

## Firrhill Community Council

*'Nec Aspera Terrent'*

(Undaunted by Adversity)

Minute of Ordinary Meeting of the Council on 25 Feb 2013  
Held in Oxfangs Care Offices, Firrhill Neuk.

### Members:

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

### Apologies:

PC D Crawford, LBP

### Ex-Officio Members:

E Aitken, Councillor, CEC  
R Lewis, Councillor, CEC  
J Rust, Councillor, CEC  
D Crawford, LBP, Oxfangs Police Stn  
G MacDonald, MSP

### Visitors:

S Duffy  
F Gosney  
Sgt MacKenzie, LBP

### Non- attendance:

P Podd

The meeting started at 7pm . H Levy in the Chair.

### Minutes of Previous Meeting

The draft minutes for our meeting held on 28 January 2013 were reviewed. The Minute Secretary advised he had returned the format of the minute back to the original style. This would facilitate its publication as a PDF document, enabling readers to view a list of headings on the opening page. In reformatting the document, the names of visitors to the last meeting had been missed out. This would be corrected in the published version. There being no other corrections, the draft minutes were moved for approval by L Linn and seconded by A Hunter. Approved.

### Matters Arising

#### AOCB - Raised Garden at Police Station

This relates to the work carried out by an elderly resident living in the supported housing scheme at the police station. The Community Council through Cllr Aitken were seeking reimbursement to this gentleman from the City Parks Dept for the money he spent redeveloping the neglected communal garden. Cllr Aitken reported she had received a favourable response from Craig Dunlop. See also Cllr Aitken's report.

**Action:** Chair to provide Cllr Aitken with copies of the receipts.

### **AOCB – Consultation: Scottish Government – Suicide and Self Harm Engagement**

This relates to the holding of a local event to supplement the official public engagement events organised by the Scottish Government. Proposed to hold it in the Oxfangs Neighbourhood Centre but has been rescheduled to Monday, 15<sup>th</sup> April, between 1 and 4pm. This is a change of date from that recorded in previous minute.

### **AOCB – Colinton Mains Park: Litter Bins**

Query on loss of litter bin at the Park entrance. Cllr Aitken reported that she had discussed this with the Parks Officer and it will be looked at but there is currently a shortage of bins.

## **Community Police Report**

PC Crawford submitted a written report which was read out and added to by Sgt Mackenzie.

During the period 1st to 25th February 2013, there have been a total of 30 recordable incidents reported in the Firrhill/Oxfangs area. Of that number, 13 have been solved with those responsible being reported to either the Procurator Fiscal or Children's Reporter where appropriate. Further enquiries are ongoing into some of these incidents which are expected to bring about a positive outcome. The incident types are as follows:

- Vandalism x 7
- Theft x 3 ( 1 solved )
- Assault x 9 ( 5 solved )
- Dangerous Dog/Out of control x 1
- Offensive Weapon/Carrying a Knife x 2 ( 2 solved )
- Breach of the Peace x 7 ( 5 solved )
- Careless Driving x 1 ( Solved – see Road Traffic Matters below )

### **Crimes of Note throughout this period**

On 3<sup>rd</sup> February an assault and breach of the peace took place when a local 43 year old female heavily under the influence of alcohol assaulted another female patron within the Good Companions Public House. She then failed the attitude test with the police and was further charged with committing a Breach of the Peace.

On the 6<sup>th</sup> there was a breach of the peace when during what began as a routine traffic stop for a minor Road Traffic Offence, a female driver took exception to the police's actions which culminated in her offering the officers a tirade of abuse. She was reported accordingly..... as well as receiving her Traffic Ticket.

On the 7<sup>th</sup>, another breach of the peace took place In Oxfangs Bank, when a drunken male took exception to being told he could not be collected by a Private Hire Taxi and went on to shout and swear at the driver; stand in front of the vehicle and strike it as it tried to drive off. Enquiries are ongoing to try and trace this person who was with a larger group at the time.

An act of vandalism took place In the early hours of the 10<sup>th</sup>, the owner of a vehicle parked in Oxfangs Hill was aware of a bang coming from the street outside his home. On looking out, he saw the rear windscreen of his car had been smashed and a male youth running off towards Oxfangs Avenue. The suspect is 17-18 years and was wearing jeans and a brown T-shirt.

On the 11<sup>th</sup> following police attending an incident in Oxfangs Rise, a 17 year old local youth continued to shout and swear in their presence refused to stop and was charged accordingly.

