

Firrhill Community Council

Minute of Ordinary Meeting of the Council on 28 February 2011

Held in Colinton Mains Bowling Club

Present:

Cllr H Levy, Chair
 Cllr A Hunter, V Chair
 Cllr P Wright, Sec
 Cllr PI Podd, Treasurer
 Cllr MJ O'Brien
 Cllr G Hunter
 Cllr L Linn
 Cllr J Napier, Min Sec

Ex Officio Present:

Cllr J Rust, City of Edinburgh Council
 Cllr E Aitken, City of Edinburgh Council
 PC D Crawford, Lothian & Borders Police

Apologies Submitted:

Cllr M Milne
 Cllr N Tinlin, Fairmilehead CC

Ex Officio Apologies:

Cllr

Not Present & No Apologies Submitted:

Cllr

The meeting started at: 7.00 pm Cllr H Levy in the Chair.

Agenda Item	Narrative	Action & Owner
Visitors	The Chair welcomed two visitors to the meeting, L Caine and G Spalding and invited them to participate in the discussions.	
Approval of Previous Minute	<p>1. PC Crawford referred to the statistics contained in the Police Report. Minutes Secretary acknowledged this information was obtained from LBP website and had been added to PC Crawford's report.</p> <p>Min Sec to amend so that the source of the information would be identified</p> <p>2. Minutes Secretary advised that he had made two corrections to the draft minutes after they had been circulated: -</p> <p>a) correction to the name of the Dragons' Health Husting event listed under AOCB,</p> <p>b) omitted to include the updated correspondence list</p> <p>With these corrections the minutes were moved for approval by L Linn and seconded by G Hunter. Approved</p>	JN to action
Matters Arising from Previous Minute not otherwise	1. Treasurer's Report: the accounts had been passed to Cllr Barry who was arranging for an independent auditor as required by Michael Driscoll, CEC. Chair indicated that Michael Driscoll had confirmed he did not require the accounts to be audited by an accredited accountant but simply by	

on Agenda	<p>someone who was proficient in carrying out the task and independent of the Community Council.</p> <p>Concern was raised that the accounts were in the hands of someone who was unknown to the Community Council.</p> <p>2. PNP Funding Panel Report: Chair advised that the Scottish Storytelling Centre had agreed to hold a community event in Firrhill and will provide details as soon as they are available.</p> <p>3. Planning Report: Secretary advised that the information regarding “18 Firrhill Neuk” had been passed to the Dentist and that our objections to the application by “Citidogs” had been submitted. It was noted that the application has been granted.</p>	
Police Report	<p>PC Crawford informed the Council that a new Inspector, Stephen Dolan, had been assigned to the area and was now in charge of Oxgangs.</p> <p>The number of calls recorded for the station was 398</p> <p>A neighbour’s dispute got out of hand and led to one person being remanded.</p> <p>Incident involving a dangerous dog has led to the owner being charged.</p> <p>Car damaged in Firrhill Loan.</p> <p>A male has been caught breaking into a garden hut in Oxgangs Avenue.</p> <p>Incident involving offensive weapons being used in a fight between youths.</p> <p>Local youth being charged for graffiti damage to Oxgangs PS.</p> <p>Report of an attempted break-in to a garden shed at Colinton Mains Place.</p> <p>A male was stopped in Oxgangs Road North and found in possession of a knife.</p> <p>Concern was raised about any possible threat to the funding of the School Police Liaison Officer as this service appears to have been very successful and of value to all concerned – school, police and community. Discussion on the work carried out by the Police Liaison Officer took place with the agreement that the Community Council would support the continuation of this initiative as necessary.</p> <p>Oxgangs Neighbourhood Centre’s youth café for youths aged 13+, which is currently open on a Sunday between 6 and 8 pm, is now open on a Tuesday evening. This is due to the success of the café in attracting local youth to use its facilities.</p>	
Ward Councillors’ Report from J Rust E Aitken	<p>The planning application by ‘Citidog’ to build sheds on ‘green belt’ land has been granted. Now that permission has been given to build on this ‘Green Belt’ land the situation will have to be monitored.</p> <p>Tesco Trolleys</p> <p>Caiystane Court – had been registered as part of the Craiglockhart ward for election purposes. Situation has been rectified.</p> <p>Oxgangs Avenue – work is due to start shortly on the proposed parking restrictions in this street. (information on these restrictions are held on the Community Council’s website).</p> <p>Oxgangs Avenue – will be included in the City Council’s ‘Severe Weather</p>	JR to forward

