

Firrhill Community Council

'Nec Aspera Terrent'

(Undaunted by Adversity)

Minute of Ordinary Meeting of the Council on 27th Feb 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)

Ex-Officio Members:

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

Visitors:

S Duffy
N Tinlin, Sec. Fairmilehead CC

Apologies:

MJ O'Brien, Cllr J Rust; G Duncan
B Hannah, OLHAG

Non-attendance:

Agenda Item	Narrative	Action & Owner
Approval of Previous Minute	<p>Draft minutes of meeting held on 23 January 2012 were reviewed. The following amendments were accepted:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. S Duffy to be included in the record of visitors in the attendance list. 2. The proposed amendment previously circulated regarding Oxgangs Local Health Action Group to be included under AOCB 3. On page 4 the reference to the 'Health <i>Hustings</i> Arrangements' be amended to read the 'Health <i>Debate</i> Arrangements'. <p>There being no other corrections, the draft minutes were moved for approval by P Podd and seconded by G Hunter. Approved.</p>	J N to publish
Matters Arising	<p>Oxgangs Avenue – Installation of new Traffic Island: Chair reported on her meeting with the local resident who had made contact through the website. The resident pointed out that this installation reduced the amount of space residents had available for parking and suggested the unused areas of ground along Oxgangs Avenue could be utilised for parking as a substitute. Cllr Barry thought this had been looked at approx 4 years previous but would investigate current position. Cllr Aitken to clarify land ownership.</p> <p>On related matter he reported the city council were re-consulting on the provision of yellow lines at junctions in Oxgangs Avenue because of the parking project at the rear of Oxgangs Ave/Cres and they did not think the previous consultation had been formally carried out.</p> <p>It was agreed the Community Council take the resident's proposal forward to the South West Area Board for consideration as a neighbourhood</p>	Action by

