

# Firrhill Community Council

*'Nec Aspera Terrent'*

(Undaunted by Adversity)

Minute of Ordinary Meeting of the Council on 24 Sept 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  
J Napier (Minutes Sec)

## Ex-Officio Members:

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

## Visitors:

S Duffy

## Apologies:

Cllr E Aitken; Cllr J Rust; Cllr R Lewis  
G McDonald MSP; S Boyack MSP

## Non- attendance:

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 27 August 2012 were reviewed. There being no corrections, the draft minutes were moved for approval by L Linn and seconded by P Wright. Approved	J N to publish
Matters Arising	<p><b><u>Firrhill Health Centre:</u></b> Meeting of the Project Team was held on the 10<sup>th</sup> September and attended by J Napier in place of the Chair who was covering the next item. The meeting basically covered the same ground as reported in the minutes of the previous meeting. For funding purposes the Firrhill Health Centre Project has been bundled in with two similar projects one at Muirhouse and the other at Blackburn. Firrhill and Muirhouse are on track for moving to the next stage but Blackburn still has issues to be agreed. Funding is reliant on the business case for all three projects being approved at each stage of the funding process.</p> <p>The initial business case for the Firrhill Project has been approved and drawings of different options have been produced and can be made available on the Community Council's website.</p> <p><b><u>Hope Triangle Project:</u></b> The official launch of the project took place on the 10<sup>th</sup> September and despite the weather was well attended by many people who had been touched by the loss of a relative or friend through</p>	JN to action

	<p>suicide. Cllr Aitken spoke about the purpose of the project and its future aims. Firrhill High School choir attended, providing a much appreciated musical rendition. Teachers have indicated they intend to use the event to promote discussion amongst pupils on the subject of suicide. People are still visiting the site and hanging their messages on the trees.</p> <p>A feedback meeting of the Hope Triangle Action Group was held this morning to review the opening ceremony and consider the next steps. General feeling was that the project should be self-supporting.</p> <p><b>SEPA Flood Warnings:</b></p> <p>In response as to why people who had signed up to SEPA's flood alerts did not receive an alert during the recent flooding event, SEPA stated they did not issue a <i>specific</i> alert for the Braid Burn, which was what these people had signed up for. Only a <i>general</i> flood alert was issued for the Edinburgh and Lothians area, which they had not registered for. There is perhaps a need for some clarification on SEPA's alert system if those at greatest risk are not being alerted.</p> <p>Cllr Aitken forwarded information received through a <i>Members Brief</i> about the severe weather conditions and the Council's preparedness</p> <p>SEPA issued a general Flood Alert at 17:31 yesterday (Sunday 23 Sept), with very heavy, persistent rainfall forecast for Lothian and Borders from mid afternoon today, Monday until early Tuesday morning.</p> <p>Staff are checking the culverts and screens prone to blockage and additional officers are on standby, and will be until the SEPA alert is removed. Additional Road Services staff have been also put on standby, including through the night. More than 6,000 sandbags are filled and ready for use.</p> <p>River flooding is not expected, although there may be some localised flooding. The Flood Prevention unit will continue to monitor the weather and rivers, as well as check for any blockages.</p> <p>If people are concerned or looking for advice about how to protect their properties they can check the local news bulletin, the SEPA website or call the Council on 0131 200 2000.</p> <p>There is useful information for residents on the Council's website and the telephone number for residents to call in an emergency is 0131 200 2000.</p>	
<p>Community Police Report</p> <p><b><u>PC D Crawford</u></b></p>	<p><b>Annual Oxfangs Child Safety Day:</b></p> <p>On Wednesday 19th September 2012, the Annual Oxfangs Child Safety Day was held at the station. It is estimated that around 370 P3 aged children from local schools attended with their class teachers and parent volunteers. A big thanks has to go out to Partner Agencies and colleagues including R.N.L.I.; Health &amp; Safety Executive; Lothian &amp; Borders Fire and Rescue Service; SSPA; Pentland Rangers; City of Edinburgh Council; Lothian &amp; Borders Police - Roads Policing Department and to Asda Superstore who supplied snacks for the children. Each contributed in their own way and helped the day go so well – the weather was also kind for once.</p> <p>Comment of the day came from one wee lad who said, " This is the best day of my life ". Makes it all worthwhile really.</p>	

