

Firrhill Community Council

Minute of Ordinary Meeting of the Council on 24 January 2011

In Colinton Mains Bowling Club

Present:

Cllr A Hunter
Cllr MJ O'Brien
Cllr G Hunter
Cllr L Linn
Cllr PI Podd
Cllr P Wright, Sec
Cllr J Napier

Ex Officio Present:

PC D Crawford, LBP, Oxfangs
Cllr E Barry (part meeting)

Ex Officio Apologies:

Cllr E Aitken
Cllr J Rust

Apologies Submitted:

Cllr H Levy
Cllr M Milne

The meeting started at: 7.00 pm

Cllr A Hunter in the Chair.

Agenda Item	Narrative	Action & Owner
Approval of Previous Minute	Omitted to include MJ O'Brien in the attendance. With this correction the minutes were moved for approval by L Linn and seconded by G Hunter.	Approved
Matters Arising	None	
Community Police Report	<p>Reported there has been 290 calls within the catchment area for Oxfangs Police Station, of those 162 took place in the Firrhill beat. A serious assault took place on new year's day and a man has been charged.</p> <p>Vandalism, which accounts for a quarter of all reported crime in Firrhill, continues to be the main crime with a number of cars being damaged. Guttering which had come off the roof due to the snow and stored in the garden of the property had been stolen presumably for its scrap value. A stolen moped had been recovered.</p> <p>The good news is that Oxfangs Police Station has the lowest recorded crime figures for the city.</p> <p>Crime figures extracted by the CC from Lothian and Borders Police website for January 2011 (Dec10) in Oxfangs Station area were:</p> <p>Group 1 – Violent crime – 1 (1)</p> <p>Group 2 – Sexual crime – 4 (2)</p> <p>Group 3 – Theft crimes – 28 (36)</p>	

	<p>Group 4 – Fire-raising, malicious/mischief – 10 (16)</p> <p>Group 5 – Other crimes – 16 (12)</p> <p>Total for all crimes – 59 of which 32 were resolved. Recorded a 100% solvency for Group 5 crimes for this month.</p> <p>Overall for the month, the station recorded a 45.2% solvency rate which is slightly down on the Force average of 52.1%.</p> <p>For the period from April to January 2011, the station solvency rate was 54.2% in comparison to the Force rate of 43.5%.</p> <p>DC also reported that the local monthly police newsletter has been replaced by a corporate newsletter. Concern was raised at the loss of information on local crime and whilst the information may be given verbally at Community Council meetings it will lack the detail previously provided and will be a loss to the community.</p> <p>AH asked if an accident had been recorded for the damage to the railings at Tesco. DC not aware of any accident having been recorded for this damage but advised that he was due to go round the area with Road Services to identify where repairs were required and would report this damage.</p> <p>AH reported that trolleys from Tesco were continuing to be found abandoned throughout Colinton Mains, many ending up in the burn. Proposed that this be raised again with the Store's manager with a view to Tesco taking responsibility and ensuring trolleys were not removed.</p>	AH to action
Local Authority Councillor's Report	<p>Potholes – The CEC Road Services have started the task of attempting to repair all the potholes which have emerged during the recent exceptional winter weather and will have at least two squads working exclusively in the South West Neighbourhood.</p> <p>Initially, they will be working on the main arterial routes and bus routes to make safe the very worst of the potholes on these routes. After that they will move onto the remainder of the network, including residential areas.</p> <p>For a limited time the squads will be working each weekend to tackle locations which, for traffic or other reasons, cannot be dealt with during the week. Where potholes are causing concern their location should be passed on to the South West Roads Service.</p> <p>Stewart Farquhar, Local Environment Manager, SW Neighbourhood Services, is responsible for maintaining roads and can be contacted at 10 Westside Plaza, Edinburgh EH14 2ST. Tel: 0131 527 3800 or email: southwestteam@edinburgh.gov.uk</p>	
Review of Constitution and Standing Orders	<p>This item has been raised at a previous meeting where a member asked about the Council's constitution and it was found that no signed copy existed. Agreed that members would be provided with copies of the relevant documents for their perusal prior to discussion and that had been done at the last meeting. The relevant documents were the:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Model Scheme for the Establishment of Community Councils in Scotland 	MJOB to draft a bespoke constitution and standing orders for