	<p>improvement project.</p> <p>Colinton Mains Park – Main Entrance: The Secretary reported that actions to be taken in regard to the complaint raised at the last meeting had been overtaken by the contractor's work to lay the new roadway, which started on the 1st February. The site foreman said that, due to the high standard of its construction, it would take over a month to complete. Also, the pavement has to be opened up twice before re-surfacing.</p> <p>Colinton Mains Terrace/Place Junction: The Secretary indicated that the long awaited action to re-instate the road markings following resurfacing work at this junction had been completed.</p>	J Napier
Community Police Report	<p>Total number of calls recorded by the station was 308</p> <p>Beat PF56 – Fairmilehead and Buckstone - 45 Beat PF57 – Central Oxfangs - 153 Beat PF58 – Colinton and Bonaly - 110</p> <p>Complaints about vehicles parking on the north junction of Oxfangs Road North and Colinton Mains Drive have had an effect. The city council have agreed to provision of double yellow lines at this junction.</p> <p>The bogus caller referred to in last month's report has been caught and charged. Police are launching a new promotion on this type of crime to raise awareness.</p> <p>Cold calling complaints should be directed to Trading Standards, not the police. Acknowledged at one time the police used to provide cards.</p> <p>Crime</p> <p>4/2 – report of attempt to steal motorcycle; 5/2 – a race related incident at Oxfangs House; 6/2 – vandalism in a common stair at Firrhill Park; 7/2 – attempted break-in to a garden shed, disturbed by owner; 15/2 – break in to a house in Oxfangs Crescent; 19/2 – vandalism with paint to property in Oxfangs Green; 20-21/2 – three vehicles broken into in Oxfangs Park; 23-25/2 – two vehicles had their windscreens damaged in Oxfangs Dr.</p> <p>Also this month a number of stolen bikes were recovered.</p> <p>The Chair noted that a local "<i>Crimestoppers</i>" awareness promotion has been under discussion. PC Crawford referred to incidents where anonymous messages had been left for the police but the person had not provided sufficient information for the police to identify the actual locus of the alleged crime. For police to act on information received they need people to provide detailed and accurate information.</p> <p>AH noted the amount of graffiti in the area seems to have increased.</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>Ward Councillor's Report Elaine Aitken</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Health Debate last Friday was well attended and the ensuing discussions were lively and topical. Many congratulations to Heather and her fellow Community Council members for organising, hopefully, the first of many debates on relevant topics. 2. The Youth Engagement meeting took place on 20th February in Oxgangs Neighbourhood Centre. This was attended by representatives from the police, army, local youth groups and community centres, CLD and the local Councillors and MSP. A number of actions were agreed, including a football tournament in Colinton Mains Park to celebrate the opening of the new pavilion and "blue light" discos. 3. The Firrhill Walkabout took place on 11th February and a number of potholes, footpaths in poor condition and other issues were reported. 4. Roadwork and re-determination of shared footpaths have been installed at the Firrhill roundabout to ensure a safe route to Firrhill HS for cyclists. 5. A new group and drop-in service for anyone with addiction issues has started in our community organised by SMART Recovery. The group meetings are held at the Oxgangs Neighbourhood Centre on a Saturday morning between 11am and 12.30pm. More information can be found at http://www.smartrecovery.org.uk 6. Jason, Eric and I were contacted by a resident highlighting the problems of drivers parking at the corners of Oxgangs Road North and Colinton Mains Drive and the detrimental effect on sightlines. As a result, a Traffic Regulation Order for double yellow lines will be drawn up. 7. Lothian Buses is reducing the frequency of the 27 bus to 5 buses per hour from 6. This could change if passenger numbers improve when Mound reopens which Councillor Barry ascertained was happening ahead of schedule. 8. Also bus fares are increasing in March to £1.40 for a single ticket. More information is displayed on notices in the buses. 9. Bonfire Night precautions – Raymond Rickis, Community Safety Officer, has prepared a report following the unfortunate incidents last year. He assured me that he and members of his team will be present at the Hope Triangle this year to prevent any repetition. 10. The Pentland Community Centre Management Committee works group is working with an architect from CEC on designs for the refurbishment programme for the centre. Main areas for improvement we've discussed include the toilets, kitchen and a stair lift. 11. The Pentland Neighbourhood Partnership Community Safety Sub Group meets on 5th March. 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 12. I attended a pre deployment briefing for 3-Rifles before they go to Afghanistan for six months. When they return in October, 1-Scots will deploy to Afghanistan to take over their roles. 	
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<p>Ward Councillor's Reports Jason Rust</p> <p>(written report read out by Cllr E Aitken)</p>	<p>Congratulations to the Community Council for their involvement in hosting the Health Debate at Oxgangs Library last Friday. It was a well-attended successful event which raised a lot of pertinent issues and was expertly chaired by Heather Levy. It was also surprising the amount of consensus among the MSP panellists, which hopefully augurs well for future action as a result.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Bus shelter installed at Oxgangs Bank is to be removed and placed at a better-used stop locally, hopefully on Oxgangs Avenue. Residents contacted me about the bus shelter at Oxgangs Bank at Oxgangs Street. It transpires that a request for a shelter at the location had been received prior to the service change in September 2011. Unfortunately, while the shelter was ordered prior to the service change, it was not installed until the service change took place! I have now received Council agreement that there now seems to be little need for a shelter at this location. They will arrange for an assessment of stops in the local area to see if the shelter can be better used elsewhere! 2. The next Pentlands Neighbourhood Partnership is tomorrow evening at Currie Community High School at 7.00pm. Spring cleans and young person provision in the area is on the agenda. All very welcome. 3. I have been following up re first aid requirements at Pentland Primary School, at the request of the Parent Council. 4. Oxgangs Library will be closed from 12th to 25th March inclusive so they can make some much needed improvements. I have been assured that while the Library is closed they will have a mobile library in the car park area for you to return and borrow books. 5. A meeting took place in February at Oxgangs Neighbourhood Centre, attended by myself, other councillors and council officials and partner agencies including the police. Various challenges and local problems were discussed. As a result of this, provision for young people in our area is being considered by Pentlands Neighbourhood Partnership and the police are looking at supporting a Blue Light Disco in the local area, which have been held successfully elsewhere. 6. "Right first time repairs" have been completed Oxgangs Bank, Brae, Broadway, Medway, Park, Path, Path East, Row, View and Street. The work consisted of permanent repairs with hot materials to the carriageways and footways, to all defects of 10 m² or less. Any defective areas greater than 10 m² were identified and a works instruction created to be undertaken as soon as the appropriate resource becomes available. Over 400 defects were repaired, equating to just under 500sqm of patching. 7. I was delighted to help secure £15,000 of funding for St Mark's RC Primary School playground. 8. I was made aware of problems with parked vehicles at the Oxgangs Road North and Colinton Mains Drive junction. Difficulties have been experienced turning both left and right. Council technicians are now progressing with proposals for restrictions at this junction to assist road safety and local residents. 	
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Ward Councillor's Reports Eric Barry	<p>Indicated that most of the issues he intended to raise had been covered in the foregoing reports.</p> <p>Oxgangs Neighbourhood Centre: the ONC soup kitchen run by volunteers is still continuing to provide this service on a Friday lunch time. This is a reduction from the previous service but it has become very popular and they have managed to continue their arrangement with the local Tesco store for foodstuffs taken off the shelves because of their sell-by date. Highly recommended.</p> <p>Noted that the All Nations Church also runs a drop-in centre</p> <p>Oxgangs Primary School – Parking: this continues to be a problem with the solutions put forward by the school exacerbating the problem. Meeting has been arranged with the School Administration.</p> <p>Personal and other alarms are available from Oxgangs Police Station at a reasonable cost but come with free advice.</p> <p>Discussion on bike thefts prompted a proposal to the police to run another marking event that will enable local cyclists to have their bikes recorded by the police in case of future theft. The recording scheme is mainly aimed at high cost bikes rather than children's or low cost bikes. Agreed this should be arranged in conjunction with some other local community event.</p> <p>Oxgangs Cres – Temporary Fence: authorities maintain this was erected as a short-term arrangement until the contractor takes over the site.</p>	
Report from PNP Business Meeting	Chair had to present her apologies for non-attendance at this meeting due to sickness, thus no report was available. Similarly for the following item.	
Report from PNP Funding Panel	As per above	
Report from SW Area Board	Meeting held on 14 th February and attended by J Napier. A report circulated prior to meeting is attached as Appendix 1.	
Report from the 'Hope' Triangle Project Meeting H Levy	<p>As noted in the November and January minutes, meetings with Dunedin-Canmore have taken place to discuss the development of the site known as the 'Green Triangle' with regard to the recent tragic event that took place on the site and also the problem that arose on 5th Nov.</p> <p>One of the outcomes of the meeting was to set up the renamed 'Hope Triangle Project' with the aim of creating a "Well Being Space" a space of peace and reflection that will inspire hope.</p> <p>A stakeholder project team has been set up; their second meeting took place this morning at this venue. A paper on the inaugural meeting held on the 6th February was circulated for information and will be attached to the published minute.</p>	
Sports Pavilion H Levy	The Chair met with Graham Croucher to get an update on its progress. The pavilion is on schedule to finish at the end of March. There is a problem with the two external lights at the park entrance, which form part of the lighting	