An assault and breach of the peace also took place on the 11th, when a number of local persons, all of whom are known to the police, had a "set-to" in Oxfangs Road North. As a result, a number of

them have already been charged with Public Order related offences. Further enquiry is being carried out in relation to several complaints/counter complaints that were made which should result in more police action being taken in due course.

On the 14th, a young male from the Firrhill area took the keys and car belonging to his father without permission and drove off. He has been charged with this offence.

Sometime on the 19<sup>th</sup> an act of vandalism took place when a window was damaged at a flat in Oxbgangs Street. This is the second instance of damage being caused at this address during the month, with two ground floor windows reported as having been maliciously smashed on 7th February.

On the evening of the 21<sup>st</sup>, the owner of a vehicle parked in Oxbgangs Terrace was alerted to the sound of his car's door being opened and closed. On investigating he saw a male staggering away towards the Colinton Mains Road area, but only discovered shortly afterwards that a Satellite Navigation System ; Sunglasses and some CD's had been removed from the unlocked car.

### Road Traffic Matters

On 6th February a serious Road Traffic Accident happened at the junction of Colinton Mains Road and Colinton Mains Drive whereby an elderly couple were struck and knocked to the ground by a car as it turned from the main road into Colinton Mains Road. Both sustained varying amounts of injuries which required immediate and follow up hospital treatment. The driver was subsequently Cautioned and Charged with Careless Driving and a report has been submitted to the Procurator Fiscal.

### Statistics

Beat PF56 – Fairmilehead and Buckstone - 52

Beat PF57 – Central Oxbgangs - 151

Beat PF58 – Colinton and Bonaly - 98

### Safer Neighbourhood Team

Foot patrols continue to be carried out in the area surrounding Oxbgangs Drive/Grove and House. This has followed complaints of Anti Social Behaviour and alleged drug activity. Unlike last month, no incidents of note have required formal police action.

Officers have carried out patrols and letter drops in areas where alleged Bogus Workman activity has taken place.

The response received from some householders has allowed dedicated officers dealing with such crime to follow positive lines of enquiry. It has also become clear that a number of genuine firms are also canvassing for business in various locations.

All residents should remember there is no obligation to enter into any kind of exchange with unexpected callers.

If any doubt exists at all as to the genuineness of these workmen and their offer to carry out work, simply decline such offers and contact the police. Genuine firms will not mind having their credentials established, whereas less than genuine workmen will, at the very least, have their activities disrupted.

Residents should be aware that there appears to be the presence in the area of persons going door to door selling dusters, brushes and other household goods. A person carrying out such work needs to be in possession of a Pedlar's Certificate which they should have previously obtained from the respective Local Authority. They are required to produce it on demand/request. Albeit the legislation covering this activity is old to say the least, the certificate is a requirement for those who wish to

“peddle” their goods and wares door to door and householders should not feel embarrassed or awkward in asking to see it. Any suspicions as regards its authenticity should be reported to the police.

## Operation Cipher

Sgt Mackenzie gave an insight into an initiative named Operation Cipher 2 which has been carried out in the Gorgie, Dalry, Fountainbridge and Calder areas of the city with variable measures of success. Discussions are taking place to extend it into the Central Oxfangs beat area. Operation Cipher is a multi agency approach to helping an area become cleaner, greener and safer. This time, as well as having the usual police, city council, fire and rescue service, and health organisations collaborating, there are also various housing associations on board and very keen to assist in whichever way they can. It is hoped that by working with the community this exercise will make a difference and lead to a reduction in behavioural and other problems found in the area.

Throughout the period of operation the police and their partners will be running a number of ‘roadshows’ at different venues within the area and giving advice and details of the various services available to people. Most importantly will be the task of speaking to local residents so we can identify the issues that affect them the most and deal with them together.

**Action:** *the Community Council will endeavour to promote this initiative and assist in any way they can.*

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*To pass on information about crime anonymously, call Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111 or fill out their secure, encrypted online [Giving Information Form](#).*

## Ward Councillors’ Reports

### Councillor Rust

1. Land at Oxfangs Brae – Councillors having a further meeting with city development officers. Item 8.3 the Finance and Budget Committee meeting, 21 February, ‘Use of Surplus Council Land at Oxfangs Brae, Edinburgh’ – report by the Director of Services for Communities. Recommendation was that the Committee approve that the land at Oxfangs Brae be declared surplus to requirement of the Council and to the HRA, and note that options will be considered for the development of this land in consultation with the local community and its elected members.
2. PNP Business Meeting will be held tomorrow night (26<sup>th</sup> Feb) in Pentland Primary School.
3. Oxfangs Bake Off will be held in the Oxfangs Neighbourhood Centre on 15<sup>th</sup> March in support of the Red Nose Day
4. Oxfangs Walkabout on 28<sup>th</sup> Feb – meeting at 10.00 am corner of Oxfangs Crescent and Drive.
5. Refuse Collections: number of complaints received by all councillors regarding the actions of the *refuse collection service* is placing enforcement notices on people’s waste bins. (See also Cllr Aitken’s report below).