	<p>Review’.</p> <p>Oxgangs Farm / Oxgangs Crescent – reports of youth violence</p> <p>Oxgangs Bank – pathway to school – funding allocated – work to upgrade near completion.</p> <p>Community Safety Sub-Group – next meeting on 29th March. Group are looking to have promotion displays at all public events</p> <p>Oxgangs and Firrhill Health Event – 11th March between 12- 4 pm</p> <p>Fairmilehead Park – new play equipment has been installed. Intend to hold a celebration event to mark the new facilities.</p> <p>City of Edinburgh Council budget – expected to produce substantial cuts to front line services. Schools may have to share janitorial services</p>	review timetable
Flood Prevention Work	<p>The land off Oxgangs Road North and belonging to Oxgangs Primary School that has been used for storage purposes by the contractors is in the process of being vacated by MacKenzie Construction who had the contract for addition work. Action now needs to be taken to ensure the land is returned to the school and reinstated as its sports field.</p> <p>This land also contains some of the flood prevention working.</p> <p>Proposed to organise a meeting with the contractors and the relevant city council officers to ensure the formal process of handing back the land is progressed along with appropriate repairs to the landscaping.</p>	HL/PW to action
Colinton Mains Park & Pavilion	<p>The demolition and rebuilding of the pavilion is due to start in May 2011 and be completed by August 2011. Football and other teams using the playing fields during this time and would normally have access to the Pavilion will have the option of using the changing/shower facilities at Meggetland.</p> <p>Secretary reported on a meeting held 28 February between Graham Croucher, Sports Officer, CEC and representatives of the CM Bowling Club. Purpose of meeting was mainly to discuss details regarding proposed metal storage unit being supplied in new Pavilion Contract to replace storage facility presently used by CMBC in existing Pavilion.</p>	
Development Meeting 16 Feb at 2.00 pm by HL	<p>Attended by HL, AH, GH, PIP, PW with apologies from MO’B, JN, LL,</p> <p>1. Newsletter - final draft was approved and it was agreed that this issue would be in black & white. H.L will investigate costs for colour for the next two issues and to help with the cost an application to the ‘Community Engagement Fund’ could be submitted. H.L & A.H will co ordinate the distribution of the newsletter.</p> <p>2. Environment Get together - March 24th 2011, 2p.m-4p.m in Oxgangs Neighbourhood Centre. It was agreed that it was a good time to review all that had happened, was still planned to occur and what we would like to see happen in the future and address any outstanding issues. An invitation list needs to be created and a similar format that was used in the 2009 Environmental Stakeholders event be used. A list of outstanding issues needs to be made and a list of possible funding avenues. It is hoped that by the end of the event issues will have a designated person/group to action.</p> <p>3. Roles/Responsibilities - Although this was originally planned to happen</p>	

