

Firrhill Community Council

'Nec Aspera Terrent'

(Undaunted by Adversity)

Minute of Ordinary Meeting of the Council on 23 January 2012 Held in Oxgangs 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)

Apologies:

MJ O'Brien; L Linn:
E Barry Cllr; D Crawford LBP.

Ex-Officio Members:

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

Visitors:

G Hart
A Hart
B Hannah, ECHP
Insp. S Dolan, LBP
G MacDonald, MSP
S Duffy

The meeting started at 3pm. H Levy in the Chair.

Obituary: the Chair announced the death of Rosemary Dickson, who was a former member of Firrhill Community Council.

Agenda Item	Narrative	Action & Owner
Approval of Previous Minute	Draft minutes of meeting held on 28 November 2011 were reviewed. There being no corrections, the draft minutes were moved for approval by E Aitken and seconded by G Hunter. Approved	J N to publish
Matters Arising	<p>Police Report: Colinton Mains Drive: refers to a recent practice of drivers parking their cars nose in to the pavement in the lay-by outside the shops. A Hunter reported he had taken another look at the area and the original road markings are still visible but the lines need to be repainted. He also indicated this item was raised at a meeting of the Pentland Neighbourhood Partnership Community Safety Sub Group on 5th December.</p> <p>P Wright reported that the yellow 'bus box' lines, now worn away at the bus stop, are on the Council's 'to do' list for repainting."</p> <p>Ward Councillors Reports: Cycling on pavements: refers to consultations on proposals to provide a safer cycle and pedestrian route to Firrhill High School. J Rust advised the report has been withdrawn.</p>	
Community Police Report	<p>PC Crawford provided a written report for the meeting and this is attached as Appendix 1. Inspector Steve Dolan spoke on PC Crawford's report and provided the following additional detail.</p> <p>The house breaking incident had been one of several on a line from Hutchison to Swanston. The police had identified a suspect and were</p>	

	<p>looking for him.</p> <p>There has been a substantial drop in the number of youth related calls when compared with the same period last year.</p> <p>P Wright reported on a break-in at Colinton Mains Bowling Club. The club does not have a bar and there are no cigarettes or other attractions for the petty thief, therefore It was thought locals were not involved.</p> <p>H Levy reported she had attended a meeting on 10 January at the police station organised by Inspector Dolan to discuss community involvement in crime issues. There is an opinion that many people in the community have information that would assist the police in resolving crimes. The problem is getting those people to come forward with the information either directly or through 'Crimestoppers'. Consideration was been given to a poster campaign and Insp. Dolan was progressing this.</p> <p>A Hart spoke on the distress caused by anti-social behaviour and the frustration felt by those who suffer from it. The victims seemed to be missed out in the process with information being all one way.</p> <p>A follow-up meeting has been arranged for 20 February in the ONC at 2pm.</p> <p>The spate of shed break-ins appears to have stopped but people are always advised to take precautions to protect their possessions.</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>This item also under Cllr Aitken's Report</p>
<p>Ward Councillor's Report Cllr Aitken</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Inspector Dolan, Oxfgangs Police Station, organised a meeting to discuss issues affecting our area and how we can work together. It was attended by Gordon McDonald MSP, Cllr Eric Barry, Dennis Williams, Heather Levy, Jackie Laird and me. It was a constructive meeting and one of the main topics we discussed was how to engage and help with young people. <p>As a result, I have arranged a meeting on 20th February in Oxfgangs Neighbourhood Centre to look at ways to take this forward. To facilitate this, I have initiated contacts with the Chair of Oxfgangs Neighbourhood Centre and Maria Gray, Community Learning & Development Area Manager.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. The Boundary Commission for Scotland is undertaking a review of Westminster Parliament boundaries. The Commission is proposing changes to our area with the abolishing of the current South Edinburgh constituency, splitting that constituency between a new Edinburgh East Constituency and a new Edinburgh South West constituency. The Commission is proposing that Fairmilehead is put into the new Edinburgh South West Constituency along with Colinton, Firrhill, South Morningside and Craiglockhart. <p>I supported the proposal by giving evidence at an Inquiry held in the City Chambers on 14th November and submitting comments online.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. Garrison FM organised a carol singing competition for our local primary schools. The pupils selected and recorded a Christmas song or carol which was then played on the radio and was available on their website. Members 	