**Action:** *Following a lengthy discourse on the subject of refuse collections, recycling and enforcement, the Chair proposed as there was a substantial amount of interest on this subject within the meeting; we should extend the debate to the wider community. It was agreed a public meeting be organised for this purpose.*

## Councillor Aitken

1. Refuse collections continue to cause problems:
  - Bins whose lids are not fully closed were not emptied. I complained to the Waste Manager and Director and, as a result, some of the bins were subsequently serviced.
  - Bins in Firrhill Drive missed
2. The application by 'The Money Station' to open a shop in Oxgangs Broadway was approved taking into consideration suggestions by the police.
3. I've raised complaints about dog fouling and litter in Oxgangs Broadway. I also had chewing gum removed.
4. Oxgangs Neighbourhood Centre raised a complaint that people attending their premises had trouble finding it. I have requested directional signs be placed on Oxgangs Avenue and Crescent.
5. I've asked that consideration should be given to possible sites for recycling bins on plots of land at the corner of Oxgangs Green and Avenue.
6. I've also asked that the end of the path from the bus stop at Oxgangs Road North be repaired and extended because of mud. This will be considered as a possible project for funding by the Area Board.
7. I asked for the paths and roads raised at the last meeting be added to the gritting schedules.
8. Craig Dunlop has now responded to my request to consider reimbursement of costs for the improvements to the garden beside Oxgangs Police Station.
9. Please feed back any comments on NEPs projects proposals which were agreed in principle at the last meeting of the Area Board.
10. Overhanging trees at and in the area around the former 5 bus terminus have been reported. This relates to a number of trees on the open space in front of the Good Companion Public House which appear to have been damaged by high winds and are leaning over at acute angles.
11. I have requested more litter bins near Firrhill High School.
12. I attended the AGM of the Hope Triangle Health Action Group. The committee and office bearers were appointed. Four members of the committee will be attending the Scottish Government Consultation on the new strategy for Suicide Prevention and Self Harm Reduction on Thursday 28th February.

The group is also organising a local consultation event on 15th April as part of Operation Cipher.
13. Heather and I had a site visit re the flood prevention work and temporary road closures in Oxgangs Avenue last weekend and this coming weekend.

We also discussed the flood prevention work happening in the Hope Triangle and adjoining path. This is being carried out by Carillion and involves widening and deepening the burn at this location
14. The next meeting of Pentland Community Safety Sub Group is on 4th March.
15. Pentland Crime Prevention Panel met on 13th February and discussed involvement in Operation Cipher. See Police Report.
16. Dennis William's shop at Oxgangs Broadway will be celebrating its 30th anniversary on 21st March.

**Action:** Re item 13 - matter was discussed by the Community Council and agreed to note its concern at lack of notice to the community of the closure, the re-routing of the Nos 5 and 16 bus service and the provision of a shuttle bus service between Greenbank Crescent and Morningside Station

## Councillor Lewis

Complaints have been received on stair cleaning and noise disturbance within the area.

### **£2M on the budget for sports facilities**

The Meadowbank velodrome may be moving to the Jack Kane Centre. A new purpose-built cycling hub is set to be created in the east of Edinburgh. The proposed investment would include the development of a regional track cycling facility and closed 1km road loop circuit at Hunters Hall Park, the home of the Jack Kane Sports Centre. Additional facilities, such as a BMX track, may be added later.

The move follows discussions with governing bodies and the cycling community regarding their desire to see improved cycling facilities in the city. The commitment is part of the Council's £1.215m investment in sports facilities, which will also include the addition of a new 3G pitch at the Jack Kane. Council officers will submit applications to sportscotland and other bodies with a view to securing additional funding.

### **Schools and the Community:**

Four new working groups have been set up by the City of Edinburgh Council to tackle issues facing schools in the city. The aim of these groups is to engage with stakeholders and assist the Education, Children and Families Sub-Committee in its task of developing policy with cross-party support.

One key group will consider Community Access to Schools (CATS). The aim of this group is to support the Council in its efforts to maximise community access to schools, building upon the educational, cultural, sporting, leisure and community activity already taking place at numerous schools throughout the city.