	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. Model Constitution for Community Councils 3. Model Standing Orders 4. Draft Community Council Partnership Agreement 5. Code of Conduct for Community Councillors <p>Noted that the City of Edinburgh Council has a Scheme for Community Councils that is available on the website and it is not possible to change the constitution without agreement of the City Council. The purpose of the exercise was therefore to make such changes as was necessary to the model constitution and standing orders as to detail the arrangements agreed by, and applicable to, Firrhill Community Council in the conduct of its business.</p>	next meeting
Treasurer's Report	<p>No transactions to report. The latest bank statement No.7 from the bank shows a balance of £2,591.84p.</p> <p>Treasurer has been advised by Michael Driscoll that the accounts submitted were acceptable, but it was not acceptable for an ex officio member of the Community Council to act as auditor. The CC must obtain the services of an independent person with a financial background to audit the accounts and the grant will not be paid until that action is taken and the auditor's report is received.</p>	Treasurer to arrange for the accounts to be audited by an independent auditor
Planning Report	<p>A copy of the tabled report on planning applications, proposal of application notices and decisions on applications extracted from the Weekly Planning Bulletins from 22 November 2010 to 17 January 2011 will be attached to the published minute.</p> <p>Reference was made to Dunedin Canmore HA application for a change of use from children's nursery to dental surgery at 18 Firrhill Neuk. Informed that the children's nursery had not taken up the lease and the HA were looking for a suitable tenant who would add to the amenities in the area such as a Dental Practice. Secretary advised that she had received an inquiry from a dentist through the website and would forward this information to them.</p> <p>Reference was made to the "Citidogs" case which had been reported in the press. Concern that this was a cynical attempt to get round legislation designed to protect green belt land through seeking planning permission for the erection of kennels. If this development is approved it will set a precedent for other developments on this land. Committee agreed to register our opposition to the proposed development</p> <p>Secretary advised that she had received a pre-planning application consultation for a mobile phone base station installation at Colinton Mains Drive. The proposed location was on the footpath that runs up the side of the barracks just before Tesco. After discussion the view was that it would be better located on the open space area at Tesco next to the electrical sub-station, which would prevent any obstruction of the footpath, or alternatively across the road on the waste ground at the entrance to Oxgangs PS car park.</p>	<p>PW to action</p> <p>PW to action</p> <p>PW to respond.</p>
City Planning Customer Focus Group Meeting	<p>A planning customer focus group meeting was held on 20 January and attended by JN. The focus of this well attended meeting was to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • promote awareness of the new planning pages on the CEC website, • give the results of the recent Planning and Building Standards survey • advise on a new initiative for self-certification for validation of planning 	