	<p>of the public were asked to vote and this resulted in Pentland Primary School winning the competition.</p> <p>4. The Firrhill Walkabout took place on 11th January and a number of potholes, footpaths in poor condition and other issues were reported.</p> <p>5. More Volunteer Snow Warden training has been organised for any new volunteers. If you are interested or know of anyone who would be, please contact me.</p> <p>6. During the spell of snow last month, the mini tractors had problems clearing snow because of cars parked on pavements in certain places. I alerted the police who placed cards on the windscreens of the cars to alert the drivers of the problem.</p> <p>7. The Pentland Community Centre Management Committee has formed a works group to lead on a refurbishment programme for the centre. Main areas for improvement we've discussed include the toilets and kitchen.</p> <p>8. The Pentland Neighbourhood Partnership Community Safety Sub Group met on 5th December. Priorities set for our area are housebreaking across the ward for houses and other buildings such as sheds, garages etc., setting up of a "No Cold Calling Zone" in areas where it is not already operating and youth problems around Oxgangs Neighbourhood Centre/ Oxgangs Crescent/Firrhill Drive.</p> <p>9. A meeting was called by Dunedin Canmore to discuss the problems which arose on 5th November at the "Green Triangle". To ensure that similar circumstances do not happen this year, I've contacted the Fire Service, Environmental Wardens and Community Safety Officers to see what measures can be put in place.</p> <p>10. Oxgangs Care held another successful Christmas Lunch. Thanks are due to Heather Levy and her team, S6 pupils from Firrhill High School and Mr Peach and the P3's from Pentland Primary School for an enjoyable afternoon.</p>	
<p>Ward Councillor's Report Cllr Rust</p>	<p>Winter Weather: The recent storms caused damage to property in Firrhill Drive and Loan but the area appears to have got off lightly in comparison with other parts of the city.</p> <p>Oxgangs Avenue: proposals concerning the installation of a pedestrian crossing near to Oxgangs Green and the provision of car parking spaces to the rear of the Avenue and Oxgangs Crescent appear to be going ahead sooner than expected.</p> <p>Colinton Mains Community Centre: outcome of the police investigation into the financial accounts for work allegedly carried out at this Centre is due to be issued shortly.</p> <p>Other Issues:</p> <p>A Hunter reported on various matters concerning the flood plain/playing field between the braid burn and Oxgangs Primary School. He has received confirmation that the missing part of the recently installed chicane on the burn footpath has been removed for modification. The wire fencing on the south and east edges of the field is presenting a hazard due to damage by vandals and other causes. Evidence of dog fouling on the playing field.</p>	