	<p>that runs across the park. The electrical connections at the base of the lamps were damaged during the construction work.</p> <p>It is still the intention to put bollards across the entrance to ensure unauthorised vehicles do not get access and thus damage the pitches.</p> <p>Propose to arrange for a public meeting to be held sometime in May to discuss the park and its uses. Accepted that the most suitable venue is Colinton Mains Church Hall.</p>	Sec to check avail of hall
Community Health Debate H Levy	<p>The event was held in Oxgangs Library on 24th February and was very well attended. Letters of thanks have been sent to the three MSPs for their contribution and also to Liz Simpson for her presentation. A full report will be published later once it has been collated. Many positive statements were received from those who attended and it is suggested that the Community Council consider running other debates. A list of possible subjects was proposed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welfare Reform • Health and Social Care • Independence Referendum 	
Newsletter H Levy	<p>Propose matter be left to a special meeting on this single issue. Members to give consideration to content for next issue before the meeting, which will be held on the 1st March at 10 am. Proposed venue if available is the All Nations Church, Oxgangs Avenue.</p>	
Treasurer's Report PI Podd	<p>There were no financial transactions to report.</p> <p>As the ASCC will no longer be issuing insurance after April there will be a need for community councils to make other arrangements. Eileen Hewitt, the CEC Community Council Officer has stated that if enough Community Councils contact her re a block policy she would arrange this on their behalf and deduct the amount from the grant but community councils are free to make their own insurance arrangements.</p> <p>NT indicated that Fairmilehead CC have arranged cover with a different company from the city council's, which also provides Employer Liability to cover volunteer workers.</p> <p>Agreed to defer decision to allow members to review the details and run a comparison.</p>	PP
Planning Applications Report	<p>JN advised as there had been only one decision recorded in the weekly planning bulletins from 23 January to 27 February applicable to the Firrhill Ward he had not provided copies of the report.</p> <p>The recorded decision related to application 11/03783/FUL for an attic conversion, including dormer to rear roof pitch and installation of rooflights at 157 Colinton Mains Rd, EH13 9BX and has been granted.</p>	
Correspond/	<p>See Appendix 2 for list of correspondence received since last meeting.</p>	
AOCB	<p>BT Phone Kiosk: Item 22 under Correspondence. Proposed removal of BT 'phone kiosk at Firrhill Dr/Oxgangs Cr because it is in the way of redevelopment. BT claims it is rarely used, if ever, and do not plan to relocate it, although nearest kiosk would be at Oxgangs Broadway. Proposed that a letter be written objecting to its removal and asking for the kiosk to be re-</p>	Sec to action