	<p><b>Crimes of note throughout this reporting period:</b></p> <p>On Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> Sept at about 1750 hours, a Lothian Bus had a window on its upper deck damaged as it travelled along Colinton Mains Drive towards the roundabout at Tesco.</p> <p>No-one was seen throwing the stone and enquiries so far have proved fruitless. The crime is not recorded as a <b>vandalism</b> given that persons were on the bus and the culprit paid no regard for their safety or his/her own actions. Thankfully no-one was injured.</p> <p>On Thursday 6th at about 0400 hours a fire was spotted in a Bin Store at the rear of flats in Oxgangs Crescent. It is believed the fire was started deliberately and enquiries are ongoing into the matter.</p> <p>On Saturday 8th at about 2.15pm in another act of <b>vandalism</b>, a local 19 year old male damaged a car whilst it was parked outside Oxgangs Neighbourhood Centre in Firrhill Drive. He was traced a short time later and was arrested and charged with the offence. He is currently on remand.</p> <p>On Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> at about 2145 hours a male was <b>seriously assaulted</b> in the vicinity of Oxgangs House by another well known local youth who was wielding and used a golf club on the victim. Although being arrested and charged with this and a number of other offences, he was bailed from court following his appearance on Monday 10th.</p> <p>On Tuesday 11th at about 2000 hours at the conclusion of the Youth Café held at Oxgangs Neighbourhood Centre, a youth was <b>assaulted</b> by a male known to him. The incident may well be linked to the previous incident and the culprit is still to be traced and charged.</p> <p>On Thursday 13th, at about 1800 hours a female was arrested in Oxgangs Gardens for verbally abusing neighbours. The same person was also arrested similarly a couple of days later on the 15th for a similar <b>breach of the peace</b> offence which was directed at the same neighbours. Matters are now in hand to deal with the criminal and anti-social aspect of such behaviour.</p> <p>On Friday 14<sup>th</sup> at about 2225 hours a female walking in Oxgangs Place was approached by an unknown male who took her mobile phone from her and ran off. The complainer gave chase and was then <b>assaulted</b> by the same male prior to him making off this time for good. Enquiries are still ongoing into this incident.</p> <p>Overnight between Wednesday 19th and Thursday 20th, persons unknown have entered the garden of a property in Oxgangs Medway and forced their way into the <b>garden shed</b> there. No items were removed.</p> <p>During the early evening of Saturday 22nd, a length of copper piping worth about £60.00 was <b>stolen</b> from the grounds of a house in Oxgangs Ter. It appears no persons were seen or heard acting suspiciously.</p> <p><b>Statistical Report:</b></p> <p>Beat PF56 – Fairmilehead and Buckstone - 66</p> <p>Beat PF57 – Central OXgangs - 169</p> <p>Beat PF58 – Colinton and Bonaly - 77</p>	
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	<p><b>Safer Neighbourhood Team:</b></p> <p>Operation Arable – This ‘A’ Division Initiative started a number of months ago in response to an increase in the number of reported <b>Street Robberies</b> taking place across the city. The aim was to offer a co-ordinated approach to the reporting of such crimes and the police response and investigation of them.</p> <p>This was mainly through the deployment of High Visibility Patrols in main areas and travel corridors in the city. Not unnaturally during the initial phases of the operation the detection of such crimes increased, notable persons were arrested and charged and the incidence of the crime type reduced.</p> <p>As of Friday 24th August 2012, Operation Arable has begun once again with the approach being focussed on local beat areas. The same tactic of patrols, licensed premises visits and journeys on public transport are being followed alongside traditional methods of policing involving relevant persons being stopped, checked out and if appropriate, searched for weapons.</p> <p>At the moment, there is no set date for the operation to end and it will continue well into the winter period when a further evaluation of the results will take place.</p> <p><b>Items raised by CC Members:</b></p> <p>With reference to the spate of <b>graffiti</b> in the area, DC advised there has been no progress on identifying the person(s) responsible.</p> <p>There have been reports of gang warfare within the area and the police have responded with high visibility patrols but it is not clear how accurate these reports are and thus how much of a threat is posed.</p> <p><i>To pass on information about crime anonymously, call Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111 or fill out their secure, encrypted online <a href="#">Giving Information Form</a>.</i></p>	
Ward Cllr's Reports	The written reports submitted by Cllrs Aitken and Rust were read out by the Secretary and noted. A copy of their reports is attached as Appendix 1.	
Questionnaire on the Scheme of Community Councils	<p>This refers to a questionnaire sent out by Eileen Hewitt, Community Council Liaison &amp; Development Officer for the City Council. Community Councils have raised a number of issues where the Scheme has been unable to offer sufficient clarity or guidance. The questionnaire seeks to record the views of community councils regarding the Scheme and is to be returned by 1 October 2012.</p> <p>The questionnaire has been circulated prior to the meeting to enable members to read and consider their views. Chair went through the paper question by question and the Secretary recorded the agreed collective response from the community council.</p> <p>The Secretary to return the completed questionnaire to the Community Council Liaison and Development Officer.</p>	PW to action

