

Firrhill Community Council

'Nec Aspera Terrent'

(Undaunted by Adversity)

Minute of Ordinary Meeting of the Council on 24 June 2013
Held in Oxgangs Care Offices, Firrhill Neuk.

Members:

H Levy (Chair)
P Wright (Secretary)
L Linn
S Duffy
F Gosney
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

Apologies:

P Wright; E Aitken; R Lewis

Visitors:

J Burt, Resident

Non-attendance

Police Representative

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

Minutes of Previous Meeting:

The draft minutes for meeting held on 27 May 2013 were reviewed and there being no corrections the minutes were moved for approval by L Linn, seconded by S Duffy and agreed.

Action: Minutes Secretary to post the approved minute on website.

Matters Arising

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 are seeking his reimbursement from the City Parks Dept for the money spent redeveloping the neglected communal garden. C Dunlop, Parks and Greenspace Manager has verbally agreed to this.

Action: Cllr Aitken awaiting confirmation the monies have been paid.

Police Attendance and Reports

The formation of a new national Scottish Police Force, with changes in police duty systems and priorities, has resulted in the Community Council's monthly meetings held on a Monday being out of sync with the local community beat officer's rotas. It is unclear if there will be a regular police attendance / reporting at future meetings and the community council are seeking clarification. The matter is ongoing as there is no police attendance at this meeting.

Action: Cllr Rust to raise with the new Inspector (Insp. Duthie) for the area and extend our invitation to her to attend one of our meetings

Scottish Parliament Tour

Members who attended the tour of the Scottish Parliament enjoyed the experience of not only seeing the building but also attending one of the debates. Good day had by all.

Action: No action – matter now closed.

Colinton Mains Park

- **Notices:** still lying at the entrance to the park. Cllr Lewis following up on the re-instatement or removal of the posts.
- **Refuse bin:** Cllr Aitken following up on this item.
- **Park Entrance:** the proposal to widen the entrance from Oxbgangs Road North was an error and has been withdrawn. No further action.

Action: First two items ongoing, third item closed.

Flood Defence Work: Request for Information

The Community Council agreed three actions at the previous meeting and in the Secretary's absence the Minutes Secretary gave a report on their development since that meeting:

In regard to the first action, the Secretary submitted an application on 6th June to the Scottish Information Commissioner for a substantive case against City of Edinburgh Council. A copy of the submission is attached as [App 1](#). This was acknowledged by Jill Walker, Scottish FOI Officer on same day and on the 11th we were advised consideration was being given on whether the Commissioner can accept our application or whether further action is required. We received notice on the 13th June that our application had been accepted as valid and the Commissioner will investigate.

In regard to the second action, a draft letter to residents is on the table for members' consideration. A number of changes were proposed and the draft was referred back for amendment. Target for delivery of letter is the last week July/first week in August with a period of 4 weeks for responses

In regard to the third action, this has still to be progressed.

Action 1: Report noted

Action 2: Minutes Secretary to redraft residents' letter

Action 3: Minutes Secretary to progress

Publicity Drive for New Members

Poster: referred to a consultant. It was accepted that the use of a poster to raise the Community Council's profile would be more advantageous nearer the election time.

Action: Chair to check on the consultant's progress with the poster.

Presentation Boards: no further action to be taken in regard to the boards unless an opportunity arises where their use would be appropriate.

Discussion centred on the development of a promotional A3 size poster that would be suitable for displaying at various venues throughout the Community Council's area.

Amenity Notices

Part of the CEC's Planning Enforcement Charter, amenity notices can be served on landowners in regard to any property or area of land, the condition of which is considered to adversely affect the amenity of the area. At a previous meeting, it was proposed we seek to apply for a Notice to be issued on a property in the Oxbgangs area. No action taken from previous meeting.

The property concerned is a business establishment with a yard at the rear used for storage. The boundary fence at the rear consists of sections of the type of open wire mesh fencing used for security on building sites enabling the yard and its contents to be seen by people passing.

The surrounding area is mainly open grassed space, bordered by the frontage of buildings. This is the only property that backs on to the area and the storage site is an eyesore, detracting from the general appearance of the area.

Action: *Cllr Rust to raise the issue with the landlord in the first instance and see if he is willing to take steps to resolve the matter.*

PNP Reports: NEP Projects

JN reported on the response he received from Andrew Wallace, SWNO, regarding the concerns over the list of projects proposed for the Firrhill Community Council area. In summation, he felt the response did not add anything new to the information already available in the project sheets but thought it was probably too late to take the matter further within the SW Area Board forum.