The group will consider changes to how communities can access facilities through new programmes, potentially using an online bookings and payments system. These changes will take into account and compliment a number of National and Local priorities, and members will work with key partners such as Edinburgh Leisure and Sportscotland. An example of this would be that the shared commitment to continue to develop Community Sports Hubs which have had very positive results at three Edinburgh High Schools in the past twelve months.

## **MSP Report : G Macdonald**

### **New Police Number - 101**

The new non-emergency police number 101 is now operational. This recently launched 101 non-emergency number will make it easier to contact the police when an emergency response is not required.

### **New Free NHS24 Helpline Number - 111**

People in Scotland will no longer be charged for calling NHS 24 after April 2014 when the existing number will be replaced by 111. The current cost to call NHS 24 from a BT landline is the price of a local phone call, with calls from other landline service providers and mobile providers often costing more.

### **War Memorials:**

A £1M fund has been announced to clean and restore Scotland's war memorials in readiness for the centenary of the First World War in 2014. The creation of this new fund will allow communities to carry out maintenance of memorials as part of the 100th anniversary of the First World War. The funding will be made available over the course of the four-year centenary commemorations from 2014-2018 to allow communities to choose the best time to restore their war memorials.

## Blue Badge Scheme:

It is proposed to strengthen the current law relating to the Blue Badge Scheme in Scotland by introducing enforcement powers. This will ensure blue badges are cancelled when no longer applicable or confiscated when misused whilst also providing an appeals process for those who are refused a blue badge on eligibility grounds. Blue Badge misuse and fraud have a cost to the public purse and represent an injustice to those with mobility issues who would benefit most from the scheme. The 'Use and Value of the Blue Badge Scheme' report suggested that misuse is seen as a major problem by the majority of Badge holders.

## Proposed Responsible Parking Bill:

The aim of this Bill is to enable freedom of movement for all pedestrians through the regulation and restriction of parking at dropped kerbs, on pavements and double parking in order to provide free movement for those groups who currently experience severe difficulties and/or dangerous situations as a result of irresponsible parking including the blind, wheelchair users, mothers with pushchairs and children.

## High Hedges Bill:

A Bill to make provision about hedges which interfere with the reasonable enjoyment of domestic properties. The Bill provides for applications to be made to a relevant local authority where a high hedge on neighbouring land is considered to be having an adverse effect on the reasonable enjoyment of domestic property. The Bill gives the local authority powers to settle disputes between neighbours related to high hedges. If the local authority, having taken all views into account, finds that the hedge is having an adverse effect, it could issue a high hedge notice requiring the hedge owner to take action to remedy the problem and prevent it recurring. Failure to comply with such a notice would allow the authority to go in and do the work itself, recovering the costs from the hedge owner. There is a right of appeal to the Scottish Ministers against decisions of an authority and any high hedge notice issued by it.

*Note: MSP received complaints about size of hedge between the gardens at the rear of the Firrhill Drive and the new housing estate on the former City Hospital land. He contacted the land owners regarding this and the hedge has since been cut down.*

## Forth Road Bridge Bill:

This Bill paves the way for the Scottish Government to contract a single bridge operating company to carry out the management and maintenance of –

- the Forth Road Bridge (FRB),
- the new Forth Crossing, and
- the connecting roads from the M90 Junction 3 Halbeath in the north through to the M9 Junction 1a in the south.

In order to contract out the functions of managing and maintaining the FRB, the Scottish Government must take those functions from the Forth Estuary Transport Authority (FETA) (the statutory body which presently fulfils the functions). Accordingly, the Bill –

- makes the road over the FRB a trunk road (which means, like all trunk roads in Scotland, it comes under the Scottish Government's management),
- transfers all of FETA's property and liabilities to the Scottish Government, and
- dissolves FETA.

Rather than transfer FETA's employees to the Scottish Government, only for them to be transferred to the contracted bridge operating company, the Bill transfers FETA's employees directly into the



employment of the bridge operating company and ensures the Transfer of Undertakings (Protection of Employment) Regulations 20061 (the TUPE regulations) apply to the transfer.

## Water Resources (Scotland) Bill

This Bill takes forward the Scottish Government's wish to ensure that Scotland makes every effort to utilise fully its abundant water resources. The Government has set out its vision of Scotland as a Hydro Nation – the first such nation in the world – a nation that manages its water environment to the best advantage, employing its knowledge and expertise effectively at home and internationally. It is developing a wide ranging programme of work to achieve this vision – the Hydro Nation agenda.