	<p>in March it was agreed that the 'Environmental Get Together' was better held in March re planting and funding, etc. We discussed opening the Roles & Responsibilities workshop and invite other local groups to attend. Oxgangs Care Directors, Oxgangs Neighbourhood Management Committee and the Lochan Residents Association have shown an interest. Oxgangs Central Residents Association and Pentland Management Committee will be extended an invite. ONC have agreed to give us a room, possible dates Monday 18th April, Wednesday 20th or 27th April 2011, 6p.m-9p.m with a buffet, costs to be shared.</p> <p>4. Health Event - Friday March 11th 2011, 12 – 4p.m- This event is being co-ordinated by the Oxgangs Health Action Group and it was agreed that Firrhill Community Council would have representation there.</p>	H.L to Action
Treasurer's Report	No report – see under 'Matters Arising'	
Planning Report	<p>See attached report (Appendix 1) for details of planning application reported in the weekly bulletins from 24 January to 21 February 2011.</p> <p>With reference to Application: 11/00359/FUL for the proposed erection of a 15m Telecomms Mast plus 2 ground level cabinets on the pavement at Colinton Mains Drive. This had been discussed at the previous meeting where it had been raised by the City Councillor and the Community Council had taken the view that it would be better located on the open space area at Tesco next to the electrical sub-station a distance of only a few metres from the proposed location, 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>Due to the limited time for responses, an objection to the application has been drafted and we are seeking the Council's agreement to its submission. This was agreed. Copy of draft attached to minute (App 2)</p> <p>JR proposed that a meeting with the Case Officer dealing with the application may be worthwhile and offered to arrange such. This was accepted.</p>	<p>JN to action</p> <p>JR to action</p>
Reports from Delegates to Outside Bodies	<p>Pentlands Environment & Transport Group 17 January 2011 attended by PW – see attached minutes (Appendix 3)</p> <p>Oxgangs Local Health Action Group Meeting 31 Jan 2011 attended by HL & PIP – see attached report (Appendix 4)</p> <p>PNP Community Safety Sub group 7 February 2011 attended by AH, who reported on the following items from the 'priorities list'.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tesco's trolleys being dumped in burn - a removal of items from the burns has been carried out. • Promotion of home/personal fire safety – street in Oxgangs/Colinton to be identified for joint home safety initiative. • Discarded needles at Colinton Mains Pharmacy – none found • Two caravans parked at Oxgangs House – both have been removed. • Vandalism Project in local Primary Schools including formal talk to classes and a possible poster competition re the effects of vandalism 	
Correspondence	See attached list (Appendix 5)	

AOCB	<p><u>Flood Defences 23-11-10 : Bulb Plant Report</u> from HL</p> <p>Following on from previous consultations facilitated by Stuart McKay and Firrhill CC, Carillion have agreed to deliver Reach 3 allocation of bulbs to Firrhill Community Council and we will co-ordinate the planting of bulbs. After a walk about it was decided to plant all the Bluebells (975) throughout the Orchard at the beginning of Firrhill Drive and surround the Orchard with a ring of Daffodils and Narcissi (2375) which will also create a walkway along either side of the path that runs parallel with the Braid Burn. This will also include the Snowdrops (600) and tulips (700) in the triangle which has the three Fir trees. Continuing with the Daffodils and Narcissi (1900) along the embankment created by the flood defences heading East towards the end of Firrhill Drive and then continuing along by the Lochan where the Daffodils and Narcissi (2375), will complete the bulb planting for 2010.</p> <p>Consultees</p> <p>Craig Dunlop, CEC & James Galloway, CEC Oxgangs Neighbourhood Centre Management Committee, Oxgangs Lochan Residents Association John Spence, Oxgangs Neighbourhood Centre Manager Ian Boettcher, Action for Employment, A4E Pauline I Podd, Oxgangs Care Heather Levy, Firrhill CC Harry Woodward, Dunedin-Canmore</p> <p>Follow up 20-01-11</p> <p>Bulbs were not delivered until the middle of November 2010. After consulting with the chair of Firrhill CC, Craig Dunlop had organised for a group of Community Service workers to join the volunteers and assist with the bulb plant unfortunately snow stopped the plans and the event had to be delayed until after Christmas.</p> <p>Ian Boettcher and his A4E placements as well as community volunteers spent the week of 17th January 2011 planting the bulbs although it has to be noted that many were damaged due to the delayed planting.</p> <p><u>Firrhill Community Council:</u> It was noted that the Council's 30th birthday would take place this year, and we were very sorry to hear of the death of one of its founder-members, Bill Merrilees. Bill was a faithful attendee for many years and, although he had no wish to be in the limelight as an Office Bearer, was always very helpful to his wife Anna in her role as Secretary.</p> <p><u>Garden Aid:</u> The cost of this service to those who are unable to look after their own gardens had been greatly increased due to CEC budget cuts. Users of the service were looking for the standard of service to be clearly stated before agreeing to the increase.</p>	
Date, Time & Venue of Next Meeting	28 March 2011 at 7 pm in Colinton Mains Bowling Club	