Also noted that within the Environment, Transport and Infrastructure forum, the Secretary's has raised her concerns to the SW Neighbourhood Office regarding the value of the improvement projects proposed for the Firrhill Community Council area in comparison to those of our neighbouring areas within the Pentlands Neighbourhood Partnership.

He suggested the Community Council needed to be more proactive in regard to environmental/improvement projects raised for adoption through these two PNP sub groups.

The Chair suggested this matter was one that might fit into the 'Citizenship' part of Firrhill High School's new 'curriculum of excellence' and enable pupils to become more actively engaged in their community. The initiative would need to be discussed with the head teacher to see if the school could incorporate the requirements of the NEP into this subject area. If achievable, discussion would be extended to the other community councils and amenity association with the school's catchment area. The venture could meet most if not all the attributes for learning with pupils coming up with a range of improvement proposals for consideration/selection by the Community Councils, etc.

Action: *Chair to develop her proposal for discussion with School administration after the holidays.*

Cockmylane:

It had been discovered that the railings installed at the Oxfangs Hill end of the path running up to Pentland Primary School had been removed by workmen at some point to enable vehicular access but the railings have not been replaced. The installation of these railings was proposed by the Community Council and carried out as a project under Discretionary Roads and Footways Scheme in 2010/11. Secretary wrote to Lloyd Richardson, SWNO and received an explanation from C Dunlop, Community Parks Officer to the effect the hand rail was removed to facilitate access by the CEC's Forestry Team. Accepting there was a requirement to re-install it, he asked if it could be re installed on the opposite side of footway to allow future access requirements. This has been accepted on the understanding the new location does not diminish the safe use by pedestrians.

Action: *See Correspondence update – item 34. Maintain on agenda until confirmation of re-installation.*

Community Police Report:

No report available.

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

Firrhill Health Centre Project

Chair advised she had been unable to attend the meeting scheduled for the 5th June but attended an open meeting on the project held in Oxfangs Library on 25th June. The latest versions of the plans were available for viewing but still open to change. Asked for electronic copies of available information for the website and this is being considered. Several members of the community attended and strongly expressed their concerns about the hazard to school children caused by situating the entrance to the medical centre car park on the access road to the school car park. This is also a pedestrian access to the school and they considered there was a risk to children from vehicles entering the Centre's car park. This is an entrance point only as traffic from the Centre's car park will exit directly on to Colinton Mains Drive, where the current car park for the medical centre is located. Note the issue of parking and vehicular access seems to dominate all the public meetings concerning this project.

Action: Report noted.

Ward Councillors' Reports

Councillor Lewis

Constituent Enquiries:

1. Enquiry received from constituent asking if we could help with requirement for his father to reside in the UK for longer than that of a visitor. The Council do not have the power to assist in matters regarding immigration and repatriation and therefore advised to contact their local MP and the consulate office in Glasgow
2. Enquiry received regarding the conditions of roads not just in the ward but throughout Edinburgh. Been advised that significant extra investment is now being made into the repair and maintenance of Edinburgh's infrastructure, in recognition of citizens' concerns regarding the state of roads and pavements. An extra £12million has been allocated this year alone for this purpose. Oxfangs Farm Avenue was recently assessed by the Roads Technician, and no defects requiring immediate repair were identified. We hope to carry out some permanent patching to improve the road surface to be carried out within this financial year. The local Neighbourhood Office will continue to monitor the location and make safe any dangerous defects as necessary.
3. Ongoing enquiry regarding a constituent experiencing harassment from neighbours in the Oxfangs area. Our Community Safety Officer is in talks with the constituent and police to try and resolve this.

Councillor Lewis also raised the following matters arising from his remit as convenor of the Culture and Leisure Department:

National Performance Centre for Sport

Web-site is now up and running www.goedinburgh2016.com. Please pledge your support and circulate the web-site link to all of your community contacts, colleagues, family and friends. Deadline for the submission of the final bid is Friday 5th July 2013, so we need as much support as possible. We will continue with our campaign right up until the announcement of the successful bidder.

Leith Waterworld

The sale of LWW approved at Council last month. The City Council's Estates team are progressing the sale with A&G and are hopeful this will be concluded in around 4 to 5 weeks time. City Council has agreed to spend £125k on swimming programmes in the city. Staff from Culture & Sport, Children & Families and Edinburgh Leisure are meeting to put forward detailed proposals.

Hidden Stories Animation Competition

I was delighted to be invited along to the Cameo Cinema to speak to school pupils and students who had been short-listed in the Hidden Stories Animation Competition. Inspired by artist Qian Shi's award-winning animated [short film](#) about a toy shoe, the 'Hidden Stories' animation competition is designed to celebrate Edinburgh's rich heritage and the art of animation.

