

Firrhill Community Council

'Nec Aspera Terrent'

(Undaunted by Adversity)

Minute of Ordinary Meeting of the Council on 28 Nov 2011

Held in Oxfangs Care Offices, Firrhill Neuk.

Members:

H Levy (Chair)
A Hunter (Vice Chair)
P Wright (Secretary)
PI Podd (Treasurer)
L Linn
G Hunter
MJ O'Brien
J Napier (Minutes Sec)

Ex-Officio Members:

E Aitken, Councillor, CEC
E Barry, Councillor, CEC
J Rust, Councillor, CEC
D Crawford, LBP, Oxfangs Police Stn

Visitors:
Apologies:

J Rust, S Duffy

Non- attendance:

PI Podd

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

Agenda Item	Narrative	Action & Owner
Approval of Previous Minute	Draft minutes of meeting held on 24 Oct 2011 were reviewed. There being no corrections, the draft minutes were moved for approval by P Wright and seconded by L Linn. Approved.	J N to publish
Matters Arising: Volunteer Snow Wardens: (HL)	<p>Chair reported that a number of people in the area had either volunteered or were thinking of doing so. In view of the numbers she was hoping to arrange training locally. Contacted Lindsay Grant, Senior Development Officer, CEC Services for Communities, who provided the information set out in Appendix 1:</p> <p>Also spoken to Graham Budd, SW Neighbourhood Partnership Officer who was prepared to run a training session locally for volunteers. Details to be circulated as soon as available.</p> <p>Discussion centred round the lack of guidance for VSW to assist in other tasks providing support for the elderly and the disabled who may be unable to get to the shops, etc.</p> <p>JN circulated a copy of the webpage created for holding information on weather emergency but is still looking for contact detail concerning assistance in getting prescriptions, shopping, etc.</p>	
Matters Arising: Tesco Bulbs: (HL)	<p>About four hundred bulbs received from the Store and the Community Council's Environmental Sub-Group spent the afternoon on Sunday 13th planting them along the grass strip between the burn and Firrhill Drive.</p> <p>It was noted that leylandii trees have been planted at the rear of the cottages at the north end of Firrhill Drive. This was apparently done to</p>	

	<p>form a screen between the residences and the public footpath. There are concerns that this type of tree may be unsuitable for this purpose and cause future problems due to its rate of growth and size. This work was done under the HRA budget.</p> <p>In view of all the planting that had been done recently it was agreed an inventory of the various plants and their location should be created and held for future reference. A similar exercise has been done by Colinton Amenities Association and the information is held on their website.</p>	Chair to contact Colinton Amenities
Matters Arising: Remembrance Day: (AH)	The Community Council attended Dregghorn Barracks on Friday, 11 th November and laid a poppy wreath at the soldiers memorial. We were in company with the family and friends of soldiers who had lost their lives during the recent conflicts. Cllr Eric Barry gave a short address.	
Community Police Report: D Crawford	<p>Calls in Oxfangs Police Station area between 1st and 28th Nov = 387</p> <p>Beat PF56 – Fairmilehead and Buckstone - 94</p> <p>Beat PF57 – Central Oxfangs - 191</p> <p>Beat PF58 – Colinton and Bonaly - 102</p> <p>Raise awareness that at the beginning of the month, a smartly dressed male aged 18-25 was calling at doors looking for sponsorship money for a local amateur football team who were meant to be carrying out a sponsored walk over the Forth Road Bridge. This appears to be fraudulent and money should not be handed over.</p> <p>02/11/2011 – theft of milk from outside Oxfangs Primary School. same incident occurred on the 13th. Crime Prevention advice offered and delivery of milk has been altered. No other thefts reported.</p> <p>04/11/2011 – mobility scooter stolen from outside a house in Firrhill Park. The scooter was recovered a short time later with damage. the owner had a featured story in an edition of the Evening News.</p> <p>11/11/2011 – report received of a male stating he had been assaulted and robbed of an amount of money at Oxfangs Vennel. CID carrying out further enquiries.</p> <p>13/11/2011 – an assault happened in Oxfangs Drive when a male was punched by another male who appears to be known to the victim. Enquiries ongoing to trace the alleged culprit.</p> <p>18/11/2011 – reports received from 2 householders of their houses being broken into. Nothing appeared to have been stolen from either property which were in Oxfangs Park and Avenue.</p> <p>House searched in Oxfangs Avenue under the authority of a warrant. Male occupier charged with possession of cannabis.</p> <p>AOCB – Issues at the Green Triangle re youths / fire setting. Meeting has been arranged on this issue at the Oxfangs Neighbourhood Centre on Monday 5th December between 1030 – 1230 hours</p> <p><i>To pass on information about crime anonymously, call Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111 or fill out their secure, encrypted online Giving Information Form.</i></p>	