WEEKLY PLANNING BULLETIN

Date: 24 January 2011

No applications, no proposal of application notices and no decisions recorded

Date: 31 January 2011

Application: 11/00180/FUL to erect a new single storey extension to existing dwelling to form bed-sit with 1st floor roof terrace with alterations to block off existing windows, form new gable kitchen window and new patio doors at first floor to roof terrace at 19 Oxgangs Green, Edinburgh, EH13 9JG

No proposal of application notices and no decisions recorded

Date: 7 February 2011

No applications and no proposal of application notices recorded

Decision: Application 11/00001/FUL to erect a dormer extension to roof at 1 Colinton Mains Grove, Edinburgh, EH13 9DG has been granted

Date: 14 February 2011

Application: 11/00317/FUL to alter and extend property at 18 Colinton Mains Road, Edinburgh, EH13 9AW

Application: 11/00359/FUL for the proposed erection of a 15m tall monopole to accommodate Vodafone and O2 antenna within GRP shroud plus 2 ground level cabinets at Telecomms Mast 38 metres south of 41 Colinton Mains Drive, Edinburgh

Application: 11/00369/FUL for alteration and change of use from vacant retail unit to hot food takeaway at 230A Oxgangs Road North, Edinburgh, EH13 9BQ

No proposals of application notices

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

Decision: Application 10/03609/FUL for a change of use from children's nursery to dental surgery at 18 Firrhill Neuk, Edinburgh, EH13 9FF has been granted

Date: 21 February 2011

No applications, proposal of application notices or decisions recorded

Colinton Mains Drive: Planning Application 11/00359/FUL

Application: 11/00359/FUL for the proposed erection of a 15m tall monopole to accommodate Vodafone and O2 antenna within GRP shroud plus 2 ground level cabinets at Telecomms Mast 38 metres south of 41 Colinton Mains Drive, Edinburgh.

Proposed Comments

Firrhill Community Council supports a policy that 'pavements are for pedestrians' and therefore oppose this application as it stands.

It is recognised that essential street furniture, such as street lamps, traffic lights and other road signs have to be placed on pavements and on occasions other installations not related to the safety or convenience of the commuter may also have to be accepted. This application does not come into this category. There is no essential need for a mobile phone mast and its base station installations to be built on a public pavement, where it causes an obstruction to the standard width of that pavement and in particular when there are other suitable sites in the vicinity.

Firrhill Community Council takes the view that as there are more suitable sites next to the proposed location, this application should not be granted. These are unused areas of ground that could hold this installation without any loss of amenity to the owners. The areas belong to a private company (Tesco) and a government department (MOD), neither of which advertise an anti-mobile telecommunication policy and therefore should be prepared to lease the small area of unused ground required for this installation.

The fact that these owners profess not to allow telecommunications development on their land or buildings is not a satisfactory reason for the City Council to grant this application.

Nor is the reference to the minimum width of a footway an acceptable argument. Both the publications referred to were for the purpose of setting minimum standards to facilitate those with mobility problems. This surely does not mean that any 'excess' width above the minimum pavement width can then be used for building on? Equally it is hard to accept that this development can be classed as an "unavoidable obstacle" in relation to the absolute minimum width when it can be re-sited elsewhere without loss of effectiveness.

Firrhill Community Council sympathise with the developers and do not oppose the general need for an installation in this area but are strongly opposed where such installations cause unnecessary obstruction of the public footway.