The Bill makes provision in relation to Scotland's water resources. It provides for the Scottish Ministers and Scottish Water to further the sustainable development of the value of Scotland's water resources, and for Ministers to control large-scale abstractions from the water environment. It places new duties upon Scottish Water to develop its assets and support renewable energy, and allows its subsidiaries to borrow money directly, rather than through Scottish Water. It gives Scottish Water powers to monitor and manage the quality of water in the water environment that is likely to be used for human consumption. It provides a new mechanism for Scottish Water to deal with temporary shortages of water supplies, replacing the system of drought orders under the Natural Heritage (Scotland) Act 1991 with a new system of water shortage orders. It also allows Scottish Water to protect the public sewerage network from certain substances and facilitates the maintenance of communal private sewage treatment works, as well as making minor changes to the functioning of the retail market for non-domestic water and sewerage services. It also repeals section 26 of the Water Environment and Water Services (Scotland) Act 2003.

*Note: in relation to the Sale of Reservoirs and in particular those reservoirs within the Pentland Hills, the Community Council expressed a sincere hope that proper safeguards are put in place to ensure any new owner(s) maintain the security and stability of the reservoir.*

Proposed Lease at Harlaw Reservoir for a Micro Hydro Scheme.

## Agenda Items Deferred

Due to lack of time the following agenda items were not taken and are included in this Minute for information purposes only. Any matters arising are deferred to the next meeting.

## Amenity Notices

Part of the CEC's Planning Enforcement Charter, an 'Amenity Notice' is a notice under Section 179 (of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997) and provides planning authorities with the power to serve a notice on the owner, lessee or occupier of land, the condition of which is adversely affecting the amenity of the area. The notice sets out the steps to be taken to decrease the adverse effect of the condition of the land within a specified period.

**Action:** *agreed at last meeting to discuss with a view to identifying if there are areas within the locality that meet the above condition and which may be improved through the application of such notices. Due to lack of time this issue has been deferred to the next meeting.*

## Pentland Neighbourhood Partnership Reports

There was insufficient time to present these reports, which had not been circulated prior to the meeting. The following details have been extracted from the paperwork from the respective meetings and included for information only.

## PNP Public Meeting

Meeting was held in Oxbgangs Library on the 29 January at 7pm and attended by H Levy and J Napier. A report on the NP Community Grants Fund was noted. The Pentlands NP budget allocation is



£43,583 for period 2012/13. Grant applications are invited from fully constituted organisations with open membership criteria. the upper limit for grants is normally £5,000.

The following organisations applied for awards which were either made or deferred:

- Currie Community High School Parents in Partnership - £1,705
- Pentland Community Education Centre Association - £5,000
- Colinton Local History Society – deferred
- South Morningside Explorer Scout Unit - £1,860
- Clovenstone Community Centre Management Committee - £883
- Currie Parish Horticultural & Industrial Society – deferred
- Balerno Monday Club – deferred

The total allocated to date from the Community Grants Fund allocation 2012/13 has been 23,971. The 4 awards listed above amount to 9,448 which leaves a balance of £10,164 in the Fund.

There were two presentations:

- Roads and Transport Review – Tony Lear, Roads Services
- Pentlands Health Update – introduced by H Levy and covered *Physical Activities in the Area* (Edinburgh Leisure) and *Healthy Eating* (Lyndsey McLellen).

### **South West Area Board**

Meeting was held in Wester Hailes Library at 6pm on 12<sup>th</sup> February. Unfortunately due to illness J Napier was unable to attend and presented his apologies. The following report covers only those items contained in the business papers for the meeting.

From the Action List:

Proposed project 639 - Cockmylane public path is still ongoing. No further forward with agreement to jointly fund cost from the Parks budget. Also there are no immediate plans to provide lighting to this part of the footpath.

Tenant Led Inspection Presentation – was made by Maude Wylie, Hailesland Neighbourhood Council and Chair of the South West Area Board.

### **Treasurers Report**

No report available.

### **Local Development Plan : Process and Procedures**

On 23 January, J Napier attended this training event which was held to look at the Edinburgh Local Development Plan process as it approached the 'Proposed Plan' midway stage and at the point for submitting representations on the Plan. The item was not taken and a synopsis of the presentation is attached for information. See appendix 1.

### **Planning Applications Report**

Details of planning applications within the Firrhill Community Council area and proposals for major developments within the City area for the period from our last meeting are attached as appendix 2.

### **Correspondence**

This item was also withdrawn due to lack of time. A copy of the circulated correspondence list updated to the date of the meeting is attached as appendix 3

A.O.C.B.

No other business was taken.

**Date, Time and Venue of Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be held on 25<sup>th</sup> March at 7.00pm.

The venue will be the Board Room in the Oxfangs Care Offices, 12 Firrhill Neuk.