<p>Police Report Issues raised by members</p>	<p>Colinton Mains Drive: AH raised his concern at the recent trend for motorist using the lay-by at the front of the shops to park their vehicles nose in to the pavement with the result that they have to reverse out into the road when they leave creating a hazard in view of the amount of traffic on this road. Buses stopping at the bus stop were also affected by this practice</p> <p>PC Crawford advised that there are no traffic regulations covering this situation thus the police do not consider it a matter they can take action on. It was suggested a box could be marked out for the bus stop at the end of the lay-by which would extend back over the lay-by thus placing a restriction on this practice on that part nearest the bus stop. Proposed that the matter be taken to the PNP Safety Sub-Group for discussion.</p> <p>Firrhill Neuk: Youths congregating behind the Oxfangs Neighbourhood Centre. Police aware of situation and have noted that whilst some of the youths attend the Youth Cafe at the Centre, others are not from the area. Monitoring the situation.</p> <p>In the same area, it was suggested that we should seek to have a bin installed next to the bench seat and also a recycling bin for aluminium cans, glass bottles, etc.</p>	
<p>Ward Councillor's Reports Cllr Aitken Cllr Barry</p>	<p>Cycling on pavements: A report affecting the Colinton/Fairmilehead and Fountainbridge/Craiglockhart wards is being submitted to the Transport Infrastructure and Environment Committee on 29 November 2011 to request the committee's approval to commence the statutory procedure to re-determine parts of the footway to shared cycle and pedestrian use at the following locations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Oxfangs Road North at Colinton Road • Colinton Mains Drive at Braidburn • Redford Road at Redford Avenue and • Oxfangs Avenue/Greenbank Crescent at Braidburn Path/Cockmylane Intersection <p>The proposal is part of a scheme to provide safer cycle and pedestrian routes to Firrhill High School.</p> <p>Consultation carried out by Councillors indicates there is little support for the proposal.</p> <p>Colinton Road Crossing: On the same theme there is a proposal to install a new pedestrian refuge island on Colinton Road to facilitate school children, who get of the No.18 bus at the stop in Colinton Road before the bus turns into Oxfangs Road North, crossing the road. It was pointed out that there already was a controlled crossing further along beyond the roundabout for pupils to Firrhill High School to use. For a number of reasons the members did not support the proposal</p> <p>Braid Burn Path: reported that half the recently installed chicane barrier is missing. Making enquiries on whether it has been removed by the Council or by vandals.</p> <p>Pentland Community Centre – Fireworks: The organised display was a huge success and attended by at least 1000 people. The cost of the fireworks was £3,500 and the collection on the night raised £936.88. The</p>	