	<p>Tesco trolleys in the burn reported to store manager who will arrange for their collection. Manager not interested in taking action to prevent trolleys being removed from store.</p>	
<p>MSP Report: G MacDonald</p>	<p>Campus Police Officers: submitted a question to the Justice Minister on the numbers of police officers engaged in this initiative throughout Scotland. Advised latest figures record 58 officers deployed to cover 63 secondary schools. Decision on whether to deploy officers on this duty is a matter between chief constables and local authorities. Under present HM Treasury rules unable to allocate the income from Scottish court fines to funding additional officers.</p> <p>Lloyds Banking Group: looking into alleged discrimination by this Group who are offering higher returns to account holders in England in comparison to Scotland.</p> <p>Army Barracks: has had meetings with senior army officers.</p> <p>Welfare Reform Bill: Parliament has decided not to pass the Bill at this time to allow more time for issues to be assessed.</p> <p>Homelessness: many enquiries - Edinburgh policy.</p>	
<p>PNP EIT Sub-Group: J Napier</p>	<p>Report on Special Meeting of the PNP Environment, Infrastructure and Transport Sub-Group held in the South West Neighbourhood Offices, on 9th January 2012.</p> <p>This special meeting was called to discuss the potential effects on the environment from release of green belt land for development as proposed in the Major Issues Report (MIR) prepared by the City Council for its Local Development Plan. Tabled report is attached as Appendix 2.</p>	
<p>Colinton Amenities Association: H Levy & A Hunter</p>	<p>Redford Wood Upgrade Scheme: The Chair and Vice Chair attended CAA's community consultation meeting on 16th January 2012 at Colinton Primary School. The scheme refers to the strip of woodlands in CAA's area that runs down the boundary line between us from Redford Road down along the burn to Tesco and commonly known as the Covenanters Wood.</p> <p>The aim is to bring the state of Redford Wood up to Nature Conservation area status. Working with Edinburgh & Lothians Greenspace Trust, they have produced a management plan. Funding is available to complete much of the initial work required and it is hoped to obtain further grants.</p> <p>Further information on their plans is held on the CAA website at www.colinton-amenity.org.uk.</p>	
<p>PNP Public Meeting</p>	<p>Winter Weather: Snow Wardens: presentation on the arrangements for snow wardens, no action to report due to absence of snow but still waiting on equipment to be delivered to library.</p> <p>Business meeting next month – 1st February 2012, our application for newsletter funding will be one of the items on the agenda</p>	
<p>Sports Pavilion</p>	<p>Report on meeting 1st Dec, previously circulated and attached as App 3.</p> <p>Propose public meeting at the end of March in Colinton Mains church hall</p> <p>PW – access to park at side of the new building works not being maintained – Sec to raise with site foreman</p> <p>Set up a working group</p> <p>Advise all who attended Dec meeting</p>	

Health Debate Arrangements for 24 Feb 2012	<p>Invitations have all went out and responses recd. Still waiting on confirmation from Liz Simpson re the presentation.</p> <p>Request to the Neighbourhood Partnership for the loan of audio equipment has been refused on the grounds that the event may be used for promoting the policies of political parties prior to an election.</p> <p>Seeking a speaker from the NHS to give their perspective.</p>	
Treasurer's Report : P Podd	<p>Cheques issued since previous report:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. £228 for the Newsletter printing costs 2. £26 for the cost of the wreath laid at Dreghorn Barracks 3. £155.35 for the Council's forward planning meeting held on 29 Dec 2011 <p>There is an outstanding payment of £9.50 for reimbursement of transport costs to the Neighbourhood Partnership meeting attended by the Chair and the Treasurer.</p> <p>Current bank balance is £2569.22</p>	
Planning Applications Report	<p>No items to report. Details of applications and decisions as recorded in the weekly planning bulletins from our last meeting for the Firrhill Ward and information of proposal of applications for major developments within the City of Edinburgh are contained in Appendix 4.</p>	
Correspond/	<p>See Appendix 5 for list of correspondence received since last meeting.</p>	
AOCB	<p>Library: J Rust advised that the City Council's consultation on the library service will be closing shortly.</p>	
	<p>Oxgangs Local Health Action Group: B Hannah advised that the purpose of this group was to work with local people, other organisations and local services to identify YOUR health needs and seek ways of addressing these locally.</p> <p>The contact person for this group is Bill Hannah, who is a Public Involvement Coordinator within NHS Lothian. He aims to work very closely with local people and organisations to involve everyone in the forthcoming months to make sure local people's needs are heard and used to shape local services and address health inequalities.</p> <p>We have already responded to local needs by providing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A Local Health Action Group, who meet regularly in Oxgangs care offices to discuss what local needs are and how local people can influence decisions and become more involved in agreed action plans for the area. • The production of a directory of local services and a community map resource which will let people who live locally, know what services there are already and how to access them. <p>If you would be interested in knowing more about the Local Health Action Group and/or want to discuss your views of what health services are like in Oxgangs/Firrhill please contact me @</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Email: Williamhannah@nhslothian.scot.nhs.uk 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Telephone (Voice) 0131 536 9670 • Post. Bill Hannah, Public Involvement Coordinator, Craigmillar Medical Centre. Room F93, 1st floor, 100 Niddrie Mains Road, Edinburgh EH164DT. 	
Date, Time & Venue of Next Meeting	<p>27th February 2012 at 3.00pm.</p> <p>The venue will be the Board Room in the Oxgangs 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 **4.45pm**

FIRRHILL COMMUNITY COUNCIL – MONDAY 23rd JANUARY (Police Report)

First of all can I wish everyone a belated Happy New Year.