<p>PNP Reports: <b>H Levy</b> PNP Business and Public Meetings 28 Aug 2012 11 Sept 2012</p>	<p>Proposed Changes to Refuse Collection: Liam Glass, Waste Services was supposed to give a briefing on this subject but could not make the meeting, thus flyers, etc were tabled for info</p> <p>Short Life Working Group: Christine Doherty gave a briefing on the access issues concerning the Wester Hailes Healthy Living Centre and apparently the underpass problems have been resolved</p> <p>Community Council Workshop Preparation Group: see appendix 2</p> <p>Nomination process for Sub Group Chairs: Christine Doherty explained the process (see appendix 3) and explained the benefit if all sub groups will go through this process. In short where the sub group chair steps down and new chair is elected by group members-the exiting chair can be nominated again.</p> <p>Funding Panel: nothing to report as there were no applications submitted. Due to meet on 17/10/12, first scheduled meeting was cancelled due to lack of applications. Meet the Funders event scheduled for Wednesday 26th September 2012, 1-4pm at GATE 55, 55 Sighthill Road, Edinburgh</p> <p>Area Board Meeting 7 Aug 2012: Maud Wylie and Scott Neill reported on the meeting, which covered rent arrears; changes to eviction legislation and landlord performance (see minute of previous meeting for report)</p> <p>Community Safety Meeting due on the 3 Sept 2012: Cllr Aitken reported that this sub group was going through the process of selecting a new chair</p> <p>Environment, Infrastructure &amp; Transport Meeting 30 July 2012: David Bewsey reported on their discussions on the "Green Belt Policy – What does it mean for the Pentlands Area" from Principle Planner A Kirkwood; Refuse Collection Changes and Strategic Planning issues.</p>	
<p>PNP Reports: <b>A Hunter:</b> Community Safety Group Meeting held 3 Sept 2012.</p>	<p>Nominations and approval for the Community Safety Sub-Group Chair: Councillor Elaine Aitken was re-elected for a further term.</p> <p>Once again, this meeting showed that all areas represented had similar problems: Anti- social behaviour; Break-ins to property, cars, sheds, etc; Dog-fouling. Trees and hedges in all wards are overgrown, encroaching over pavements and also restricting drivers' vision near bends and roundabouts. Graffiti: still covering all wards; no report of whether culprit is known, and no sign of it being cleaned up.</p> <p>There is a need to make drivers aware of the 20 mph zones around schools and the zig-zags at school entrances.</p> <p>Lack of rubbish bins in Colinton Mains Park is an issue.</p> <p>CRIME: if you see anything suspicious, 'Phone Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111: the more calls there are, the higher the priority.</p>	
<p>Treasurer's Report : <b>P Podd</b></p>	<p>On 30<sup>th</sup> August the basic community council 2012 grant in the sum of £676.04 was received from the City of Edinburgh Council. This remains on the same level as last year</p> <p>On 5<sup>th</sup> September we received from the Neighbourhood Partnership, the community grant (£1775.00) applied for to fund the Hope Triangle Project. Various expenditures are to be paid from this amount and will be recorded at the next meeting.</p>	