	<p>local scouts seemed to do a good business selling hot drinks and pies, which should help their funds. A safety issue occurred after the display when clearing up. A defective firework was put on the bonfire and exploded causing a near miss incident to people in the vicinity. Also consideration should be given to including information on street closures when future events are advertised.</p> <p>Boroughmuir High School: proposed site for new school is at the bottom of Viewforth, approx 500m from the existing school building. The site limitations means there is no room for sports fields. Planners are looking at providing such facilities on the roof of the new building. It is still at draft stage. Relocation to this site will mean many pupils from Fairmilehead who attend the school will have further to walk.</p> <p>The only alternative appears to be a rebuild on the existing site and this would require a full off-site decant and may involve pupils travelling further to school during the reconstruction. The two options are now going out for consultation within the school community and the local School Cluster.</p> <p>Recycling, etc: the introduction of bins for food waste recycling was funded by the Scottish Government but it will still cost the local authority £5 million over the next 3 years - £27 million to replace bin motors</p> <p>School parking issues at all primary schools in the ward. This initiative involving L&B SNT, Road Safety, CEC + Education, is one of the PNP Community Safety Sub Group priorities agreed on 5 Sept 2011. Cllr Aitken and community police officers have been attending schools to speak to parents when they are dropping off their children. Not clear if the message is getting across about the risks caused by such actions.</p> <p>Youth Cafe: appears to be a success and considering extending the days the cafe is open.</p> <p>Oxgangs Library: Culture and Leisure are consulting on their "Next Generation Library and Information Services Strategy". Within the strategy document, opening hours are targeted to reflect customer demand and visitor numbers. In line with service demand, Saturday opening will be extended across the city and Sunday opening (currently 1-5 pm) will no longer be available in the six libraries which offer this, which includes Oxgangs. Thursday opening will also be affected.</p> <p>All library facilities will be supplemented by the rapidly developing digital library offer, the virtual library and the mobile library service.</p> <p>It is intended to consult on the proposed strategy document during December 2011 and January 2012 with the document available through all libraries and on the web.</p>	
Ward Councillor's Reports Cllr Rust	<p>In Councillor Rust's absence the following report was read out by the Secretary:</p> <p>Colinton Mains Community Centre – I have been following up with Children and Families and the Audit sections regarding the audit of the Centre which was undertaken 16 months ago, but only recently shown to the Committee. A meeting has been arranged for the office bearers and officials and hopefully there will be greater clarity after that meeting. The</p>	

	<p>wider police investigation into Property Care and Property Conservation continues.</p> <p>Firrhill Drive – I have been in contact with the police and residents regarding graffiti to stairways in Firrhill Drive. In the same vicinity a number of street lights have been out for some time and this has been reported by me to Lighting.</p> <p>Art in the Library – I attended this very successful event organised by Colinton Village Events at Colinton Library which was also attended by a number of Oxfangs and Caiystane residents. Mulled wine, mince pies and lots of arts and crafts stalls. It is well worth a visit next year!</p> <p>Neighbourhood Partnership – The Business Meeting is tomorrow evening in the City Chambers and the next public meeting is at Clovenstone Community Centre on Tuesday 13th December, the last of the year. Any local resident wishing to come to the public meeting is most welcome.</p> <p>Pentland Centre – Following the last Management Committee meeting I arranged a meeting between Anne Crawford, a Property Manager at the Council and some of the Committee to discuss longstanding works. Feedback was that this was successful and hopefully progress will be made.</p> <p>Neighbourhood Investment Projects – Following the meeting Peggy, Jim and myself attended in which a new pedestrian refuge island on Oxfangs Avenue was agreed, it has been confirmed that this work can be completed within budget and the contractor for the works will be M&M surfacing. This work is planned for the end of January 2012 (weather permitting). This will be carried out under temporary traffic lights and should be completed in 1 week.</p> <p>Oxfangs Bank – More residents have been in contact with me regarding the parking situation and this has again been taken up by the police.</p> <p>Shared Footways – The Transport Committee will tomorrow consider recommendations regarding shared footway usage by cyclists and pedestrians.</p> <p>Oxfangs Crescent – I have been in contact with Dunedin Canmore and the Council regarding the next phase of regeneration and timescales; details awaited.</p> <p>Barracks – I have received a holding response in reply to my letter to the Secretary of State for Defence. Realistically it will be next year before we have further information regarding the future of the Barracks at Dreghorn and Redford.</p> <p>Thanks – To Heather and the Committee for all of their work during the course of the year. Small in number, but very hard in work and a great support to all elected members!</p>	
PNP Reports	Environment, Infrastructure and Transport (EIT) Sub Group Meeting held on 31 st August was attended by the Secretary. Report attached as App 2 .	
Sports Pavilion	Stakeholder meeting arranged for Thursday, 1 st December to discuss the progress and other matters concerning this project. Proposal to demolish the old toilet block but to retain the groundkeeper's store for storage	