The budding animators submitted short films based upon either a real or imagined back story of an object of their choice, housed in one of Edinburgh's Museums & Galleries.

Museum Opening Hours

A pilot to extend opening hours at the City Art Centre and Museum of Childhood will run from 15 June to 8 September. The new hours are detailed below:-

City Art Centre: Monday to Saturday 10am – 7pm, Sunday 12pm – 7pm

Museum of Childhood: Monday to Saturday 10am – 6pm, Sunday 10am – 6pm

Councillor Rust

First World War Trenches:

Work is now set to be carried out to protect and preserve the Capital's WW1 trenches and to provide information boards so that the public and school groups can visit the site and learn about what happened there.

The preservation of the site where thousands of Lothian soldiers were prepared for life in the trenches of France comes as plans are being drawn up for major commemoration events throughout the UK to mark the centenary of the outbreak of the Great War next year. Soldiers first dug the trenches as practice for doing the job for real and then rehearsed battlefield drills there.

The trenches had been largely forgotten in woodland, known locally as Covenanters Wood, and had been left to become overgrown by trees. Earlier this year, a survey was commissioned by Edinburgh City Council to uncover the full extent of the site. Using state-of-the-art surveying systems and GPS equipment, the survey showed two sets of trenches to the north and south of the Bonaly Burn.

Review of the Community Council Scheme:

To be reported at a special meeting to be held this Thursday (27th June) before the full Council meeting.

The report advises on the outcome of the second statutory consultation period of the Review of the Scheme for Community Councils and seeks approval for a number of changes. Community councils (CCs) have indicated that they are broadly supportive of the draft Scheme. A number of minor revisions have been identified from the second statutory consultation period which, if endorsed by Council, requires a further final consultation period for representations to comply with the legislation. The outcome of this consultation will be reported to Council on 22 August 2013.

Recommendation is to approve a) the proposed change to clause 8 of the Scheme, b) the changes to the procedure for the appointment of CC nominated members, and c) a final consultation period.

Planning Appeal:

Scottish Public Services Ombudsman (SPSO): Decision Notice – 201203766. This concerns a complaint to the SPSO about an amendment to an approved development which the City Council which had treated as a non-material variation to the planning consent denying the complainant the right to object. The complaint was upheld by the SPSO after investigation.

Pentland Neighbourhood Partnership Reports

Environment, Infrastructure and Transport Meeting 3rd June

Report from S Duffy.

- Recycling Update – during the Sept – Oct period ‘*red and blue boxes*’ would be replaced by *one blue wheelie bin*. Most agreed boxes were not suitable in windy weather. No update on the use of grey waste food bins.
- Draft priority action sheet (for comment & feedback)
- CIMS Score
- Healthy Living Centre - transport access concerns
- Sustainability 2020 (How do NP’s feed into this process?)
- Draft Local Plan – Focusing on Green Space & Environmental issues

Public Meeting 11th June:

This meeting was attended by HL and JN. The business consisted of presentations from the various sub groups. Very poor attendance from members of the public

Planning Applications Report

Details of planning applications within the Firrhill CC area for the period from our last meeting up to 17th June were previously circulated and are contained in [appendix 2](#). There were no details to record from the Bulletin dated 24th June.

Planning Bulletins

The layout of the bulletins has changed and as a result *Proposals of Applications Notices* of major planning developments within the city are no longer included in a separate section of the bulletin, but are now included with all other ward applications within the former first section, which means they are now spread throughout this multi-page document .

Searching through the bulletin for PANs would be a time consuming business and there is no indication this information has been of value to the community council. Consequently I am now proposing to only include in my monthly report, those PANs listed under Ward 08 – Fairmilehead/ Colinton which includes Firrhill.

However, those who are interested in viewing these applications can do so through the City of Edinburgh online services. To facilitate this I have included the following information on a new “Planning” page on our website. Whilst I appreciate not all members may have a home computer, the means of accessing one is readily available at Oxfords Library. If any member needs assistance in regard to this I would be happy to oblige.

To view a planning application

If you have access to a computer and the internet, you can view valid planning applications and associated documents online using the [City of Edinburgh’s Planning and Building Standards Portal](#).

In the “[Simple Search](#)” you should enter your reference number or a keyword such as the street name and then click ‘**Search**’ to view the application you are interested in. If you get a number of results you may have to select the application you are seeking.

In the “[Advanced Search](#)” if you go to the *Community Council* box, click on the down arrow at the end of the box to display a list of community councils, click on ‘**Firrhill**’ or ‘**Firrhill pre 17 November 2006**’ and then click ‘**Search**’ to view all planning applications applicable to this area.