	<p>applications</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • set objectives for improvements in the coming year (Planning Service Improvement Plan) • consult on the review of decision-making processes relating to planning applications <p>In regard to this last item, concerns had previously been intimated from other community councils about this review which had been submitted to the Planning Committee without consultation but referred back following complaints raised by these CCs.</p> <p>The paper proposes a drastic reduction in the time a ward councillor can speak on a planning matter on behalf of his/her constituents at a Development Management Sub-Committee meeting. Ward councillors to be limited to three minutes each to speak. If only one councillor is available they can be restricted to only three minutes to speak on a complex, multi-faceted planning issue.</p> <p>The proposal also limits community groups or other "representators" to only three minutes each with a maximum of three "representators" to be allowed. The Community Council will get 10 minutes, as will the developer.</p> <p>Ward councillors are also to be restricted when taking part in site visits limiting them as observers only. There is no mention of community councillors being able to attend such visits.</p> <p>All this needs to be set in the context that hearings do not happen very often and local ward members do not speak very often at planning committee meetings either. How much time is really taken up at planning committee meetings by ward councillors, community councils and other "representators"?</p> <p>Secretary had received an invitation to comment on the draft review and after discussion it was agreed that a response should be formulated recording the Committee's opposition to the proposed restrictions.</p>	JN & PW to draft response
PNP Health Sub Group Report	PNP Health Subgroup meeting was held on 25 November, 2010 and attended by MJOB. A copy of this tabled report will be attached to the published minute.	
PNP Funding Panel Report	<p>PNP Funding Panel held on 19 January and attended by HL. Full information on the applications is included in the attached report</p> <p><u>Pentland Community Centre Management</u> application for £2,800 rejected</p> <p><u>Puppet Animation Scotland</u> application for £400 rejected.</p> <p><u>Scottish Storytelling Centre</u> application for £4530 approved</p> <p><u>Tryst Patchwork Group</u> application for £750 approved</p>	
Correspondence	<p>A list of correspondence was circulated with the agenda and a copy will be attached to the published minute. The following items were raised for discussion at the meeting.</p> <p><u>Parents in Partnership Eco Reps (Piper) Project</u> – email from Mike Ferrigan, Project Consultant, seeking a letter of support for its application to the Climate Challenge Fund to extend its work. After</p>	

	<p>discussion the Council agreed to note the request.</p> <p><u>Care Consultation Event</u>: on the future of Edinburgh care and support services – The CEC are hosting 2 consultation events for carers on their draft 5 year strategy. The events are to take place on the 16th Feb in the VOCAL Care Centre, 8-13 Johnston Terr. 2-4 and 7-9 pm. A note of this item to be placed on website.</p>	JN to action
AOCB	<p>A member has moved house outwith the Council's representative area. Query on whether they can remain a member of this Community Council or send in letter of resignation.</p> <p><u>Dragon's Health Hustings – Big Ideas for Health</u>: taking place in Napier College Craiglockhart Campus on 8th Feb and covering such subjects as cancer, mental health, heart disease. The Chair has intimated that she considers the event may be of some value to the Council and she would like to attend. MJOB supported the application and also applied to attend. Cost per delegate would be £50. After discussion the Council agreed to fund two delegates to this event.</p>	PW to check rules and respond
DONM	Monday 28 February 2011, 7pm in Colinton Mains BC.	

The meeting ended at: 9.15pm

This minute is DRAFT till approved by the Council at the next meeting.

WEEKLY PLANNING BULLETIN

Date: 22 November 2010

No applications submitted

Proposal of application notice for Ward 01 : 10/03185/PAN (Queensferry Conservation Area) - Application for Planning Permission in Principle for redevelopment for residential and mixed use development including retail units (Class1); business use (Class 4); financial and professional services (Class 2) Food and Drink (Class 3) Non Residential Institution e.g. Crèche (Class 10) and associated access, parking and landscaping at Agilent Technologies, Scotstoun Avenue, South Queensferry, EH30 9TG.

Proposal of application notice for Ward 07 : 10/03266/PAN - Proposed student residences with shared associated facilities, car parking and landscaped grounds, commercial units fronting Gorgie Road at 396A, 396, 398, 400, 410 Gorgie Road, Edinburgh, EH11 2RN.