	facilities.	
Treasurer's Report	Due to the absence of the Treasurer, no report was available	
Planning Applications Report	See Appendix 3 for details of applications and decisions as recorded in the weekly planning bulletins from 24 October to 21 November for the Firrhill Ward.	
Correspond/	See Appendix 4 for list of correspondence received since last meeting	
AOCB	<p>Green Triangle: Chair has arranged a meeting with Dunedin-Canmore to discuss the development of this site.</p> <p>Newsletter Business Meeting: members asked for their availability to attend a business meeting on either 6th or 8th December at 5.30pm to discuss its circulation.</p> <p>Community Council Meeting: proposal to rearrange the time of the next two meetings from the usual time of 7.00pm to 3.00pm. Change is to avoid period of darkness which may deter people from attending. Proposal agreed.</p> <p>Children's Playground: concerns about inadequate lighting and time taken to replace defective swings</p>	
Date, Time & Venue of Next Meeting	<p>23rd January 2012 at 3.00pm. (Note time change of meeting)</p> <p>The venue will be the Board Room in the Oxfangs Care Offices, 12 Firrhill Neuk. The Board Room is not able to accommodate many visitors thus the Council are asking those who wish to attend to advise the Secretary beforehand.</p>	

The meeting ended at 9pm

Hi Heather

I'm co-ordinating a central training programme for Volunteer Snow Wardens (VSW) from across the city with various training dates pencilled in for December at Waverley Court. Here VSWs will receive some basic training and explanation about their role at this training.

A VSW will be provided with a snow shovel, hi-vis vest and gloves. They will only be expected to clear what they can and this will usually be their own street and pavements using salt provided in the grit-bins and dumps. Additional low-priority locations/venues will be identified by us to direct you to should say, a group volunteer to clear snow at a weekend, just to ensure we are co-ordinated and not duplicating effort.

A VSW will also be allocated a neighbourhood contact...in your case Graham. In times of a winter emergency you will act as an 'eyes and ears' point of reference for Graham in your community and a two-way communication will be retained throughout.

Even for those who do not volunteer to clear snow we're really encouraging this eyes and ears role to communities as we'll be better prepared and equipped to deal with a scenario like last year but getting accurate local information relayed to us quickly is definitely an area that we rely on.

Personally I'd advise only a couple of you to come forward as VSWs and receive the training and act as co-ordinators for your group/community. As and when any snow happens then we will also be accepting 'walk-up' volunteers and can assist them with equipment too if required. This equipment will be available to collect locally from Oxfords Library using your library card to book in/out and with a mini-depot situated adjacent to the library the area generally will benefit from a better level of resource. Any additional requirements you may have you can speak to Graham about.

What we will stress throughout however is that we're following the Scottish Govt approach and encouraging all members of the public to be prepared and resilient themselves, purchasing their own equipment and salt supplies where possible. More info at www.readyscotland.org/are-you-ready/winter-weather/.

This, coupled with our own improvements with regard to priority routes to grit and clear for roads and pavements, increased salt stocks for bins etc...will hopefully help prevent the situation becoming as bad as it was last year for you should we suffer a similar snowfall.

Any queries just give me or Graham a call.

Best regards, Lindsay

Pentlands Neighbourhood Partnership EIT Group Meeting, 31 August '11:

Peggy Wright (representing Firrhill Community Council)

Most of this meeting was devoted to an interesting presentation by Justine Taylor and Joanne McKune, Recycling Advisory Officers in the City Council's Waste Management Dept.

The Waste Hierarchy Model covered:

- * Reduce * Reuse * Recycle * Energy Recovery * Disposal

The team showed the waste (not including recycled materials) journey from street to landfill disposal. Current services include:

- Garden waste service (all year round): 125,000 brown bins – contents broken down and used as soil improver.
- Blue & Red box collection (kerbside collected by PALM); sorted by hand; transfer stations for storage before recycling.
- Recycling service for paper, glass & cardboard at shopping centres & superstore sites.