The meeting ended at 9.30pm

## Local Development Plan: Process and Procedures 23 January 2013

I attended this training event, which was held to look at the Edinburgh Local Development Plan process<sup>1</sup> as it approached the 'Proposed Plan' stage and at the point for submitting representations on the Proposed Plan. The training event was held in the City Chambers and organised through the Edinburgh Civic Forum<sup>2</sup>.

### Overview

- First Local Development Plan
- Act, Regulations and Circular
- Main Issues Report<sup>3</sup> – consultation Oct 11 – Jan 12
- Published Proposed Plan 2013

### Outputs

- October 2011 – Main Issues Report / Monitoring Statement / Environmental Report
- March 2012 – Development Plan Scheme / Summary of Responses to the Main Issues Report
- December 2012 – Development Plan Scheme
- 2013 – Proposed Plan / Proposed Action Programme / Revised ER / HRA / Schedule of CEC Ownership/ Transport Appraisal / Education Appraisal

### Plans and Guidance

<b>Development Plan:</b>	SESplan Proposed Plan Nov 2011 Edinburgh Local Development Plan Supplementary Guidance
<b>Non statutory Guidance:</b>	Householder / Listed Bldgs & Conservation Areas / Businesses Edinburgh Design Guidance / Street Design Guide Developer Contributions & Affordable Housing Misc: Student Housing, Radio Telecommunications, Open Space Strategy, etc. Briefs and Frameworks (City Centre Southern ARC Area Development Framework)

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<sup>1</sup>[http://www.edinburgh.gov.uk/info/178/local\\_and\\_strategic\\_development\\_plans/1019/local\\_and\\_strategic\\_development\\_plans/2](http://www.edinburgh.gov.uk/info/178/local_and_strategic_development_plans/1019/local_and_strategic_development_plans/2)

<sup>2</sup>The Edinburgh Civic Forum is an opportunity for community councils, local street associations, amenity and partnership bodies to discuss issues of common interest and keep up to date with local and national planning policy. The Civic Forum aims to strengthen the dialogue between civic groups in the capital and the City of Edinburgh Council. It also aims to encourage greater interest and involvement in planning.

<sup>3</sup> The Main Issues Report Is the primary consultative document in the formulation of a local development plan and enables those who have an interest in how land is used and developed to view the initial considerations and make comment. It sets out options for land use and development with the City of Edinburgh and enables everyone to have the opportunity to view and comment on those issues that affect them. Through collaboration and engagement on the MIR, the planners can get a better understanding of the key issues and how they affect different people and different parts of the city. This should result in a LDP that best meets the needs of the city and its residents, workers and visitors. Consultation: From November 1, 2011 to January 27, 2012, the CEC consulted on the Main Issues Report (MIR). Locally an exhibition was held at Morrison's Hunters Tryst Supermarket. 400 written responses were received from across the city.

## Proposed Plan

- approval by Planning Committee – papers available 5 days before
- have regard to Main Issues Report comments
- the Council’s “settled view”
- publication of Proposed Plan – around 6 weeks after Committee
- at least 6 week representation period – not consultation

## Notification of Proposed Plan

- legislation sets out minimum notification requirements
- CEC approach is to do more than minimum
- paper and electronic versions
- new neighbour notification
- comments invited on Action Programme, Environmental Report and HRA report

## Submitting Representations

- Guidance on how to submit reps will be provided
- concise – 2000 word limit
- include and necessary supporting information
- encouraged to submit using electronic form
- state clearly what you support or don’t support and why
- for objections, indicate what changes you would like made

## Nature of Representations

- can be a supporting rep or objection
- cannot be treated as confidential
- important to know if there is a community support for particular aspect of plan.  
Only chance to make this view known
- be aware of MIR responses
- what is up for debate? – some matters can’t be changed

## Considering Representations

- Planning Committee will consider all reps to LDP and comments on other documents
- modification stage unusual
- unresolved LDP reps > examination
- proposed plan, unresolved reps and Council’s response submitted to Ministers
- Ministers appoint reporter(s) to carry out examination

## Examination

- many differences from old style local plan inquiries
- Scottish Government guidance note available
- may be nothing further to do

- further information requests and hearings
- updates provided on DPEA website

#### Examination Report and LDP Adoption

- reports consider reps and may recommend modifications
- reporters' recommendations binding
- modified plan published but no opportunity for further comment
- Local Development Plan adopted (unless Ministers step in)

#### Current LDP Timetable

- SDP examination report
  - April to June 2013
  - consider implications for LDP
  - may require further consultation
- Proposed LDP and supporting documents:
  - report and publish after SESplan examination
  - September 2013
- Examination in 2014
- Adopt in 2015

## **Weekly Planning Bulletin Report:**

### **28 January 2013**

No applications or decisions for Ward A08 – Firrhill CC

Proposal of Application Notices for the City of Edinburgh

Ward No.A11 – City Centre: 13/00214/PAN for the redevelopment/erection of buildings for mixed use development including potential office class 1,2,3 commercial, leisure, residential and/or community uses and other associated uses and works at land adjacent to New Street, Edinburgh.