	Our bank balance now stands at £5,264,26	
Planning Applications Report	<p>See appendix 4 for details of applications and decisions appertaining to the Firrhill Ward and proposal of application notices for major works within the Edinburgh area, as recorded in the weekly planning bulletins from 27<sup>th</sup> August to 24<sup>th</sup> September.</p> <p><b>Good Companions:</b> The planning application to alter the upper floor of the property for use as a house of multiple occupancy (HMO) still in abeyance. The application to register a HMO is still under consideration. The Community Council's response to both of these applications has been recorded in previous minutes. Cllr Rust has received an acknowledgement that his letter is receiving attention and that the HMO application will now be referred to the Council's Licensing Sub-Committee for a determination.</p>	
Correspond/	See appendix 5 for list of correspondence received since last meeting	
AOCB	<p><b>Bridle Path:</b> this refers to the strip of land along the burn between Colinton Mains Drive – Oxgangs Road North and to the rear of Colinton Mains Road. In previous reports concerning the upkeep of this area the City Council had avoided taking action on the basis that ownership was not clear. AH reported he had been informed by a neighbour in Colinton Mains Road, that the deeds of his property clearly indicated the land belonged to the old Edinburgh Corporation. He proposed that this information be passed to the Councillors for use at their meeting with Mike Avery on the subject of grass-cutting. This was agreed subject to the meeting not already having taken place.</p> <p><b>Visit to the Scottish Parliament:</b> reminder that this still had to be arranged.</p> <p><b>Walled Garden at Police Station:</b> this relates to the work being carried out by a resident in the old people's supported housing at the Police Station. AH gave a report on the work carried out and a reminder of our agreement to seek reimbursement from the City Council for the monies spent by this gentleman on developing the garden.</p>	<p>PW to action</p> <p>HL to action</p> <p>Cllr Aitken actioning</p>
Date, Time & Venue of Next Meeting	<p>22 October 2012 at 7.00pm.</p> <p>Proposal to change the time of meeting to the afternoon to avoid the dark nights. To check with City Councillors if this would suit them, before deciding.</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>	<b>HL to action</b>

The meeting ended at 9.15pm

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

## Councillors Reports

### Councillor Aitken

1. On 10th September, the frequency of refuse collections changed to fortnightly. Unfortunately, I have been inundated with complaints about lack of collections for green and brown bins, communal bins and food waste. It shortly became clear that the problems were city-wide. Reasons given were new routes with which the operatives were unfamiliar, lorry breakdowns and backlog. My colleagues and I were told that these issues would be resolved at the end of the first week, but the problems persist. Residents are now extremely frustrated and we are seeking strong reassurances on the steps being taken to resolve the situation as soon as possible.
2. The launch of the Hope Triangle took place on Monday 10th September to mark the start of International Suicide Week. Despite poor weather, both sessions were well attended, many discs were inscribed then placed on trees and some planting took place. The Vocal Academy choir from Firrhill High School sang superbly in the afternoon and added to the experience.
3. On 3rd September, The Pentland Neighbourhood Partnership Community Safety Sub Group met to set priorities for the next three months. Alistair Hunter attended and will report back.
4. I attended the Child Safety Day at Oxfords Police Station last Wednesday. A record number of pupils came to the event which was very well organised. The children thoroughly enjoyed learning about community safety, environmental services and the work of the police. The new Divisional Commander, Malcolm Clark, visited and spoke very positively about the event.
5. I received a complaint that, since the refurbishment of Oxfords Library, no chairs with arms were on hand. I contacted Liz McGettigan and a number are now available.
6. I sent an email to David Jamieson, Head of Parks and Greenspace highlighting the high volume (200) of extra cars parked near Colinton Mains Park one Sunday when AC Oxfords had home matches. I urged him to consider any measures which could be taken to alleviate the situation. His response was encouraging so hopefully, some solutions can be discussed.
7. I will be monitoring the parking round Pentland Primary School again following complaints. Also, I have reported problems with dog fouling near the school again.
8. Colinton Mains Community Centre held its AGM last Friday and I was delighted to be able to pass on congratulations on behalf of myself and my ward colleagues for the dedication, time and hard work given by the Management Committee.
9. The AGM for Pentland Community Centre took place on 19th September. The Management Committee members and Office Bearers were elected but the Secretary's post remains unfilled. A presentation was given on the refurbishment proposals. Again, I conveyed thanks on behalf of myself and my ward colleagues for the sterling work done by the Management Committee and the Refurbishment Group.
10. Visited Milestone House this morning to hear about the excellent work they do and the centre's future.