	located at a suitable location near to the existing site.	
Date, Time & Venue of Next Meeting	<p>26th March 2012 at 7.00pm. Please note the reversion back to our normal time of meeting.</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 started at 3 pm, H Levy in the Chair, and ended at 5.30 pm.

Note on the South West Area Board Meeting held 14 February 2012

Minute of Previous Meeting and Action List

I omitted to give a report at the community council's January meeting of this previous meeting, which was held on 6 December. To rectify that I include items from the minute that may be of interest to members:-

Update report on NEP projects

One project was the planting of a screening hedge at the rear of the cottages in Firrhill Drive. As concerns had been raised at a community council meeting about the use of fast growing leylandii trees for this hedge, I queried their use. Advised the hedge will be maintained by Premier One for approx one year at which point the tops will be taken off to set the height of the hedge. Thereafter its maintenance will transfer to the relevant City Council task force.

Another project is the refurbishment of the tarmac space to the rear of Oxfangs Avenue/Crescent. It is hoped that by improving the outward appearance of the area, residents will use it for parking their cars thus removing them from the street. The project has a £100,000 budget of which £49,500 is for the features and 35,000 for lighting. The design plan for the area showed a "cloverleaf" shape in the middle with 15 trees and parking spaces for 34 vehicles. A mound would be created in the middle of the central shape and covered in low maintenance plants. Whilst I hope the project is successful I have expressed concerns that this area has always been available for parking but residents do not use it and perhaps we should identify why? Access to the area is by means of a narrow 'L' shaped lane and whilst I was advised and already aware it is used by a refuse vehicle on a weekly basis – it is perhaps the only vehicle that uses it. What happens when there is a two-way flow of traffic?

In regard to the lighting, there are ongoing discussions with the street lighting department regarding their commitment to maintain the lights and their costs for this service. The use of Photovoltaic lighting has been proposed as it is thought this would save on the cost but the street lighting department are not in favour.