Pentlands Environment & Transport Group

7pm, Monday 17 January 2011

South West Neighbourhood Office

In Attendance

David Bewsey	Chair - Colinton Amenity Association
Steuart Campbell	Longstone Community Council
Brenda McGovern	Currie Community Council
Norman Tinlin	Fairmilehead Community Council
Peggy Wright	Firrhill Community Council
Mike Ferrigan	PIPER
Neil Ingram	Juniper Green Community Council
Johanna Carrie	Transition Edinburgh Pentlands
Lorna Farquar	Task Force Manager
Craig Dunlop	Parks Officer SWNO
Scott Neill	SfC, Partnership Development Officer

Apologies

Ken Shade	Balerno Community Council
Alan McGregor	Manager, Pentland Regional Park
Gordon Drysdale	Roads Manager SWNO

1. Welcome & Apologies

David Bewsey welcomed members to the meeting and in particular two visitors to the proceedings. Lorna Farquar, delivering the CIMS presentation on behalf of Keep Scotland Beautiful, and Johanna Carrie from Transition Edinburgh Pentlands.

2. Apologies

As listed above

3. Minutes/Matters Arising

NT noted that under section 6 relating to regional park community representation paragraph three should state that papers were not received for one meeting of the regional park and not as a regular occurrence as the minute implies. In addition NT confirmed that FCC wishes to remain members of the PHRP Consultative Forum in their current status. The PNP will lobby for another place to be granted to the sub group in general.

SN confirmed that correspondence from PHRP Chair Cllr Keir to Cllr Rust PNP Convenor relating to the matter had been received suggesting that the PHRP Consultative Forum was due to be reviewed at a later date. Timetable for this review was not defined. It is hoped that the formal response from the Committee Services will give more details.

Chair distributed the letter on behalf of the Sub Group signed by the Partnership Convenor to the PHRP Consultative Forum

AP1 – Situation to be monitored.

Action by SN

Matters Arising

Bloomiehall Park - Ian Ingram confirmed that further discussions would be taking place by the Local group in February to determine the possibility of holding an event to commemorate Bloomiehall Park's centenary. Action by SN

DB indicated that it wasn't clear when the event for Spylaw Park would take place.

4. Cleanliness Index Monitoring System (CIMS) Overview - Presentation - Lorna Farquar

LF confirmed that all streets selected were from a random process, geared to covering a wide an area in any one NP area. In each year there would be 4 quarterly inspections of NP areas. Roughly 10 % of the City Streets, approximately 500- 700 streets checked annually. This process was independence from any Council influence. The presentation covered the following areas:

- Background (why monitor)
- Overview of CIMS
- Sampling (Transects – Streets)
 - o Street sampling is a random activity, the sample will involve a 50 metre section of any street from the back of the pavement to the channel (guttering). Outwith the sampled area monitors would note any other section of street as being poor or in need of attention in the comments box including bags or rubbish dumped in car parks or open ground.
- What is surveyed
- Grades of cleanliness (Grade A = 4 points to Grade D = 0 points)
 - o An area securing all grade b awards would score 66 points. KSB good criteria is set at 67 points. South West usually scores between 71 and 74 points.
- Main Zones (zone 1 = town or City centre/ zone 7= rural roads and villages)
- Areas not surveyed
- Adverse Environmental Quality indicators (dog fouling, graffiti, vandalism, weeds, fly posting, fly tipping etc)
- Types of litter bins and litter.
- Sources of litter.

An electronic copy of this presentation is available from either PDO Action by GB/ SN

AP 2 - Copy of footpath list in the Pentlands area Action by LF

AP 3- Copy of the extensive report handed to Council from Keep Scotland Beautiful Action by LF

5. Ground Maintenance Report – Update

CD reported to the meetings that the SWNO were looking at current practices in response to shrinking budgets and reduced staff in NP locations. The Council are currently looking at updating its ground maintenance resources with a view to changing some of its practices to develop more ecological and biodiversity practices.

Using mapping processes the Council Parks & Open space team are re-measuring our stock of parks, playgrounds and open green areas. Currently most members were aware that the SWNO has the biggest total of ground maintenance areas in terms of hectares that amount to 320, a substantial area to maintain.