Total Calls for Oxgangs Station area from 01/01/2012 – 20/01/2012 = 296

PF 56 Fairmilehead and Buckstone – 55

PF57 Central Oxgangs – 154

PF58 Clinton and Bonaly – 87

2012 was barely upon us when, on 3rd January, the country had to deal with an unprecedented storm.

On the day, the conditions caused a great deal of disruption and, in many cases, the police were acting as “first responders” to calls of damage to buildings and fallen trees etc. In Oxgangs, the reported incidents were damage to buildings in Oxgangs Place and Avenue with a fallen tree in Redford Road. It’s my understanding that our area came off a lot better than some other parts of the city.

On the crime front, a break-in was reported on 1st January to a ground floor flat in Oxgangs Avenue. Electrical goods were removed from the rear bedroom of the property and enquiries are continuing.

On the 5th, a report was received that a white coloured van was in the Oxgangs Farm area removing discarded white electrical goods from driveways etc. The foregoing is for information only given that provided this is the only activity taking place, no other crime is being committed.

Could I ask the committee to pass around as much as possible the following information that a Bogus Caller appears to be operating in our area.

During the evening of 10th January, a similarly described male called at two houses in Firrhill Loan and Firrhill Drive asking to use the occupier’s phone on the pretext his wife had gone into labour.

He was given access to one house and a purse was later discovered missing. Although not given access to the second house, keys were later found to be missing. Both the persons called upon were elderly.

The male is described as: white; 5’ 9; slim build; unkempt appearance and wearing a chequered style shirt.

The above information is being made available to heighten awareness – the good news is that a positive line of enquiry is being followed at this stage.

On the 11th, two males were disturbed trying to steal a car parked in Colinton Mains Drive. Despite a search of the area by police and police dog handler, no persons were traced.

On the 12th, a report was received of a young male having his mobile phone taken off him whilst standing at the bus stop in Oxgangs Road North. The incident happened about 4:15 pm and enquiries are ongoing.

On the 18th, a well known local male carried out a till snatch at a local pharmacy. He is now in custody for this and a number of other crime related matters.

PC 3034-A David Crawford, Oxgangs Police Station.

Report on Special Meeting of the PNP Environment, Infrastructure and Transport Sub-Group held in the South West Neighbourhood Offices, on 9th January 2012 at 2pm

This special meeting was called by David Bewesy, Chair of the Sub-Group to discuss the potential effects on the environment from release of green belt land for development within the Pentlands Neighbourhood Partnership.

I attended the meeting as a last minute substitute and am therefore not au fait with any previous discussions on the subject. Its purpose was to discuss certain parts of the Major Issues Report (MIR) produced by the City Council for the development of the Edinburgh Local Development Plan, their implications and the need to respond. I think it is fair to say that whilst the Sub-Group felt it could only discuss the matter in relation to the Pentlands Neighbourhood Partnership boundary area, the concept of the Green Belt is such that development in any one part will affect the rationale to its purpose. It was the general feeling that any outcome from the meeting should be applicable to the Green Belt as a whole and advocate a direction for other relevant Neighbourhood Partnerships to consider.

The meeting started with a presentation called "A Speculation on the Growth of Edinburgh in the 21st Century" by Archie Clark, who is an ex-member of Currie CC and has an interest in the subject. It is a fact world populations have increased over the centuries and Edinburgh's expanding boundary has reflected that. Whilst over-population may be a topic for discussions there is no doubt the populace will continue to increase for many years to come. This was a worthwhile presentation but only demonstrated what was already well known and simply highlighted that it is unlikely the 'Green Belt' will be sustainable for much longer.

The MIR document makes several references to the Green Belt but the main issue is covered in section 3 on 'Housing' where it refers to the need for Edinburgh to build new houses in accordance with the Government policy requirements as contained in its Strategic Development Plan. Paragraph 3.6. of this section states:- *"In identifying these areas for strategic growth, the SDP recognises that green belt land may be needed. It advises that allocations should seek to minimise the loss of land from the green belt whilst balancing the need to achieve sustainability objectives."*

The SDP identified two sites for development: Area 10 – West Edinburgh and Area 13 – South East Edinburgh and the MIR goes on to state: To conform to the SDP, the LDP must allocate sites for 2,000 houses in West Edinburgh and 1,000 houses in South East Edinburgh. The report goes on to identify the preferred, reasonable and other options for housing development.