Community Sites around the City in which recycling is high and only a small stream of waste goes to landfill from these sites. The service now welcomes carpets and plaster board to the Community Sites.

- Waste is sorted by mechanical and manual methods at Broxburn; most waste is made into or contained in new items.

Recent and current promotional work:

- * Love Food Hate Waste * Zero Waste Promotions
- Stop the Drop (targeting unwanted junk mail – leaflets available)
- Limiting packaging on products (design of packaging to be less bulky)
- Reduce Offers, eg 2 for 1, on food that can go to waste
- Waste Action Group being set up to give grants up to £2,500 for community projects to reduce/recycle waste.

Food Waste Pilot being rolled out; currently over 50,000 homes have this service and it is hoped that by 2015 all residents will receive the service. Currently the by-products of this service include bio fuels and fertiliser.

Question & Answer Session

1. What about the problem with some of the collections i.e. cardboard & paper, as well as plastic, recycling refuse blowing about in the wind? Also, operatives have dropped materials during the collection process.
 - Crews should be checking area before moving street and removing any debris dropped or lying. They are also instructed to place recycling containers/ boxes back behind the property fence line. Residents are encouraged to call in any problems. Contact Number 529-3030
 - Members were informed that homes can have more than one box for recycling purposes.
2. Is there a target set by the Scottish Government for the City? If so, what is the penalty for not meeting this?

- Any penalties at government level are for Scotland as a whole rather than at this time setting targets for regional areas. At present, landfill tax is not linked to community charge.
3. How are the incentive schemes working?
 - Incentives are working well. A random number is selected and when reached this triggers the prize.
 - Residents will have seen the postcards in their recycling boxes to be completed /returned and entered into a prize draw drawn by a community group. Again, people are responding well.
 4. What does the Team suggest to get more people involved?
 - At present the Team are not permitted to place posters in common stairs; this is considered fly posting. However residents can place posters there to promote the services offered and reinforce the need to reduce, recycle & reuse. (Poster is available through Team, page 2 of Council web page link)
https://orb.edinburgh.gov.uk/info/200478/waste_services/32/waste_services - 22k
 5. With Paladin Bins in local flats, residents fill only one bin. Are there plans to separate recyclable materials?
 - Yes there are plans to introduce recycling facilities in new compounds city- wide. Currently, the Team is working with the Housing Section of SfC.

Members noted that the current position of the service will be subject to the Alternative Business Model the Council are investigating at this time
 6. How cost effective is the recycling service run by the City?
 - The cost of recycling varies depending on the material and how it's collected. However, the recycling services cost less than the equivalent landfill collection. In addition, when materials are diverted from waste into recycling the amount being collected as residual waste goes down - so eventually we get a point where we need less residual vehicles, and they are re-routed.
 7. How costly is landfill, especially if communities did not recycle?
 - About £100 a tonne (mainly tax). This increases ever year and will be measured in 'carbon metric' in future.
 8. How efficient is the current service, and does it avoid contamination?
 - Good; we get individual banks with contamination, but with boxes the contamination is negligible.
 9. If contamination has taken place, what are the consequences in terms of resources & cost?
 - This depends on levels of contamination – if people put the wrong type of plastic in, it can be removed when it's sorted, eg, all clear plastic bottles – milk, lemonade, washing-up, etc - can be put in together, but not other plastics. Where bags of rubbish are placed in recycling banks this causes a problem, but is quite rare. Lorries not being cleaned out properly between collections of different materials can also result in contamination.
 10. How is the City progressing in terms of reaching our targets for reducing waste?

- We now recycle about a third of the waste we produce and are aiming to get a minimum of 50% by 2015.

11. If residents have difficulty in storing domestic recycling material, what can you suggest?

- It is suggested that residents take small amounts little and often to recycling banks. We also offer hessian bags for those on kerbside service who have no space for boxes.

12. 'Zero waste': what does this term mean in reality?