Consultation has taken place with some local communities to alter some of our grass cutting methods which have allowed some local parks and green areas to have more uncut areas which have promoted more natural wild life into some parks. Certainly some of our traditional cutting was based on practices some twenty years out of date and need to be reviewed and in some cases altered to be sympathetic to the areas they serve. Members were in approval of some of the recent changes in parks appearance and more of the same would be welcomed.

Members commented that the sheer volume of snow had damaged large shrubs and trees. CD confirmed that the Council had a Forestry section to deal with this type of problem.

CD confirmed that plans of each area would show clear areas of set cutting to different standards such as recreational pitches, leisure areas, edging of paths, longer grassed areas round trees to promote biodiversity and nature's green corridors for wild life etc.

There is currently a two pronged approach taking place:

- Service improvement plans for in-house service delivery, and
- The Alternative Business Model currently being developed by officials in the department who are in dialog with external contractors relating to ground maintenance and cleansing matters.

Members will be kept in the loop as this work progresses.

AP 4– Members would like to see maps of PNP areas prior (at least 2 weeks before meeting date) to the next meeting on Monday 7/3/11 Action by CD

6. Winter maintenance Report – Update

SN informed the meeting of the recent pressures on the City's winter maintenance services. The SWNO attempted to manage a local effort to compliment the Roads Department arrangements. Unfortunately the severe weather nullified the efforts and problems were encountered.

A selection of pages from the SWNO master list was distributed, showing the main categories for gritting roads and pavements. Part of the list highlighted the service offered by the parks and open space teams and our own limited resources.

The Chair noted the remarks provided by the Director of Services for Communities who confirmed that the staff number used this year was 650, which was some 300 people more than the year previous. The cost to the City was up around £5 million more than the City's budget allows. An interim report will go to the Policy & Strategy Committee on 18th January which recommends the City set up small project teams to look at whether the department need to gear up for such emergencies to a higher level than at present. A big public engagement programme will form part of the project, when complete should go as a report to the April P&S Committee.

NT commented that the efforts in the Fairmilehead area had improved due to the suggestions taken on board by Stewart Farquhar the SW Environment & Roads Manager when he visited the FCC meeting last year.

AP 5 – Members to feed in comments on the recent efforts in their own areas (before the next meeting of the EIT sub group) into SN/ GB which will be compiled into a document for the winter project team when it is assembled. Action by All

AP 6 – Member also were in agreement to use the sub group as a forum to return comments on ground maintenance standards in general. Action by CD

7. AOCB

- Open Space Strategy final document, all members have copy.
 - o Chair noted that the Allotment Strategy still showed contentious sites on the potential list for future review.
- Tabled for noting was the brief supplied by Johanna Carrie TEP on local targets in waste & emissions.
 - o Members agreed that the local initiative should compliment the City targets.

AP 7 – SN to invite Recycling Officials to sub group meeting within two cycles to discuss matter for meaningful actions. Action by SN

- MF reported that PIPER had provided recycling bins for all schools in the Pentlands. Figures from Currie High School show that the new recycling bins captured last year 50,000 plastic bottles and 25,000 cans.

8. Date of next meeting

The Chair thanked all the members for attending and closed the meeting.

The date of the next meeting was agreed as Monday the 7 March 2011.

Oxgangs Local Health Action Group Meeting

Venue: Oxgangs Care Offices

Date: 31.1.11

Attendees: Bill Hannah (Chair), Heather Levy (Firrhill Community Council and DEPPF), Pauline. I. Podd (Firrhill Community Council), Elaine Aitken (CEC Councillor), Harry Woodward (Dunedin Canmore Housing Association), Carol Marr (Oxgangs Library), Norman Tinlin (Pentland Neighbourhood Partnership), Jo Kennedy (SCDC), Lucy Tuoha (CHAI), Mirren Vanko (Pentland Community Centre), Sue Cameron (Pentland Community Centre), Graham Budd (CEC), PC David Crawford (Lothian and Borders Police), Margaret Barbier (CEC), Mike Forrester (Oxgangs Care), Andrew McCallum (Oxgangs Care)