As would be expected the West Edinburgh options are primarily sited along the transport route from the Maybury to the Airport and the South East Edinburgh options range from Burdiehouse across to Newcraighall.

It was the general feeling that the existence of the Edinburgh Green Belt has helped maintain the identity of the city by clearly establishing its physical boundaries. It provided countryside for recreation and maintained the landscape setting of the city.

Noted that development plans put more emphasis on economic development rather than environmental issues and this has been reflected in Green Belt policies.

Reference was made to the Edinburgh and Lothians Structure Plan 2015 which allowed for limited Green Belt releases to achieve housing targets as well as a better distribution of land for economic development, whilst also stating that elsewhere the Green Belt will be vigorously defended.

Planning objectives are still aimed at the preservation and enhancement of the natural and built environment and to the protection and provision of access to open spaces. Identified areas are to remain at the heart of the Green Belt designation, irrespective of any future changes to the form and to boundaries that may emerge.

The arguments presented by most members of the sub-group in attendance related to the importance of the Green Belt in enhancing the character and identity of the city and the loss of agricultural land. In general it was felt that there should be a study of existing and potential brown field sites within the city that should be used for housing development. Reference was also made to the type of housing currently provided has moved away from the traditional tenement/terraced housing of the past.

The meeting lasted for two hours and whilst there was an interesting debate on planning policies in relation to housing and economic development, what it lacked was a prepared motion that could be discussed and agreed on. The issues involved are complex and whilst I concur with the general sentiment that the Green Belt should be vigorously defended, I am probably more concerned about the lack and affordability of housing, although that is not necessarily due to the lack of land on which to build.

The outcome was a general agreement that there was a need to protect the Green Belt from further development and it was left for Scott Neil / David Bewsey to draft a suitable response from the sub-group reflecting its concerns. The draft will be circulated to all parties for agreement before submission and I was advised you would be copied in. Comments on the Main Issues Report have to be in before 27 January.

It is perhaps an indication of the complexity of the issues that I have still to receive a copy of the draft response.

Jim Napier, Firrhill Community Council

Sports Pavilion Update

Note of meeting held in the Oxfangs Neighbourhood Centre on Thursday, 1st December 2011 at 4.30 pm. Chaired by H Levy, Chair of the Firrhill Community Council.

Attendance:	Heather Levy	Firrhill Community Council
	Graham Croucher,	CEC Culture and Sports
	John Travers, SCDO	..
	Norman Lord	Edinburgh Leisure
	Mhaira O'Neal	..
	Loyd Richardson	CEC Roads
	Elaine Aitken, Cllr	City of Edinburgh Council
	Stewart McManus	Oxfangs AC
	Doug Reilly	Oxfangs AC
	Rev Ian McQuarrie	Colinton Mains Parish Church
	Mr & Mrs Oldroyd	Oxfangs Road North Residents
	John Spence	Oxfangs Neighbourhood Centre
	Margaret Carson	Colinton Mains Bowling Club
	Alistair Hunter	Firrhill Community Council
	Peggy Wright	..
	James Napier	..

G Croucher gave a report on the current position of the new build indicating that whilst it was approx four weeks behind schedule, the building was almost wind and water tight for the winter with the near completion of the roof. The delay had been caused by the locating and safe removal of asbestos during the process of demolishing the old building and redirecting services to Colinton Mains Bowling Club. It was expected that the completion would be sometime in April next year.

The contractors have been asked to cost additional paths to be provided from the pavilion to the football pitches as shown on the circulated plan. HL asked for an electronic copy of the plan.

Referring to the two existing buildings within the park, one of which was used to store the park keeper's equipment and the other to provide toilet facilities, he indicated that they proposed to retain the park keeper's building for the safe storage of goal posts and equipment and demolish the toilet block. It was noted that the underground services to the toilet block may also serve other nearby properties

A general discussion took place on storage requirements for goal posts. The representative from Edinburgh Leisure stated a preference for fixed goals to be installed but this was opposed by Oxfangs AC who referred to a history of vandalism and the difficulty in getting them replaced.