## **Councillor Rust**

1. There have been a number of complaints from across the area regarding the new bin collections. In many instances refuse is not being uplifted at all and in other cases only a part-job is being undertaken. This is clearly not good enough. The Council place strict instructions on what is required from residents by the Council, so it is shocking that the Council seems to have this laid back attitude regarding their responsibilities. The Conservative Group last week put forward an emergency motion at Council in relation to the problems experienced by local residents and the Council Administration has agreed to produce a report for next month's Full Council.
2. Attended the Battle of Britain Service on Sunday 16th September at St Giles' Cathedral, which was also attended by a number of officers from Leuchars.
3. Funds are being sought towards the preservation of the WW1 training trenches in Dreghorn Wood. There has been a lot of media interest since the campaign began and we are hopeful that the MOD will be contributing towards a survey.
4. The report on the proposed Firrhill Health Centre following my motion came to the last Health, Social Care and Housing Committee meeting. Progress is now being made.
5. The room known as The Old Council Chamber is to be re-named The Diamond Jubilee room following a motion by new Conservative Councillor for Pentland Hills Ward, Dominic Heslop. Other local authorities in Lothians and Borders had already taken steps to recognise Her Majesty's 60 years on the throne. The cost of the change will be around £500.



## **Pentlands Partnership Preparation Group for Community Council's & Amenity Association - Report**

Representatives from five community organisation attended a meeting held at Pentlands Community Centre on 21 June 2012. The meeting was arranged in response to a paper the SW Partnership Team had been presented to an earlier Pentlands Partnership Business Meeting in which the Team had outlined the move to assist local community groups:

- Engage fully with the local communities they represent
- Develop local actions that reflect the needs of each community in the Pentlands Partnership area.

In the general discussion community representatives agreed that the creating of the partnership structure had been a step in the right direction. Reps felt that collectively they were part of a progressive structure that on the whole was slowly delivering improved services.

Representatives felt that through the partnership process their views were acknowledged by the Council. The partnerships role, as an advisory body, was also seen as an improved process to localise City wide issues affecting each area. Reps felt that more participation would be welcomed at sub group level from key partners and central departments, but were reasonably satisfied with the partnerships development over the last five years.

On the issue of how community group engage with the local community experience was varied. Many community groups in attendance have in place a variety of social media channels, newsletters and web sites etc which to some degree work in distributing local news to the wider populous. However, most reps agreed that no one community group had captured overwhelming community support.

Community meeting attendances were varied, local people tended to dip in and out of public meetings depending on the burning issues at that time. Many reps felt that the local Community Council were struggling to raise their respective profiles in the communities they served.

In some cases reps felt that local people took their local CC or AA for granted and magically expected some community response to and consultation affecting essential services or proposed reforms. A number of reps stated that as community body they could not confidently give a clear picture of their community's profile in some partnership priority areas. From this open and frank discussion the reps concluded that there were communication barriers and possibly identity issues that the partnership could assist each community group with at varying levels.

The Partnership Team outlined the proposal to use the information that they naturally collate in terms of enquiries and applications into the various local funding streams. Many of the groups applying for funding are wider community bodies and focus of their project work compliments the Pentlands Local Community Plans (LCP). As an example the team circulated a list of community groups operating throughout the Pentlands area. In many cases the group were delivering pieces of work in more than 3 community councils areas covering the full spectrum of ages.

Reps thought that by combining their own distribution lists (where those on these lists had given their consent) with the partnership contacts would deliver a substantial demographic database of potential contacts in which the Partnership could use for consultation opportunities as well as gathering public opinion of a wide range of partnership actions & local activities.

The partnership team proposed developing a Public Participation Form database (PPF) that would invite many of these groups and individuals to join this process. Reps agreed that the database

should be able to function at local level to allow targeting of a particular question to go to a specific demographic group, body or organisation for a quick snapshot of opinion.

When using this database reps thought that the quick approach to constructing questions should be used so a consultee can complete the questionnaire or series of questions in less than 2 minutes. It was also agreed that the PPF would only be used once every 6-8 weeks so that it stays novel to the consultees and that work or project activities that come from this tool are widely publicised.

In relation to developing local actions and activities that compliment the LCP the Partnership Team suggested to the community reps that to compliment the developing PPF process each community group develop a Community Engagement Plan (CEP).