- It's not really about producing no waste, it's more about keeping waste to a minimum and ensuring that what we do produce doesn't go to landfill. Nobody's pretending it's going to happen overnight, but it's aspirational, and about getting people into good habits. By 2020 we would expect no more than 5% to go to landfill.

Weekly Planning Bulletin Report for November Meeting

24 October 2011

Twelve applications recorded for Ward 08 Fairmilehead/Colinton but none within our community council area.

No Proposals of Application Notices for any Ward

Colinton application 11/02746/FUL for the erection of 14.8m tall monopole to accommodate Vodafone antenna within GRP shroud plus ground level cabinet at Telecomms Mast 38 metres south of 41 **Colinton Mains Drive**, Edinburgh has been granted.

31 October 2011

No applications or decisions for Ward 08 – Firrhill CC

No Proposals of Application Notices for any Ward

7 November 2011

Application 11/03441/FUL for a change of use from office to dental laboratory (in retrospect) at **78 Colinton Mains Drive**, Edinburgh, EH13 9BJ

Proposal of Application Notices for the City of Edinburgh:

Ward No. A02 – Pentland Hills: Application 11/03540/PAN for the proposed removal of cement works and contaminated ground, and erection of low density care home and eco-care lodges, new woodlands and gardens at 95 Baird Road, Ratho, EH28 8QX.

Ward No. A06 – Corstorphine/Murrayfield (West Murrayfield Conservation Area): Application 11/03520/PAN for a residential development comprising of 25 houses and 28 flats at 33 Ellersly Road, Edinburgh, EH12 6HX.

No decisions for Ward 08 – Firrhill CC

14 November 2011

No applications or decisions for Ward 08 – Firrhill CC

Proposals of Application Notices for the City of Edinburgh:

Ward No. A02 – Pentland Hills: Application 11/03556/PAN for planning permission in principle for a class 4 development to provide laboratories, offices and ancillary facilities (including vehicle parking and storage of diesel fuel and other materials) to be used by the Scottish National Blood Transfusion Service for research into the production of blood, tissues and cells products on land 450 metres west of 49 Research Avenue North, Edinburgh. Applicant is Heriot Watt University.

Ward No. A05 – Inverleith (New Town Conservation Area): Application 11/03614/PAN for a mixed use redevelopment that could include residential, retail, food, drink, office, care home and hotel uses, open space and ancillary associated works at 7, 11, 13 Eyre Terrace, Edinburgh, EH3 5ER.

Ward No. A07 – Sighthill/Gorgie: Application 11/03594/PAN for a proposed development consisting of a 5 storey residential building, with approx 60 flats and the option for small business units, subject to demand analysis and consultation with City of Edinburgh Council. The building will respond in character and appearance to the phase 1 development, currently nearing completion, as well as to its own, more urban situation, further away from the river. It is hoped that it will be a further opportunity to provide sustainable, well considered, affordable housing for Edinburgh at 7 Westfield Avenue, Edinburgh, EH11 2QH.

Ward No.A09 – Fountainbridge/Craiglockhart: Application 11/03632/PAN for the erection of 181 room hotel with associated ancillary accommodation on land adjacent to 194 Fountainbridge, Edinburgh.

21 November 2011

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Ward No. A11 – City Centre (World Heritage Site; Listed Category: B; Old Town Conservation Area): Application 11/03636/PAN for amendments to consented redevelopment of redundant brewery buildings and site to create student accommodation functioning as aparthotel/hotel during non core term time. Amendments include - extension of block C1 footprint (2m approx) further into site. Diminished distance (by 1m approx) between block C2 upper levels step back to Huntley House Museum. Change of configuration of block C stair 2, rotated and moved away from block E. Rationalisation and change of footprint and orientation to Blocks D1, D2 and D3 at 160 Canongate, 41, 49, 53 Holyrood Road, Edinburgh

Decision on application 11/02972/CLP (Certificate of Lawfulness (proposed) for a driveway into property at 3 **Oxgangs Hill**, Edinburgh, EH13 9JH. Application has been granted.