Walkabout Review

A review has been carried out by Council officers into the process with the intent of improving the internal reporting procedure. There have been a number of problems, one being the tendency of the lead officer on walkabout to only deal with matters over which they have direct responsibility. This has resulted in some issues being continually raised on walkabouts and not dealt with within a reasonable time span. Accepted that the individual officer who takes the lead role on a walkabout will take responsibility for ensuring all issues raised during the event are properly recorded and passed on the relevant manager for consideration/action.

To support this personnel who are liable to take on the lead role are to be trained in the use of the walkabout database. I asked if the database was or could be made public on their website to enable the public to view it. Software used for the construction of the database not suitable for this purpose but information will be provided on request. Further

information provided under matters arising indicates that the street lighting department will not be able to support this until next year. To avoid losing the funding propose to use the money in providing proper access paths from the rear of some of the properties and improve the surface of the Chatterigg footpath.

Calendar of dates for walkabouts will be issued asap in order that stakeholders can make arrangements in good time to ensure a representative can take part. Accept that dates will be flexible to enable changes to be made where attendance difficulties arise.

Personnel from the South West Neighbourhood Office have been carrying out a pilot scheme to share out information during the actual walkabout by means of 'tweeting' on a mobile phone (app). The lead officer 'tweets' on issues found during the walkabout and receive responses from people in the community regarding them or other issues that they may wish to raise. They are hoping to promote this service in the near future.

Landlord Performance – South West Team

This relates to a number of "Well Housed" performance measurements covering the following areas:-

- Repairs completed within target
- Average time to let an empty home
- Cash value of current rent arrears
- Housing advice cases which do not go on to present as homeless

Over the last 3 months, Edinburgh Building Services are currently maintaining a 97% achievement record against a 98% target and are on target with an average 8 days turnaround for repairs to empty homes.

In January, South West have performed very well in relation to how efficiently void keys are turned around. During the month they let 27 homes taking an average of 25 days to let a property against a city-wide average of 26 days. To date they are sitting at 23 days average turnaround.

Rent arrears are currently at £559,489, which is £220k away from target. Have seven weeks to reduce arrears by 40% to reach year-end target. Aim is to encourage rent payments over this period and also the collection of housing benefit information to enable claims to be processed. Housing benefit backlog has a significant impact on the arrears balance. There was a lengthy discussion on this issue in view of the proposed changes identified in the Welfare reform Bill. Anticipation is that arrears will increase when residents living in property with one or more spare bedrooms have their housing benefit reduced.

For January 61% of housing advice interviews have not went on to present as homeless. The target set is 50%. There were 65 homeless presentations and 101 interviews for housing options. Twenty homeless cases were housed.