Reps were interested in looking at a workshop during the schools autumn break in October 2012 to move this proposal forward. The developing CEP will look to deliver a number of benefits to local community partners and the Partnership.

1. Enable communities to be better informed about issues and activities
2. Reduce levels of misinformation to wider community in each Pentlands area
3. Encourage wider community groups to come forward with ideas and initiatives.
4. Enable local community partners to gain a better understanding of local needs.
5. Help to identify local issues that have not come through the Local Community Planning process.
6. Ensure greater commitment and buy-in of activities and outcome by wider community.
7. Develop a strong relationship between community partners and the wider community.
8. Reducing conflict in communities over certain issues and activities.
9. Assisting community groups to have a better understanding of the viewpoint and needs of other community bodies and organisations.

The development of the CEP should have a positive impact on the capacity of groups or individuals to respond to opportunities to provide their views and thoughts on key issues.

CEP should assist the community partners raise the profile of their respective councils' as well as confidently develop local actions/ activities that compliment what the local community wish to see delivered. Community Reps agreed that it would be important to be clear about the purpose of Community Engagement processes and choose the right method of engagement to achieve their goals.

It was also felt necessary to ensure that any participants in a community engagement process were clear about their role and what was being promised when they engaged with their local community Council or the Partnership.

All community reps agreed to take forward the development of:

- Public Participation Forum database.
- Development of a workshop to assist each community partner create their own Community Engagement Plan

SW Partnership & Information Team ,

1 August 2012

## **Nomination process for Sub Group Chairs**

The current sub groups for the Pentlands NP are under review. The local action plans are being looked at for the new session forthcoming and the memberships will also be considered. There are obviously changes in representation from a number of different aspects, new elected members, new representatives from partner organisations and new community council representatives. Part of this process will be the consideration of new chairs for the sub groups.

The process for the selection of the sub groups is as follows:

- People interested in chairing a particular sub group are either nominated or put themselves forward for the role.
- The sub group meets and considers nominations.
- If only one nomination is put forward then a seconder is called for and if that is noted then the nominated person becomes the chair.
- The period of time to hold the chair is also agreed at this point, e.g. 1year or more.
- If there is more than one nomination for the chair then it would go to a vote of the sub group.
- The sub group chairs are agreed by the members of that sub group.

The Partnership Team await nominations for chair positions. Community Reps and sub group members who wish to be put forward for chair positions please specify which sub group you wish to be considered for. Future sub group meetings will have the nomination for Chair on the agenda for consideration and ratification.

SW Partnership Team

8 August 2012

## Weekly Planning Bulletin Report for September Meeting

### 27 August 2012

**Application** 12/02847/PNT for the Installation of telecommunications apparatus at 2 Oxfangs Bank, Edinburgh, EH13 9JT. Registered on 17/08/2012 – comments due by 07.09.2012.

This is apparently not an application but notification of a permitted development to upgrade the existing telecommunications installation on the roof of the Good Companions. Original application to install a three sector antenna, with a 3m dish and associated cabinet and works was submitted in 2001.

I have sent a query to the planning officer dealing with this application in regard to the siting of telecommunication equipment in such close proximity to bedroom accommodation, but the likelihood is that it will be permissible as this is an upgrade to an existing installation and the manager's flat was on the upper floor.

#### **Proposal of Application Notices for the City of Edinburgh:**

Ward No.11 – City Centre: Proposal of Application 12/02797/PAN for an amendment to detailed planning permission (10/02373/FUL) to include design changes to proposed hotel development (Block D) of the approved masterplan at 189 Morrison Street, Edinburgh, EH3 8DN.

**Decision** on application (12/02163/CLE) for a certificate of lawfulness for the formation of a driveway at 2 Oxfangs Farm Loan has been granted.

### 3 September 2012

No applications or decisions for Ward 08 – Firrhill CC

#### **Proposal of Application Notices for the City of Edinburgh:**

Ward No.04 – Forth:– Proposal of Application 12/03084/PAN for a new residential development comprising apartment buildings at land to the rear of 500 Ferry Road, Edinburgh.

### 10 September 2012

No applications or decisions for Ward 08 – Firrhill CC.