Welcome / Introductions

Bill welcomed all 17 people to today's meeting and introduced Jo Kennedy from SCDC to the group

Minutes of previous meeting

These had been sent out to all on the projects database, along with the Agenda prior to today's meeting and were verified as accurate

Review of work so far

Bill provided an overview of work he has undertaken so far namely:

1. **Development of a Community Directory:** Due to low level of completed mapping templates received from the sub group, it was acknowledged that this is taking too long and Bill has suggested he and Mike try move on this together. Mike will meet with Graham Budd to discuss how this can be developed utilising a 'Google' webpage directory. Bill will seek permission from the 'Keep Well' outreach workers to build upon their existing databases and 'oxgang-ise' it.
2. **Development of a Community Map Resource:** Bill had brought and displayed the DRAFT Community map of the FSF funded area. This has been produced in-house by NHS Lothian and will be used as an engagement tool to explore with people what services are in area / where they are/where the gaps may be. Upon completion this map resource could be made available throughout Oxgangs; within the Library for example and reproduced into a fold down pocket sized map with index listing identified services; this in turn could be made available locally to promote awareness of existing services. Group members asked for clarification of what the two boundaries outlined in map were. Bill will seek further clarification from Liz Simpson on this
3. **DRAFT Action Plan :** This draft plan was produced by Bill and Jo Kennedy prior to this meeting to simplify the work that will be undertaken within the short timeframe up to end of March. It is envisaged that in doing so, short and medium term outcomes can be demonstrated. This will be useful in identifying what could happen next within the project, should it continue after March.

Ideas from the group on how all this information could be used locally was suggested, Carol for example suggested bringing the map and information to the various groups that use the library. Bill will arrange this with Carol.

Bill has already made arrangements to work with 'Patchwork'; an older peoples group within Oxfangs Care; a tenant's residents group within Canmore Dunedin Housing Association and a 'Protected Learning Slot' within a local GP Practice.

This discussion led into Community Mapping and discussed:

1. Are the finances there to produce the maps/directories/resource? Bill mentioned that there was an amount of money available but he would need to check to see if it can be used to produce said resources.

2. Acknowledgement was made also of the very short timeframe there is for the planned community event: The SW NP is also planning a community event around the same time and other group members starting mentioning other events taking place. Bill has asked for those involved in these other events to email him with dates to ensure there is no duplication and possibilities of joint working / joint event can be explored.

It was suggested that a short life working group be formed to develop the Oxfang health focused event. Graham, Heather, Elaine and Bill will meet on 9.2.11 to look at this further. It was also suggested that a good venue for this event would be the Oxfangs Neighbourhood Centre. Bill will contact John Spence about availability / cost of hiring centre as venue.

Social Capital; Health and Wellbeing Toolkit Presentation

Jo Kennedy has been employed to work with Bill on using this Toolkit to capture the work being undertaken and it was felt to be a useful exercise for all involved with the Local Health Action Group to be aware of this framework. Jo did a good job trying to provide an overview of this Social capital evaluation tool within the restricted time allowed.

Copies of this toolkit were made available for all who attended today and Margaret Barbier spoke briefly about the effectiveness of using a recognised framework which could be 'fed' back into the Health and Inequalities (sub) group and founding streams

Local Health Action Group: how do we progress from here?

Bill explained his understanding of the purpose of this group; as local service providers and interested individuals, it is hoped that by working together within this group, that support for the work can be gained and by working in partnership information, ideas and support can be put forward into local action.

Bill mentioned that he had sent an invite for today's meeting to all on his evolving database and people present were asked to disseminate information from today's group out to other groups/organisations they may be involved with.

It was agreed due to the limited timeframe for the work that future meetings until end of March will take place within Oxfangs Care offices.

AOCB

No AOCB was mentioned, so the meeting came to an end.