FCC CORRESPONDENCE: 15 OCTOBER – 18 NOVEMBER, 2011: SECRETARY

By e-mail: forwarded to members with e-mail facility + appropriate info put on website at www.firrhillcommunitycouncil.btk.com

1. f. obo Gordon MacDonald MSP: Funding Eco Projects in the UK – Green Insurance Co's Green Grants for community groups greengrants@greeninsurancecompany.co.uk
2. Marie Hitchen: 'Sustainable Gov' newsletter; includes new global warming evidence + the challenges facing Britain's libraries.
3. Stewart Farquhar & Cllr Barry: re flooding on Braid Burn path – site meeting.
4. Tam Nisbet, Housing Officer, re Oxfangs Walkabout.
5. f. by Scott Neill re surgery times of Gordon MacDonald MSP: locally, 4th Monday of the month, 6.30 pm, Pentland Community Centre.
6. f. by J Napier: copy of e-mail to Council Web & Media Officer applying for City Council's logo as a link button on Firrhill CC's website.
7. Sarah Boyack MSP's newsletter, including updates on: Interim Report on Statutory Notices; reaction to BAA selling Edinburgh airport; reaction to reports that NHS Lothian is offering appointments in England to reduce waiting times; shortage of social rent housing.
8. Ralph Throp @ Scottish Gov: publicising new Guide to Emergency Planning for Community Groups: <http://www.readyscotland.org/my-community/>
9. f. by Cllr Barry re report to Council's TIE Committee requesting approval to start statutory procedure for parts of footways to be share by cyclists and pedestrians, including Colinton Mains Dr at Braid Burn; Oxfangs Rd North at Colinton Rd; Oxfangs Ave at Braid Burn path/Cockmylane intersection.
10. M Mulvaney, SfC: Budget Consultation Event, 3 Dec, 9am-12.30pm, City Chambers.
11. Cllr Rust had requested a study into possibility of widening road at Police Station end of Oxfangs Ave: approx. cost £50k-£55k includes relocation of street light + lit give-way sign; relocation of pedestrian refuge; traffic management throughout project.
12. f. by S Neill: Bank of Scotland Foundation funding for 2012 – up to £20k for charities supporting community (one year only). Details/application form, to be in by 16/01/12 from www.bankofscotlandfoundation.org
13. ASCC Bulletin: includes details of Scottish Civic Trust My Place Awards Scheme.
14. f. by Cllr Rust: copy of letter from Defence Infrastructure Organisation confirming their intent to continue consulting with Scottish Secretary, Scottish Gov, and relevant Councils on how possible harmful socioeconomic impacts resulting from relocating of military personnel and their families from Edinburgh barracks might be minimised.
15. M Hitchen: 'Sustainable Gov', 17 Nov.

By Post

1. SESPLAN booklet/documents [passed to J Napier]
2. Edinburgh Community Council News
3. Edinburgh Local Development Plan: a) Monitoring Statement; b) Main Issues Report (members may submit representations); c) Environmental Report (comments invited). All comments to be received by 27/01/12. [Booklets will be passed round FCC members.]

If anyone would like more information re any of the above, please contact me.

Peggy Wright, Secretary
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CORRESPONDENCE UPDATE, 20-28 NOV. '11

By e-mail (forwarded to FCC members where appropriate and read out at meeting)

- 1 Cllr Jenny Dawe: Council Leader's Report, Nov. '11
- 2 Marie Hitchen: 'Sustainable Gov' Newsletter
- 3 f. by Cllr Elaine Aitken: Report on shared-use pavements, with maps showing parts of pavements proposed to be shared by cyclists and pedestrians (on Council's website)
- 4 Lloyd Richardson: NIP project – plan for position of pedestrian refuge on Oxfords Avenue (due to start end of Jan. '12 – one week)
- 5 Gordon MacDonald MSP re his question to Nicola Sturgeon in Scottish Parliament on progress of new Health & Social Care Centre. This project is now progressing as an NHS Lothian facility – in discussion with the City Council re purchase of the preferred site (opp. Tesco)
- 6 Cllr Rust: Report for Firrhill CC meeting + the gritting map for our area.

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