Oxfangs AC did not consider the store would be large enough for the safe storage of large goal posts used on the full size football pitches and suggested an outside cage be provided at the side of the building for this purpose. G Croucher was aware this arrangement occurred in other football parks and that such a cage may be available for re-use from a north Edinburgh park.

The discussion took in the amount of equipment that currently existed, its location and ownership. There appears to be goal posts for Oxfangs Primary School at St Marks PS but not clear if this is one or two sets. Oxfangs AC have two sets of goal posts for their matches. Edinburgh Leisure will supply two sets for general use.

It was agreed that there was a need to make out an inventory of this equipment and the Chair said she would action this by contacting each of the relevant bodies and asking for them to supply a list of equipment they held/provided for use at Colinton Mains Park. The lists would be collated and a suitable copy of the inventory would be fixed to the wall of the store room.

Action: H Levy

The number, size and layout of the football pitches has still to be finalised with ongoing discussion between Oxfangs AC, Edinburgh Leisure and other bodies on their requirements. The proposal that was expressed during the meeting was for two full size 11 a-side pitches and two smaller 7 a-side pitches. Oxfangs AC agreed this matter had to be completed before a proper inventory could be made out.

Action: Oxfangs AC

Parking

G Croucher acknowledged parking was an area of concern to the representative groups but reaffirmed that the City Council's policy was not to provide for vehicle parking at its public parks and other venues. He indicated that In line with the Council's policy, the Parks Department were proposing to install bollards to prevent vehicle access beyond the planned parking area. The car park at the new pavilion will only have spaces for 9 vehicles, one of which would be a disabled parking space and 3 cycling racks.

It was the common view of all community representatives at the meeting that the parking allocation was inadequate and amounted to a substantial reduction on the space previously available. It was their general opinion that in order not to exacerbate the previous problems created by the large influx of vehicles trying to park in the streets adjacent to the park, an overspill car park was required and that there was space within the park for this to enable this.

The main entrance to Colinton Mains Park, at the sports pavilion, is flanked by a bowling club and a church. The local Scotmid store is also close to the entrance. Oxfangs AC catered for 14 football teams and used the park for training as well as its competitive games. This was a designated city park with a number of sports pitches available to other clubs throughout the City through Edinburgh Leisure.

It was stressed all these activities and services attracted not only local people but others out with the community whether as participants or as follower of the activity or as shoppers. Many of them used private transport, shared or otherwise, in order to get to their venue. Many of the activities coincided, in the evenings and at weekends, resulting in Oxfangs Road North and adjacent streets becoming choked with parked vehicles.

All the community representatives spoke of the problems caused by the large number of vehicles parked in streets near to the Park's entrance. Mr and Mrs Oldroyd, who reside in Oxfangs Road North, spoke on the narrowness of the roads which caused many residents, including themselves, to provide driveways in order to take their cars off the street. During

football matches and on other occasions residents now found it difficult if not impossible to get their cars out because of the on-street parking.

M Carson from Colinton Mains Bowling Club, stressed that they also ran matches as part of the various city bowling leagues resulting in an influx of cars. Bowling is a sport favoured by many elderly people who use cars for the easy transportation of their bowls.

Rev I McQuarrie spoke on the difficulties many members and non-members of the church often had when using church facilities at weekends and in the evenings.

Everyone is agreed the provision of a new pavilion at Colinton Mains Park will benefit those who use the park and the new pitches for sporting activities and this will undoubtedly boost participation in the area. This should not be marred by the negative affect it will have on those who live up against the park and the frustration of those attempting to participate. It was recognised that an overflow parking area would not resolve the parking problem on all occasions but would at least alleviate it.

In order to take this matter forward Oxgangs AC and Edinburgh Leisure were asked to provide usage figures for the park's sports facilities.