Proposal of application notice for Ward 12 : 10/03293/PAN - Change of use of 336sq m of Class 4 office accommodation located in Block C and to the rear of Beaverbank Place approved by planning permission ref 08/01365/FUL to student residential accommodation at 11 Logie Green Road, 26, 28a, 29, 32,33 Beaverbank Place, Edinburgh, EH7 4EY

Decision: Application 10/03028/FUL – for new extension to the rear of the property (as amended) at 24 Colinton Mains Green, Edinburgh, EH13 9AG has been granted

Date: 29 November 2010

No applications and decisions

Proposal of application notice for Ward 16 : 10/03332/PAN (Green Belt) - Extension to driving range facility, associated landscape works and boundary treatment to west side of red boundary at Land 286 Metres South of 91 Liberton Drive, Edinburgh. Braid Hills Golf Centre., 91 Liberton Drive, Edinburgh, EH16 6NS

Date: 6 December 2010

No applications, no proposed application notices and no decisions

Date: 13 December 2010

Application 10/03415/FUL to erect a rear/gable extension to end-terraced house at 9 Oxbgangs Farm Gardens, Edinburgh, EH13 9QE.

No proposals of application notices or decisions.

Date: 20 December 2010

No applications or decisions

Proposal of application notice for Ward 05 : 10/03549/PAN - Proposed new boarding house for 60 pupils at Fettes College, 2 Carrington Road, Edinburgh

Ward 16 : 10/03332/PAN (Green Belt) - Extension to driving range facility, new ancillary accommodation, associated landscape works and boundary treatment to west side of red boundary at Land 286 Metres South of 91 Liberton Drive, Edinburgh

Date: 5 January 2011

Application 10/03414/FUL to alter and extend property at 18 Colinton Mains Road, Edinburgh, EH13 9AW.

Application 10/03609/FUL for a change of use from children's nursery to dental surgery at 18 Firrhill Neuk, Edinburgh, EH13 9FF. Ms Way, Dunedin Canmore HA, 8 New Mart Road, Edinburgh, EH14 1RL.

Proposal of application notice for Ward 01 : 10/03590/PAN - Planning Permission ref:06/000842/OUT Variation of Condition 1a) to allow a further 3 years within which an application for reserved matters to be submitted and Condition 1b) to allow a further 3 years within which the development should be commenced at Agilent Technologies, Scotstoun Avenue, South Queensferry, EH30 9TG.

No decisions

Date: 10 January 2011

Application 11/00001/FUL to install a dormer extension to roof at 1 Colinton Mains Grove, Edinburgh, EH13 9DG.

No decisions

Date: 17 January 2011

No applications submitted

Proposal of application notice for Ward 06 : West Murrayfield Conservation Area: 11/00027/PAN – for a residential development of up to 125 apartments in phase blocks with underground parking retaining the existing landscaping to the south at 33 Ellersly Road, Edinburgh, EH12 6HX.

Decision: Application 10/03415/FUL to erect a rear/gable extension to end-terraced house at 9 Oxfords Farm Gardens, Edinburgh, EH13 9QE has been granted.

25 January 2011

Pentlands Neighbourhood Partnership Community Grants Fund/Community Engagement Fund

This report provides details of applications to the Neighbourhood Partnership's Community Grants Fund in 2010/11. The Neighbourhood Partnership is asked to consider these proposals under the terms of the scheme.

Summary

This report describes the 2010/11 budgetary position of the Partnership as at April 2010. It contains recommendations for one award to be granted from the Community Grants Fund.

Main report

The Neighbourhood Partnership budget allocation is £47,373 for period 2010/11.

Grant applications are invited from fully constituted organisations with open membership criteria. The upper limit for grants is normally £5,000.

New applications

Pentland Community Centre Management provide a wide range of activities for the local community. Application is made for £2,800 to deliver an annual firework display for the local community. There are also plans to hold entertainment in the Centre and it is proposed to have a competition involving the local school children. The funding panel was invited to discuss this application and did so at its meeting on Wednesday 6th October 2010.

Recommendation: Not to award Pentland Community Centre Management £2,800 towards a bonfire and fireworks display for the local community.

Puppet Animation Scotland is a Creative Scotland core-funded organisation dedicated to the advocacy for and the development and celebration of Scotland's professional puppetry community. It does this through its portfolio of annual events – the Puppet Animation Festival and the manipulate Visual Theatre Festival – funding schemes and regular creative development and technical training opportunities.

