Brewery, Gilmore Park, Edinburgh
- Ward 17 – Portobello/Craigmillar – 10/01733/PAN. Development comprising residential, commercial, retail, office, parking, landscaping and access arrangements with demolition of existing building at site 100 metres west of 17 - 21 Portobello High Street, 3 Portobello High Street, 2 - 6 + 13 - 23 Baileyfield Road, Edinburgh
- Section 3 Application 10/01121/FUL for the demolition of existing pavilion with proposed new pavilion on the same site at 221 Oxfangs Road North Edinburgh EH13 9ED has been granted
- Application 10/01193/FUL to erect a two storey extension to side and single storey extension to rear at 342 Oxfangs Road North Edinburgh EH13 9NE has been granted.

5 July 2010

- Section 1 Application 10/01817/FUL to erect an extension at the rear of the property at 23 Oxfangs Hill, Edinburgh, EH13 9JH
- Section 2 No proposals of applications for Ward 08 – Firrhill
- Ward 09 – Fountainbridge/Craiglockhart – 10/01687/PAN. See above.
- Ward 17 – Portobello/Craigmillar – 10/01733/PAN. See above.
- Section 3 No decisions.

12 July 2010

- Section 1 No applications
- Section 2 No proposals of applications for Ward 08 – Firrhill.
- Ward 07 – Sighthill/Gorgie – 10/01902/PAN. Proposed demolition of existing industrial retail units and erection of new student accommodation development with associated communal lounge and service facilities at 22, 24 Orwell Terrace Edinburgh EH11 2DY.
- Section 3 Application 10/01677/ADV – consent to alter signage at 230 Oxfangs Road North, Edinburgh, EH13 9BQ. (Scotmid) has been granted
- Application 10/01677/FUL for sub-division of existing store to form 2 retail investment units, alterations to existing shopfront, formation of new access ramp and stairs for Scotmid store at 230 Oxfangs Road North, Edinburgh, EH13 9BQ has also been granted

19 July 2010

- Section 1 Application 10/01954/FUL to erect a flat roof extension/garage to front and side porch to front of house at 20 Caiystane Terrace Edinburgh EH10 6SR.
- Section 2 No proposals of applications for Ward 08 - Firrhill
- Ward 07 – Sighthill/Gorgie – 10/01902/PAN. See above.
- Ward 17 – Portobello/Craigmillar – 10/02059/PAN. Green Belt. The development proposed includes new housing potential local mixed use facilities together with open space, access and services infrastructure, landscape and footpath/cycle improvements at Land 263 metres south of 104 Newcraighall Road, Edinburgh.
- Section 3 No decisions

CORRESPONDENCE, 29 JUNE – 16 JULY 2010: SECRETARY

By e-mail

1. Scott Neill: Revised PNP Meetings Schedule [but this should be revised again; two of the five EIT meetings clash with our FCC meetings, which are documented.]
2. f. by H Levy: Community Safety Report, June.
3. H Levy: Funding Panel Report, 22 June (appended to June Minutes).
4. f. by Scott Neill: July Funding Newsflash.
5. f. by Cllr Barry: B'burn Flood Prevention Overland Flows Additional Works Contract.
6. Kate Kasprowitz (EVOC): re youth consultation and manifesto launched by Scottish Youth Parliament in run-up to Scottish Pmnt Elections: aims to seek views from 15,000 young people – www.picturethechange.org
7. f. by H Levy, from Energy Saving Scotland Advice Centre - free workshops re saving energy, money and the env'ment, start August: events@se.energysavingsscotland.org.uk or 'phone 0131 539 8560.
8. H Levy re possible article for inclusion in Community Councils Newsletter.
9. Lothian & Borders Police June Newsletter.
10. Secy of Craigleith & Blackhall CC: info re signage on supermarkets, etc – require planning permission but no need for neighbour-notification [f. to JN]
11. Norman Bonney: Assoc of Scottish CCs Lothian Region Meeting, 10 am, 14 August, in Howden Park Centre, Livingston. Opportunity to meet National Officers + panel of MSPs. Directions: www.howdenparkcentre.co.uk/visit
12. J Napier: copy of approved May Minutes to Eileen Hewitt
13. Claire Killen, Support for Learning at Scot. Govt. Equality Act 2010: Consultation on Secondary Legislation enabling the Additional Support Needs Tribunals for Scotland to hear Disability Claims Cases in School Education. Responses by 24 Sept; view online at <http://www.scotland.gov.uk/consultations>
14. E Hewitt (+ G Williamson): libraries have purchased a subscription to [Funderfinder](http://www.funderfinder.co.uk) to enable groups and individuals to find out about funding (access at libraries for members).
15. f. by Cllr Barry: TTRO, Oxfangs Rd North from junction with F'hill Loan to No 147: parking suspended from 19-23 July for new manhole/pipe.
16. E Hewitt: Permitted Development Rights for Microgeneration Equipment on Non-Domestic Properties Consultation (eg wind turbines): <http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Topics/Built-Environment/planning/National-Planning-Police/themes/renewables>

By Post

1. Edinburgh Tenants Fed. Annual Report 2009/10.
2. 'Working Capital': Edinburgh's Joined Up for Jobs Partnership
3. Scottish Natural Heritage 'The Nature of Scotland', Summer '10.
4. J Parker's Wholesale Bulbs/Plants Catalogue.
5. Queensferry & District CC: Annual Report 2010.

ADDITIONAL CORRESPONDENCE: 17 - 26 JULY '10

By e-mail

1 f. by Cllr Rust: TTRO for path from Firrhill Crescent along south (park) side of burn – closed 26 – 30 July for installation of a new gravity main.

2 f. by N Tinlin: Council's Transport, Infrastructure and Environment Committee Report on Upgrading of Colinton Mains Park, dated 10 July. Cost of work completed to date £319.012. NB: Children's Play Area mentioned as still to be constructed – but no mention of Youth Play Area. Check website: http://cpol.edinburgh.gov.uk/getdoc_ext.asp?DocId=142053

3. Scott Neill: July edition of Pentlands NP Digest – info re developments in, and stories from, the PNP area.

By post

1. "Spokes" Newsletter. 2. Edinburgh & Lothians Greenspace Trust Newsletter.