Jim Napier

16 February 2012

FIRRHILL CC CORRESPONDENCE: 23 JAN., 2012 – 17 FEB., 2012: SECRETARY

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

- 1 Edinburgh & Lothians Greenspace Trust: Winter/Spring e-Newsletter.
- 2 Cllr Jenny Dawe: Council Leader's Report
- 3 EACC Big Debate on Criminal Justice, 3 March, 10am-12 noon, City Chambers.
- 4 f. by Cllr Rust re insulation offer to households in Right-to-Buy properties.
- 5 f. " " " re Council's explanation for building new fence in Oxfangs Cresc.
- 6 D Bewsey, CAA: copy of EIT group Position Statement re Erosion of Greenbelt.
- 7 f. by Cllr Rust: info on gasworks to take place on Lanark Rd (end Feb. to May) – traffic diversion via Spylaw Ave (one way system) including No 18 bus.
- 8 Gordon MacDonald MSP re Independence Referendum Consultation 'Your Scotland Your Future': seeks views on what ballot paper should say; what spending limits should be set; how the referendum should be managed and regulated. Closes 11 May. Details on <http://www.scotreferendum.com/>
- 9 Scott Neill re Engaging Communities in Climate Change, 3 April, 10am-4pm, in The Melting Pot, 5 Rose St. More details on www.talkaction.org
- 10 f. by Eileen Hewitt: Consultation on Affordable Rented Housing: Creating flexibility for landlords and better outcomes for communities; asks for views on 10 proposals re accessing affordable rented housing; antisocial behaviour and tenancies; intermediate rents. Scottish Gov paper: <http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Publications/2012/02/9972/0> (to 30 April)
- 11 Planning Aid for Scotland Conference 'Can We Cope with Zero Waste?' on 1 March in Apex International Hotel, Grassmarket.
- 12 Gordon MacDonald MSP re Scotland's Finest Woods Awards. Closing date to apply 31 March. Details at www.sfw.co.uk
- 13 Cllr Barry/Jim Napier: various e-mails re continuing flooding on Braid Burn path (beside Oxfangs Rd North bridge) in spite of months of complaints to City Development and site visits by officials [update of situation will appear in Firrhill CC February Minutes].
- 14 Cllr Jenny Dawe: Council Leader's Report.
- 15 City Council is working with Changeworks in promoting cavity wall & loft insulation to persons living in low rise ex-Council property sold under Right-to-Buy. Letters are being sent out to relevant addresses.
- 16 Gordon MacDonald MSP: monthly report; new constituency office 69 Inglis Green Rd.
- 17 Maureen Thompson, Services for Communities: Feb. Funding for voluntary groups.
- 18 Cllr Elaine Aitken re works going ahead as part of Safer Routes to School programme: lit path at Colinton Primary; refuge island on Colinton Rd, near Firrhill roundabout, and

Toucan crossing to replace Pelican + widening of footways for pedestrians & cyclists.
Works already started at Firrhill; contract period six weeks. (Shane Mackenzie, 469 3744)

- 19 Cllrs Aitken & Barry re proposed service reduction on No 27 bus from six to five per hour (ie every 12 mins). Also, Mound to re-open in March, not July as planned.
- 20 Cllrs Barry & Rust re new rules on Householder Permitted Development Rights: now more control in conservation areas but less control in other areas. Details at www.edinburgh.gov.uk/householderdevelopment or 'phone Nancy Jamieson 529 3916
- 21 Gordon MacDonald MSP re 'Win a Building Rescue worth £10k' for constituency. 'Make Mind a Builders' packs at Morrisons, Tesco, and Asda stores, or online at <http://www.makemineabuilders.co.uk/rescue/>
- 22 Lloyd Richardson, re proposed removal of BT 'phone kiosk at Firrhill Dr/Oxgangs Cr because it is in the way of redevelopment. BT claims it is rarely used, if ever, and do not plan to relocate it, although nearest kiosk would be at Oxgangs Broadway.
- 23 Cllr Rust: re new bus shelter (with no buses now that No 5 diverted) at Oxgangs Bank/Street - erected due to breakdown in communication between Lothian Buses and City Council. There will be an assessment of other bus stops in the area with no shelter to see where this new one can be relocated and better used.

By Post

1. Scottish Natural Heritage 'The Nature of Scotland' magazine.
2. 'Tenants Voice': Edinburgh Tenants Assoc. mag.

FCC 27 FEBRUARY MEETING: CORRESPONDENCE UPDATE, 18-27 FEB. 2012.

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

1. Pentlands NP: forms for sub-group members' details + meeting dates to July.
2. f. by Cllrs Barry & Aitken: "Right First Time Pothole Repairs" (permanent repairs with hot materials) - completed in Oxgangs Bank, Brae, Broadway, Medway, Park, Path, Path East, Row, View, Street.
3. Assoc. of Scottish CCs Conference: 18 April, 10.30 am -3.30 pm, Dunblane Hydro.
4. Scott Neill re any plans for community clean-ups in PNP area.
5. f. by Cllr Rust: letter from Communications Manager, Gov & Corporate Affairs, re new station security guidelines: from late summer no taxis or cars will have access to Waverley. Any queries to Network Rail National Helpline 08457 114141.
6. Kevin Cook: TTRO for refuge island on Oxgangs Ave, 27-29 Feb.