This application was held over from the funding panel meeting on 18th August 2010 to gather further information and reported as such in the subsequent report to the full Partnership dated 28th September 2010. After further deliberation at the funding panel meeting held on 6th October the members felt that this application was not delivering any specific outcomes which would compliment the Pentland Neighbourhood Priorities.

Recommendation: Not to award Puppet Animation Scotland £400 to contribute to the costs of two day animation workshop including all materials and expenses.

Scottish Storytelling Centre provides opportunities for older people and their carers to access and engage in inclusive, stimulating socially interactive arts experiences. This is achieved through storytelling & supported reminiscence activities, 'Life Stories' values and affirms older people's memories, life experiences and contributions to the wider community, preventing isolation and promoting individual and community healthy & wellbeing.

Application is made for £4,530 to provide storytelling & supported reminiscence activities to older people living in the Pentland Partnership Area (wards 2 & 8), including those with dementia and the frail elderly. The organisation plan to provide a programme of 50 storytelling performances based on 'Real Life' stories & memories. Some sessions will include supported reminiscence and the use of song, where appropriate.

The end of the project will be marked by two community celebration events, to which all older people and staff/ carers involved will be invited. One at the Scottish Storytelling Centre and the other at a community venue in the Pentlands area. All transport will be provided for this event.

This application is made in line with key aims of 'A City for all Ages' and the partnership's **Local Community Plan for 2009-11** and in consultation with older people and their carers. A total of approximately 750 local people should benefit from this experience. The funding panel was invited to discuss this application and did so at its meeting on Wednesday 19th January 2011.

Recommendation: To award the Scottish Storytelling Centre £4,530 to provide 50 storytelling & supported reminiscence activities to older people living in the Pentland Partnership Area.

Tryst Patchwork Group main aim is to further and promote the skills associated with patchwork & quilting to share the knowledge with others within the partnership area. The proposed exhibition and show will promote the use of local facilities. Application is made for £750 to stage one evening and two day quilt exhibitions and shows within the local community centre as part of the wider City festival in August 2011. This event will also celebrate the 10th anniversary of the foundation of the group.

The funding will be used specifically for advertising and publicity, display materials, education leaflets, hire of quilt frames and the hire of the local community centre. The funding panel was invited to discuss this application and did so at its meeting on Wednesday 19th January 2011.

Recommendation: To award Tryst Patchwork Group £750 to stage one evening and two day quilt exhibitions & shows.

Applications under Delegated Authority

A grant of £3,000 was raised under Standing Order 63 to **Edinburgh & Lothians Greenspace Trust** towards upgrading a set length of a path (400metres) leading from Swanston into the Pentlands Regional Park.

Financial Implications

The Community Grants Fund allocation for the Neighbourhood Partnership for the Pentlands area for period 2010/11 is £47,373. The remaining balance for period 2010/11 is £26,092. This report recommends two awards for approval totalling £5,280 leaving a balance of £20,812 for future allocation.

Environmental Impact

No significant environmental impact is expected to arise from the recommendations contained in this report.