Action: Oxgangs AC & Edinburgh Leisure

Weekly Planning Bulletin Report for January Meeting

28 November 2011

No applications or decisions for Ward 08 – Firrhill CC

Proposal of Application Notices for the City of Edinburgh:

Ward No. A02 – Pentland Hills (Juniper Green Conservation Area): Application 11/03539/PAN for a residential development on land 120 metres east of 150 Muir Wood Road, Currie.

Ward No.A04 – Forth: Application 11/03742/PAN for a major development in line with the Pennywell and Muirhouse Central Area Mater plan including; demolition and alterations to Muirhouse Shopping Centre; retail and ancillary development; new North West Edinburgh Partnership Centre; new residential development with associated parking and landscaping; new open space; public realm and external space improvements; associated infrastructure works including improvements to Pennywell Road at Regeneration Masterplan Pennywell Muirhouse Pennywell Road, Edinburgh.

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.

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 noncore 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

5 December 2011

No applications for Ward 08 – Firrhill CC

No Proposal of Application Notices for the City of Edinburgh:

Decision on application 11/03441/FUL for a change of use from office to dental laboratory (in retrospect) at 78 Colinton Mains Drive, Edinburgh, EH13 9BJ. application has been granted.

12 December 2011

Application 11/03783/FUL for a conversion of attic, including dormer to rear roof pitch and installation of rooflights at 157 Colinton Mains Road, Edinburgh, EH13 9BX.

Proposal of Application Notices for the City of Edinburgh:

Ward No. A07 – Sighthill/Gorgie: Application 11/03915/PAN for a student residential development incorporating ancillary elements and associated amenity space at 22, 24 Orwell Terrace, Edinburgh, EH11 2DY.

Ward No. A16 – Liberton/Gilmerton: Listed Category BDELE: Application 11/03928/PAN for a residential development of two storey houses with associated roads and landscaping at land at Edmonstone Estate, Old Dalkeith Road, Edinburgh

No decisions for Ward 08 – Firrhill CC

19 December 2011

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Ward No. A16 – Liberton/Gilmerton - Listed Category: BDELE: Application 11/03961/PAN - Application under Section 42 to vary condition number 1 of planning permission ref 04/03551/OUT and extend the period for the commencement of development and the validity of the consent on land At Edmonstone Estate, Old Dalkeith Road, Edinburgh.

04 January 2012

No applications for Ward 08 – Firrhill CC

Proposals of Application Notices for the City of Edinburgh:

Ward No. A01 – Almond: Listed Category CS: Application 11/03911/PAN for the proposed refurbishment and conversion of the existing Barnton Hotel into 9 open market flats plus new development of extra care accommodation for the frail elderly at former Barnton Hotel, 562 Queensferry Road, Edinburgh, EH4 6AS. (McCarthy and Stone Retirement Lifestyles Ltd)

Ward No. A01 – Almond: Listed Category CS: Application 11/04123/PAN Proposal of application notice for land at Queensferry Road, Kirkliston. No information on proposed development

Ward No. A16 – Liberton/Gilmerton: Listed Category: BDELE: Application 11/03961/PAN - Application under Section 42 to vary condition number 1 of planning permission ref 04/03551/OUT and extend the period for the commencement of development and the validity of the consent at land at Edmonstone Estate, Old Dalkeith Road, Edinburgh.

09 January 2012

No applications or decisions for Ward 08 – Firrhill CC

No Proposals of Application Notices for the City of Edinburgh

16 January 2012

No applications or decisions for Ward 08 – Firrhill CC

Proposals of Application Notices for the City of Edinburgh: as for 04 January with the additional information:

Ward No. A01 – Almond: Application 11/04123/PAN - Amendment of deemed planning condition to extend the period for submission of applications for approval of matters specified in conditions from 3 years to 5 years in respect of outline planning permission (ref 06/05149/OUT) at land adjacent to Queensferry Road, Kirkliston.