### **4 February 2013**

No applications or decisions for Ward A08 – Firrhill CC

Proposal of Application Notices for the City of Edinburgh

Ward No.A14 – Southside/Newington: 13/00265/PAN for the erection of temporary overlay to be implemented for the 2014 Commonwealth Games at land at and around the Royal Commonwealth Pool at 21 Dalkeith Road, Edinburgh, EH16 5BB.

### **11 February 2013**

No applications or decisions for Ward A08 – Firrhill CC

Proposal of Application Notices for the City of Edinburgh

Ward No.A11 – City Centre: 13/00214/PAN for a redevelopment/erection of buildings for mixed use development including potential office class 1, 2, 3 commercial, leisure, residential and/or community uses and other associated uses and works at land adjacent to New Street, Edinburgh.

Ward No.A15 – Southside/Newington: 13/00265/PAN for the erection of temporary overlay to be implemented for the 2014 Commonwealth Games at land at and around the Royal Commonwealth Pool at Royal Commonwealth Pool, 21 Dalkeith Road, Edinburgh, EH16 5BB.

### **18 February 2013**

No applications or decisions for Ward A08 – Firrhill CC

No Proposal of Application Notices for the City of Edinburgh

## Correspondence List:

**By e-mail:** all messages forwarded to members with this facility; some transferred to website where appropriate.

- 1 John Knight: request for Community Council views on draft submission to Scottish Gov re Pre-application Consultation [responded to by Jim Napier of Firrhill CC, one of only 7 responses.]
- 2 f by E Hewitt: Consultation paper on redesigning the Community Justice System, published Dec '12. Follow-up meetings for practitioners & public. Nearest public meeting is in Dalkeith, on 25 April, 4.30-6.00 pm.
- 3 f by E Hewitt: Faith in Older People/Edinburgh interfaith Association Civic Café Events in St John's Church, Lothian Rd, 4 March (Death and dying attitudes); 8 April (Healthy Ageing): both at 4.30 pm, £5 per event. Tel: 0131 346 7981, or online at [www.faithinolderpeople.org.uk](http://www.faithinolderpeople.org.uk)
- 4 Gordon Macdonald MSP re media letter from himself + Sighthill & Gorgie Councillors to Chief Executive, Scottish Prison Service, against threatened closure of Prison Officers Club, Longstone.
- 5 Gordon Macdonald MSP: February Newsletter
- 6 Traffic Orders: proposed 24 hr waiting restrictions at corners of Colinton Mains Drive/Gardens and Oxfangs Rd North at top of Colinton Mains Drive.
- 7 Cllr Elaine Aitken: application from Money Station to open shop in Oxfangs Broadway to be considered at Council's Regulatory Licensing sub-committee.
- 8 Application for licence to hold stalls in St Cuthbert's Church, Colinton, on Fri & Sat afternoons.
- 9 EACC Sec: request for info from CCs on good/bad practice in city's Neighbourhood P'ships, including sub-groups to take to a meeting with Convener & Vice Convener of the Council's Communities and Neighbourhoods Committee. [Firrhill CC's J Napier and P Wright responded.]
- 10 Cllr Jason Rust. Consultation on New Local Transport Strategy Issues for review: 10 transport issues where the Council needs to make choices over the next five years. Public drop-in session on this consultation at Central Library, George IV Bridge, on 6 March between 9 am and 8 pm. [www.edinburgh.gov.uk/localtransportstrategy](http://www.edinburgh.gov.uk/localtransportstrategy)
- 11 H Levy. AGM, Monday 18 Feb, of Hope Triangle Health Group – a merger of the Hope Triangle Working Group and Oxfangs Health Action Group.
- 12 Gordon Macdonald MSP: 20,500 households in Edinburgh are entitled to help with fuel bills. Home Heat Helpline (0800 33 66 99) is a free service giving support to people/families on low incomes and/or in poor health.
- 13 City Council live webcasts information at [www.edinburgh.gov.uk/webcast](http://www.edinburgh.gov.uk/webcast)
- 14 E Hewitt: CC info session on using Scottish Neighbourhood Statistics and Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation: 1 March, 10.30 am, Central Library [H Levy will attend].
- 15 SW Office: Consultation on Future Management and Ownership of Easter Craiglockhart Hill Local Nature Reserve and Adjacent Lands, which is in joint ownership of City Council and Craighouse Partnership (who have taken over ownership & management from Napier Uni). Five options available. [naturalheritageservice@edinburgh.gov.uk](mailto:naturalheritageservice@edinburgh.gov.uk) - consultation closes 28 Feb.
- 16 Gordon Macdonald MSP re Clydesdale Bank 'Spirit of the Community Award' supporting community projects that improve employability & promote environmental protection/improvement. <http://www.cbonline.co.uk/about-clydesdale-bank/community/charitable-donations-about-us>