CORRESPONDENCE: 23 NOVEMBER '10 – 24 JANUARY '11

By e-mail (and forwarded to all Firrhill CC members who have e-mail) -

- 1 S Neill: confirmation of Oxgangs streets suggested to him by Secy for winter treatment.
- 2 Cllr Rust: re Park/Pavilion meeting on 2 December.
- 3 G Croucher: above meeting cancelled due to weather; short report on pavilion progress – work will not start on site until current football season is finished.
- 4 Recycling Advice Service re pick-ups of garden waste, incl Christmas trees (now 3 Feb)
- 5 Five e-mails total in response to Firrhill CC leaflets on proposed parking restrictions in Oxgangs Ave [those + a letter and details of a 'phone call were later given to Cllr Barry.]
- 6 S Neill: external funding update.
- 7 L Baxter, NHS Lothian: Info Bulletin 29 incl details of social care commissioning consultation discussed at Nov. FCC meeting.
- 8 S Smith: details of Pentlands NP Public Mtg, Colinton PS.
- 9 S Neill: request for articles etc for Jan '11 Partnership Digest.
- 10 Cllr Barry re congestion problems caused here by by-pass closures: does FCC support Local Transport Strategy (status quo) or wish to suggest changes to it?
- 11 f by H Levy: Edinburgh Care & Support Services newsletter (consultation begins)
- 12 “ “ “ : Scottish Govt Child Poverty Strategy – Discussion Paper.
- 13 Scottish Govt: ASCC Stakeholder Survey 2010 [Secy also sent for hard copies.]
- 14 Messages from office bearers in various city CCs re discovery that Planning Cttee proposed changes in representation at meetings on planning matters. [Controversy over this resulted in Planning Cttee withdrawing item from their Agenda; paper to be put out for consultation and brought back to Cttee in two cycles.]
- 15 Cllr Jenny Dawe: leader's report – Emergency Weather Update.
- 16 ASCC: Online Bulletin, Dec '10 Issue 1.
- 17 Cllr Barry: copy of e-mail to Roads Ops Manager etc re lack of snow clearing in this part of Ward.
- 18 Members Brief on Severe Weather Update re snow clearing, rubbish removal, etc. An e-mail was received daily thereafter on which streets had been/were to be treated.
- 19 f by Cllr Rust: re snow clearance and liability: old bye-laws making householders and/or shopkeepers responsible were repealed, then Council had responsibility for clearing pavements and roads of snow and ice.
- 20 Switchover Help Scheme re digital switchover on June '11.
- 21 Cllr Dawe: December Leader's Report
- 22 f by H Levy: Oxgangs Local Health Action Group invite to mtg at Oxgangs Care, 16/12
- 23 M Driscoll: checking whether all CC members got copy of Edinburgh Outlook paper.
- 24 f by S Neill: Pentlands Access Study Consultation.
- 25 ASCC Online Bulletin Issue 2.
- 26 f by Cllr Barry from Roads Ops M'ger: dates/times of snow clearing on Oxgangs Ave.
- 27 T Tweed: confirmation of Craigmillar CC web address.
- 28 Toni Giugliano, local resident, re getting involved in Firrhill CC. [In response to Secy's reply and invitation to attend our next meeting, he will come to February meeting.]
- 29 Carol Marr: Edinbuzz Social Media Surgery, Oxgangs Library, 18 Jan, 6.30 pm; open to community groups & volunteers to find out more about social networking sites; experts to be on hand to give practical info and advice. www.edinbuzz.net
- 30 Scott Neill: papers for PNP EIT sub-group meeting, 17 Jan, Wester Hailes.

- 31 ASCC: Online Bulletin for Jan '11.
- 32 M Driscoll re Scottish Govt Climate Challenge Fund: £10m for 2011/12; Feb. deadline;
<http://ccf.keepsScotlandBeautiful.org/news.aspx?id=806>
- 33 f by Cllr Rust: SW Neighbourhood Taskforce emergency repair of potholes [requests?]
- 34 f by Cllrs Barry and Rust: confirmation of SW N'hood new grit bin requests [more?]
- 35 Scott Neill re proposed community conferences to be developed by SW & Pentlands NPs – end of Feb/early March, to look at next community plan for each p'ship + priorities, sub groups, and directions of NPs; for all CC members & community groups. Venues? Times? (evenings 6.30-9.30, or Saturdays 9.30 am-1.30 pm).
- 36 f by S Neill: paper from Johanna Carrie, Transition, re NP & City targets for waste and emissions.
- 37 T Tweed: decided by executive of Edinburgh Assoc of CCs - will go with web address
<http://www.edinassoccc.btck.co.uk> for next few months until permanent solution found.