FIRRHILL CC CORRESPONDENCE: 29 NOV 2011 – 13 JAN 2012

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

- 1 Association of Scottish Community Councils Newsletter
- 2 f. by H Levy, re local Volunteer Snow Wardens Training
- 3 f. by Cllr Rust: map of Council's gritting route in local area
- 4 E-news from Sarah Boyack MSP
- 5 Gordon MacDonald MSP: Rail Consultation closes 20 Feb. (Scotrail & Network Rail)
- 6 'Sustainable Gov' News: Helping Public Services Cut Waste and Improve Efficiency
- 7 Scott Neill re Colinton Mains playpark: swing has been replaced and base re-surfaced
- 8 Eileen Hewitt: Local Community Planning Team moving to Drumbrae Library Hub
- 9 Scott Neill: December Newsflash on funding for local community projects, young people, arts, disadvantaged youth, natural & built environment, older people, disability.
- 10 Eileen Hewitt: updated list of Edinburgh CCs Office Bearers
- 11 f. by H Levy: help for people with questions about dementia
- 12 Lloyd Richardson, SW N'hood Prof. Officer: confirmation that Give Way marking at junction of Colinton Mains PI/Terr has been added to line marking schedule, as well as the yellow bus box which should be at Colinton Mains shops bus stop.
- 13 Library Services Consultation on document 'Next Generation Library & Information Services Strategy' (info from Oxfords Library)
- 14 Lothian & Borders Police Board Dec. '11 Newsletter
- 15 Winter Garden Waste collections: e-mail waste@edinburgh.gov.uk (0131-529 3030)
- 16 ASCC Newsletter
- 17 Councillor Jenny Dawe: Council Leader's Report for December '11.
- 18 Replies from MSPs Sarah Boyack, Gordon MacDonald and David McLetchie confirming they will take part in local Health Hustings, 24 Feb at 2 pm, Oxfords Library
- 19 December e-news from Sarah Boyack MSP
- 20 f. by Gordon MacDonald MSP - copy of letter from Andrew Robathan MP re relocation of troops to Kirknewton: studies still being undertaken as to whether this will happen
- 21 Cllr Elaine Aitken re Pentland Primary winning Garrison FM Xmas Factor
- 22 Graham Budd, SW N'hood Office re Council contacts: Clarence (roads issues) 'Phone 0800 23 23 23; Social Care Direct, for help over winter months, 0800 731 6969
- 23 Cllr Barry: various e-mails in reply to Sec. re transport shambles around Market Street and Waverley Bridge (diverted No 27 bus)

- 24 Eileen Hewitt: report on survey monkey questionnaire re CCs Training & Support
- 25 ASCC: January on-line Bulletin
- 26 Cllr Barry: update on parking scheme for Area 4, behind Oxfangs Ave, total cost to provide landscaping, parking spaces and lighting will be £87k
- 27 Inspector Dolan: Police Public Perception Survey results
- 28 Scott Neill: January Newsflash re Sources of Funding and application deadlines
- 29 Eileen Hewitt: re Nationwide Network of Community Councils in Scotland – for info go to nationalnetworkcc.com

FCC 23 JANUARY MEETING: CORRESPONDENCE UPDATE, 14-23 JAN 2012.

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

- 1 Eileen Hewitt: request for contributions to Edinburgh CCs Newsletter (by 13 Feb.) + reminder of Community Councils Elections in Sept/Oct of this year.
- 2 ASCC On-line Bulletin, 16 Jan, incl. Public Services Reform & Local Gov; latest Scottish Gov Consultations; Legal Challenger to decision by Public Authorities under the Public Participation Directive.
- 3 Eileen Hewitt: On-line version of Consultation for Day Services for Older People is at www.edinburgh.gov.uk/dayservicesconsultation or hard copies on request Tel 529 2485. Also use this number for Consultation Forms for older people/service users/carers and to book for Forum on Thurs 2 Feb or Fri 10 Feb, a.m., at Midlothian Suite, Lothian Chamber.
- 4 Message through Website Builder (from local reader of Firrhill CC's website) re planned pedestrian island on Oxfangs Ave.
- 5. Lothian & Borders Police Board: looking for volunteers as (a) Custody Visitors (more info at 529 4121; (b) Lay Diversity Advisers (529 4240) or policeboard@edinburgh.gov.uk
- 6 f. by Cllr Barry: questions to City Council re new fence installed at Oxfangs Cresc.
- 7 PC David Crawford: Police Report for 23 Jan FCC Meeting (to be tabled by Sec.)

By Post

'Working Capital': Mag. for Edinburgh's Strategic Skills Pipeline.

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

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