- 17 Lloyd Richardson, SW N'hood Environment Officer: reply to Firrhill CC Sec's e-mail reporting dangerous potholes at bottom of Oxgangs Place. [These were filled in the following day.]
- 18 Dr Andy Edwards, SW Area Roads Manager re proposed project to widen exit from Oxgangs Avenue to Oxgangs Rd N: test holes show utilities cables/pipes just below footway, so project must be put on hold until public utilities companies can give estimate of cost to lower those.
- 19 [websitebuilder@btck.co.uk](mailto:websitebuilder@btck.co.uk) - message from resident: rubbish collection 5 days late but extra bags not collected and letter received from Council that bins will not be emptied if lids are open; he has also been refused a bigger bin (for four adults). [e-mail forwarded to Cllrs: Jason Rust will take up]
- 20 Cllr Jason Rust: Sir William Y Darling Bequest for Good Citizenship, for someone who has done most for City's Honour and Welfare in year to May '13. Suggestions: 'phone Carol, 0131-529 4105, or e-mail [carol.richardson@edinburgh.gov.uk](mailto:carol.richardson@edinburgh.gov.uk)
- 21 E Hewitt: City of Edinburgh Council Tenant Satisfaction Survey, 25 Feb to 29 Mar. 'Phone Sam at 0131-529 7805 or e-mail [sam.reeves@edinburgh.gov.uk](mailto:sam.reeves@edinburgh.gov.uk)
- 22 E Hewitt: Community Empowerment & Renewal Bill Consultation responses (incl Firrhill CC's) [www.scotland.gov.uk/communityempowerment](http://www.scotland.gov.uk/communityempowerment) or CERB-Easy Read Summary Analysis
- 23 Cllr Jason Rust: Services for Communities Open Days – info on Welfare Reform Changes: mainly for customers concerned about under-occupancy of homes, effect on Housing Benefit, and/or wanting to move. Nearest for this area is at Wester Hailes Library, 13 March, 3 pm to 7 pm.
- 24 Cllr Maureen Child re Review of Neighbourhood Partnerships: 'sounding boards' sessions "Strengthening NPs and Enhancing Community Participation" – Tues 5 Mar 2-5 pm; Fri 8 Mar 9.30 am-12.30 pm; Fri 15 Mar 9.30 am-12.30 pm. "Performance" – Tues 5 Mar 9.30 am-12.30 pm. All in Business Centre, City Chambers. To book contact Saty Kaur ([saty.kaur@edinburgh.gov.uk](mailto:saty.kaur@edinburgh.gov.uk)) or Tel: 0131 469 5281 by Thurs 28 Feb. [On-line survey coming soon.]
- 25 f. by N Tinlin: free training session 'Making Freedom of Information Work for You' for voluntary organisations: 6 Mar, 10 am-1 pm, EVOC, 14 Ashley Place, Edinburgh.
- 26 Sarah Boyack MSP: Feb e-newsletter, including updates on NHS Lothian funding and post-budget reaction on colleges and local gov.
- 27 f. by N Hoy obo Cllr Child: extra session for Review of Neighbourhood Partnerships, on Mon 11 Mar, 6-9 pm, in City Chambers.
- 28 Gordon Macdonald MSP: press release re detrimental effect of new 'Bedroom Tax' and decreased benefits on war veterans.
- 29 Roadworks in Oxgangs Ave over two weekends: 16 bus diverted along C. Mains Drive and Glenlockhart Rd to Morningside; No 5 diverted via Fairmilehead. Free shuttle bus running to/from Comiston Rd to/from Greenbank Cresc.
- 30 Gordon Macdonald MSP: press release re **new non-emergency police tel no 101, now operational 24/7**. Dedicated line to speak to local police officer to report a crime that has already happened (eg theft, damage to property), get crime prevention advice, or report policing concerns in your area. **Emergency tel no 999 still applies when a life is in danger, a crime is in progress, or a suspect is nearby.**