By post

- 1 Scottish Natural Heritage 'The Nature of Scotland', winter '10.
- 2 Scottish Environment Protection Agency 'SEPA View', winter '10.
- 3 Scottish Govt ASCC Stakeholder Survey [as 13, above; delivered to members].
- 4 John Bury, Council's Head of Planning: Review of decision-making process re changes to procedures used in Council to decide some planning applications [noted in 14, above]; Consultation closes 25 February [Note: this is before our Feb. meeting so paper will be photocopied by Secy for each member.]

15th – 24th Jan 2011

- 1 Scott Neill re Sports Centre at Edinburgh Napier College: Now open to community.
- 2 Mike Ferrigan (Piper): hoping to meet with Oxfords Primary and Firrhill High: looking for letter of support for Piper's project in schools and more funding from Scottish Government
- 3 f by Scott Neill: letter to Norma Farquhar on behalf of PNP EIT sub-group, requesting a map or list of all footpaths in SW Edinburgh and Pentlands plus a copy of the 'Keep Scotland Beautiful' report mentioned in CIMS Presentation on 17 January.
- 4 Samantha Smith: postponed PNP public meeting will now be held on Tuesday 25th January 2011 at 07.00 pm. Venue Colinton Primary School.
- 5 Christine Docherty: Street Naming Team looking for suggestions for the Street Name Bank
- 6 Greig Robertson, Edinburgh Community Growing Initiative: re proposed community growing sites [HL has forwarded to Dunedin Canmore for response]
- 7 Bill Hannah, Community Development Worker; agenda for Oxfords Local Health Action Group meeting, 31 January; 9.30 – 11.30 am, Oxfords Care Offices; re meeting local service providers and partners and developing an action plan
- 8 f by Cllr Barry: re pre-planning application consultation for mobile phone base station installation on Colinton Mains Drive.
- 9 f by MJO'Brien: re CEC Commissioning Strategy Consultation Event open to carers, etc. on 16th Feb. Venue 8-13 Johnston Terrace, afternoon 2-4 pm; evening 7-9 pm
- 10 ASCC Online Bulletin, Jan11 Issue 2
- 11 f by H Levy: revised Pentland Community Grants report
- 12 MJ O'Brien: PNP Health sub-group meeting notes from 25 Nov 10

PNP – Health Subgroup Meeting, 25 November, 2010

Report by Mary-Jo O'Brien for Firrhill Community Council

Carers Network

This is a network for carers and provides information and advice. Health subgroup receives leaflets and fliers from them.

Other support for carers across Lothian

Carers Reading Group hosted at Oxgangs library – where carers can meet together and get support. Also a Carer Support Worker at Pentlands Medical Centre who can provide advice and support.

Community Map of Resources

Reviewed again sample maps and considered the Liberton and Gilmerton example the most accessible due to use of symbols for map keys. Need to start to build list of health and community centres etc. to include on such a map.

Harvesters Way Project

The planning application for this will be submitted shortly. Steve Whitton gave an update (Powerpoint presentation) at the last SW Transport Group meeting. Timing likely to be in 3 years.

Learning Fair/Oxgangs

This event was considered a moderate success. 76 people attended over 3 hours including school pupils. 15 learning providers were present. There is a need to identify opportunities to do more for community learning. Possibility to build up the profile of the community centres (Pentland or Oxgangs) as a centre of learning. Investigate potential scope for joint syllabus of learning opportunities between PCC and ONC.

Libraries

Service available to Housebound. Needs promoted to target clients (possibly via Community Nurses or Carers). Raise awareness.

Focus on Wellbeing

How can Wellbeing be developed within Neighbourhood Partnership? Need to tie in with volunteer element within community.

Launch of Parent & Carers Framework

This event targeted at health and social care professionals and the police was scheduled for 1 December, 2010 but later cancelled due to severe weather.

Proposed Meeting in 2011 of all Edinburgh NP Health Subgroups (East, South, South West and City Centre). More information to follow.