The date of the next meeting is: 28.2.11

Venue: Oxfangs Care Offices

Time: 9:30 -11:30

Correspondence: 25 January to 20 February 2011

By e-mail (forwarded to Firrhill CC members with this facility)

1. Secy to Cllr Barry: pothole reported on Colinton Mains Terrace has been filled in, but no action taken by Council in past three months re fir trees overhanging lane between Colinton Mains Place and Drive.
2. Secy to David Bewsey, Colinton Amenity Assoc, supporting their stance against Citidogs building on green belt land (circulated to Planning Cttee by Cllr Rust).
3. f. by Cllr Barry: TTRO 32-34 Firrhill Drive closed to traffic 31 Jan – 4 Feb. (sub-station)
4. CEC: Future of Edinburgh Care & Support Services Consultation 2011-16; covers care groups for older people, mental health & wellbeing, learning disability, physical disability, drug and alcohol addiction, HIV/AIDS. Closes 4 March '11.
5. Secy to Helen Huang & Dunedin Canmore: putting them in touch with each other re possible dental surgery in new community units.
6. Graham Croucher, Council Sports Officer, re timeline for new pavilion work.
7. Secy, Liberton CC re Council policy on procurement and outsourcing of services.
8. Andrew Swain, A & K Solutions: reply to Secy's e-mail re this Community Council's views on proposed siting of mobile 'phone base in Colinton Mains Drive near Tesco.
9. f. by M Driscoll: EACC Invitation to Poverty – The Big Debate, Sat 5 Mar, 9.30-noon.
10. “ “ “ : invitation to celebrate success of Waste Action Grant Scheme, 16 Feb.
11. “ “ “ : Council for Voluntary Organisations: The Gathering, 23 & 24 Feb.
12. Bill Hannah: Minutes of Oxgangs Local health Action Group 31 Jan. meeting + notice of meeting on 28 Feb, 9.30-11.30.
13. Mark Armstrong, Planning Aid for Scotland: Conference 'The Leadership Role of Planning', 25 Feb., 9.30-4 pm, Apex Waterloo Hotel.
14. Various e-mails from city community councils re representation at Council Planning Committee Meetings: letter of response sent to David Leslie, Waverley Court (compiled by J Napier & P Wright as decided at last Firrhill CC meeting).
15. G Turner, obo Cllr Dawe: Council Budget 2011/12.
16. Bill Hannah re Oxgangs/Firrhill Community Health Day Event, 11 March, 12 noon to 4pm, Oxgangs N'hood Centre.
17. Edinburgh Community Growing Initiative: proposed new sites + suggestion of project in our community (forwarded to Dunedin Canmore – possible funders - by HL).
18. f. by H Levy: Free Public Seminar on Big Society, 10 March, 7-8.45 pm, Moray House.
19. ASCC Online Bulletin Feb. Issue 1: includes info re Consultations on Future of Policing in Scotland + Reform of Fire & Rescue in Scotland + Building Repairs in relation to dangerous and defective buildings [our views wanted].
20. Terry Tweed: Minutes of EACC Meeting on 13 Jan.
21. f. by M Driscoll: Scottish Govt Fire & Rescue Service Consultation doc. (by 5 May).
22. “ “ “ : 'The Big Lunch', Sun 5 June (for community cohesion).
23. Scott Neill: Pentlands Digest for January.

By post

1. CEC: Flood defences update + flooding tips.
2. 'The Community Councillor': Journal of Assoc. of Scottish Community Councils.
3. Papers re City of Edinburgh Area Rep. Election: nominations by noon, 9 April '11.

Correspondence Update: 21-28 Feb. '11

By e-mail

1. Bill Hannah, Community Development Worker: Oxfangs Health Event Publicity Poster for 11 March.
2. Dorothy Hill: Edinburgh Care & Support Services Consultation: ends 4 March; 500 responses so far.
3. Terry Tweed re 'Caring in Craigmillar' programme.

By post

1. David Leslie, CEC: reply to our letter re re-vamping of Planning Consultation; points from all responses will be presented to Planning Committee for their consideration, at meeting in May.