Hope Triangle Project - 6 Feb 2012

In Attendance- Heather Levy (Firrhill Community Council), Andrew McCallum (Oxgangs Care Manager), John & Karen Stewart, Harry Woodward (Dunedincanmore), Elaine Aitken (Local Councillor), Sharon Laidlaw, Fiona Tait.

This project is the result of the sudden loss of young males last year especially young Craig Stewart, July 2011 and the impact it had on all generations of the community but predominately the youth of the area.

The aim of the project is to create a "Well Being Space", a place of peace and reflection. An area to inspire HOPE. It is also envisioned that it will support change of cognitive behaviour and thought.

There is lots of scope for future development but initially the group needs to ensure that there is good, solid foundation so that future development of the project is successful. It was agreed to keep a core group, listed above and this should ensure that the project stays focused and can create a tight brief/plan, invite targeted guests/specialists as and when needed for specific aspects of the project. There was some discussion about the name of the project.

The Hope Triangle was agreed.

There was an in depth discussion on how best to develop the space and how best to achieve our outcomes-

Outcomes

1. To create a space that will encourage reflection and calm
2. To disseminate Mental Health & Well being Information
3. Assist with change in cognitive thought and behaviour
4. Assist to strengthen and support community volunteering

5. To put an environmental activity at the core of the mental health recovery process
6. Learning about the impact our outdoor spaces can have on our lives through hearing stories, through meeting new people and through experiencing some outdoor hands-on activities around the Hope Triangle

Plan-

1. Organise a gathering of possible partners and stakeholders to assist with the development of the project
2. Create and design the Hope Triangle
3. Create and organise two workshops.

One workshop to target Primary school age children where they can create a Plaque to display the name of the area in the design of a Mosaic. Create a picture gallery depicting in art such words as Hope, Peace, Reflection etc and incorporate pictures into the mosaic. Investigate local partners to assist with this and create a box to collect items for the mosaic, odd dishes, C.D's, mirrors ect.

The second workshop will target the older youths and environmental volunteers with the planting up of the herb circle and position of markers to create a 'Well Being' pathway.

4. Create scented seats and tree stumps with possible carved messages
5. Erect a Notice Board to display Well Being Information
6. Erect Trellis Gateway to welcome community into space
7. An event for environmental and mental health organisations to come and learn about each other and a springboard for future partnership activity for the project.
8. Organise public Opening/Unveiling of Hope Triangle

Tasks/Actions

Costings sought for- plants, Tree Stumps, Mosaics, Art Therapists, Volunteer costs, Trellis, Notice Board, Wooden Markers, concrete steps, nesting & bat boxes, gardening equipment e.g spades, wheelbarrow, trowels, Camomile and Thyme Lawn pieces for seats.

Possible funders- Pentland Neighbourhood Partnership, Edinburgh & Lothians Greenspace Trust, Edinburgh Airport Environmental Fund,

Key Words-Grief, Reflection, Hope, Peace, Well Being,

Sayings/quotes- 'Trouble shared is a trouble halved', 'Two minds are better than one', 'How do you feel',

Partners/Stakeholders- Redhall Walled Garden, Royal Ed- Horticulture Project, Firrhill Day Centre Milestone House, Firrhill High School, Primary Schools, ONC, Pentland Community Centre, Health Centres/professionals, Dunedinanmore, Oxfangs Care, Pentland Neighbourhood Partnership, Craig Dunlop Parks & Leisure, CLD- Mirren Vanko, Maria Gray, Police, local Faiths, Breathing Space, Stepping Stones.

D.O.N.M- Monday 27th Feb 10.30a.m in Lochan View community business Board room. H.W will supply a large map of the Hope Triangle so the group can plan and design the space.

Pathway with small well being sign posts/steps
Scented seated area

Entrance-Trellis archway or Willow
sculpture archway,
Notice Board.

Fruit
Trees

Herb
Circle

Line of trees

Possible Bulb planting could create a duck/bird feed platform

Shrubbery
BraidBurn/Water of Leith

Possible Sign Design-