#### **Proposal of Application Notices for the City of Edinburgh:**

Ward 14 – Craighentenny/Duddingston: Listed Category B : 12/03177/PAN: for the construction of approximately 160 new build flats and houses, demolition of the gatehouse at 4 Seafeld Street and conversion of the chapel and the matron's house to form residential dwellings at 4 Seafeld Street, Edinburgh, EH6 7LG.

### 17 September 2012

No applications or decisions for Ward 08 – Firrhill CC.

#### **Proposal of Application Notices for the City of Edinburgh:**

Ward 4 – Forth: 12/03084/PAN: for a new residential development comprising apartment buildings at land to the rear of 500 Ferry Road, Edinburgh.

### 24 September 2012

No applications or decisions for Ward 08 – Firrhill CC.

No Proposal of Application Notices for the City of Edinburgh

## Correspondence: 28 August – 21 September, 2012

- 1 f by E Hewitt: re-launch of National Network of Community Councils, now called National Network for Change and Community: [nationalnetworkccc.com](http://nationalnetworkccc.com)
- 2 Cllr Rust: copy of legal letter to S Anderson, and confirmation of passing on J Napier's letter obo Firrhill CC re application for 2 Oxfangs Bank.
- 3 E Hewitt: procedures adopted by City Council on 23/08/12 to comply with Standards Commission Code of Conduct and allow all parties/ward members equal opportunity to speak at Development Management Committee meetings.
- 4 H Levy: documents for update meeting, 29/08, re Hope Triangle.
- 5 G Donald, SEPA: no Flood Warning was issued for Braid Burn on 7 July; Flood Warnings and general Flood Alerts went out for other areas of Edinburgh & Lothians, but not for this area.
- 6 H Levy: papers for Firrhill Health Centre Project Steering Group meeting (she can't attend).
- 7 Cllr Rust & Gordon MacDonald MSP: Planning Guidance to make it easier for applicants to identify what they need to do before submitting applications. Three draft documents available at: [www.edinburgh.gov.uk/planningconsultations](http://www.edinburgh.gov.uk/planningconsultations). Public's views can be recorded (by 27 Sept) on guidance for businesses; householders; listed buildings and conservation areas.
- 8 H Levy: Hope Triangle Launch, 10 Sept.
- 9 Neighbourhood Office: papers for PNP Public Meeting, 11 Sept, Fairmilehead Parish Church.
- 10 E Hewitt: City Council Alcohol Licensing info/training session for CCs on 8 October at 7 pm, in Business Centre, City Chambers.
- 11 Neighbourhood Office: public on-line survey at [www.edinburgh.gov.uk/propertyconsultation](http://www.edinburgh.gov.uk/propertyconsultation) looking at options for re-design of services previously managed by Property Conservation Service re Property Factoring; Sample Inspections; Tenement Management Schemes; Project Management.
- 12 G MacDonald MSP at Tesco for their 21 years of giving vouchers for schools: presentation of IT and sports equipment to Oxfangs, Bonaly and Clovenstone Primaries.
- 13 Neighbourhood Office: process for nominating/electing Chairs for PNP sub-groups.
- 14 E Hewitt: Volunteer Recruitment Fair, 26 Sept, 11 am -7 pm, St P&G Church Hall, York Place.
- 15 E Hewitt: Adult Learning Project Democracy Course (free) on Empowering People & Communities – 10 wks from Mon 15 Oct., 4.45-6.45 pm, Tollcross Primary School. Tel: 221 5800
- 16 Council Leader Andrew Burns' September Report.
- 17 MSPs Gordon MacDonald and Sarah Boyack: apologies for FCC's meeting on 24 Sept.
- 18 N Tinlin, EACC Sec: papers for meeting on 27 Sept, 7 pm, in City Chamber.
- 19 Gordon MacDonald MSP: September Newsletter
- 20 Cllr Rust re HMO Application for 2 Oxfangs Bank.
- 21 S Neill re Pentlands Community Grants Applications: community groups to apply by 9 October.
- 22 S Neill: Meet the Funders Event, 26 Sept., 1-4 pm, in Gate 55, Sighthill Rd.
- 23 H Levy: Hope Triangle Health Action Group meeting, 24 Sept, 10 am, 12 Firrhill Neuk.
- 24 Cllrs Elaine Aitken & Jason Rust: apologies for FCC's meeting on 24 Sept