If you wished to view Proposals of Application Notices you would go to the *Application Type* box click on the down arrow at the end of the box to display a list of application types, scroll down the list and click on '**Proposal of Application Notice**' and then click '**Search**'.

Other details can be inserted if you want to refine the search a bit more.

The Planning and Building Standards Portal also enables you to comment on planning applications and provides information on what are material or non-material considerations in relation to such comments.

This information is now available on the Community Council's website:

<http://firrhillcommunitycouncil.btck.co.uk/>

Correspondence:

All members were provided with the correspondence list for the period to 20th June prior to meeting. The list was update at meeting. (see [App 3](#)).

A.O.C.B:

a) Oxgangs Street: local resident concerned about the amount of litter and illegal dumping in this street and seeking action to resolve. Problem noted by Environmental Wardens on a recent walkabout and actions were taken to uplift offending waste. City Council is looking to identify sites for the placement of communal recycling containers – would such a placement assist in resolving the problem?

Date and Time of Next Meeting: 22nd July at 7.00 pm.

Venue: Board Room in the Oxgangs Care Offices, 12 Firrhill Neuk.

This meeting ended at **08.50 pm**.

To: Jill Walker, OSIC

Your Ref: 201300622/JW

Re: Scottish Information Commissioner Decision 066/2013

With reference to the above communication and your email of 20th May, we apply to the Scottish Information Commissioner for a substantive case against the City of Edinburgh Council as we do not consider the response (dated 14th May 2013) from Chris Peggie, FOI Review Officer for Head of Legal, Risk and Compliance, to our request for information satisfactory for the following reasons.

There has been an ongoing dialogue between the Community Council and the City of Edinburgh Council's Transport Maintenance Team prior to our request for information and indeed our letter addressed to the two officers of the Authority's Flood Prevention Maintenance/Project Team, who attended our meeting, clearly indicates the request was as a result of their attendance and their unsatisfactory response. For them to profess that they do not know what information we are seeking is nonsensical, when all we are actually seeking is evidence that they, or others so tasked, have indeed carried out the assessments/actions inferred in previous verbal and written communications.

The Community Council's request was in five parts, and Mr Peggie's response does refer to each part but only in terms of the time and cost of extracting the information.

The first part covered complaints and as far as we are aware most public authorities monitor the number and types of complaints received and the average time taken to respond for the purpose of recording such data in their performance reports. Without knowing how this department categorises its complaints, it would be difficult for us to identify the relevant category. What we have done is identify the location and the time scale (although quite frankly the officers concerned are fully aware of the location, after all we are talking about a small burn that runs through the identified area and the property on either side of the burn directly affected by the flood defence works). Even accepting the department's amnesia regarding previous dialogue, they did not provide any information that would assist us to narrow down the request.

The second part was to obtain the records of what had been communicated to our three City Councillors and other Council officers with whom the Flood Prevention Maintenance/Project Team may have discussed/consulted in regard to those matters identified in our letter. It was assumed the subject line of relevant emails would enable the Authority to easily search threads of linked information. For example many of our communications had the subject line "Flooding on Braid Burn Path and Oxfangs Road North" which identifies what the communication is about.

The third part was simply to find out if in fact the Flood Prevention Maintenance/Project Team had actually done anything about any of the issues that had been under discussion for the previous three years.

The fourth part was due to a comment made by one of the Council officers, who attended our meeting on the 26th November 2012. He stated consultants had been employed to assess if the flood defence works was a factor contributing to localised flooding but could provide no information in regard to their findings. Presumably he can now no longer remember its title in order to find it. We asked for all reports in case there was more than one covering this or other issues referred to in the letter.

The request was all-encompassing because we did not know the specific titles of documents or the subject headings of other transactions, and such information is not in the public domain, but we did not expect that there would be a lot of information. However, we understood there was a duty on the part of public authorities to assist those requesting information from them - but in this case such assistance has not been forthcoming. The City of Edinburgh Council FOI Review Officer and other Council officers seem to take the view that it is up to the Community Council to identify specific

documents, etc., by title or date, and as we do not have that information then it is lost in the files and too costly to retrieve.

We do not believe an alleged inadequate filing system is an excuse to avoid releasing the information we have requested. It is clear from Mr Dougall's letter to David Bewsey (who represents an adjoining area and has nothing to do with Firrhill Community Council) that he (Mr Dougall) is well aware of the issues we have raised but will not release his department's records to us. (I am assuming you have a copy of the letter, as it was included in the CEC FOI Review Officer's email along with his response.)

Nor do we accept Mr Dougall's statement that we could obtain a more meaningful response if we withdrew our appeal to the Scottish Information Commissioner. What could be '*a more meaningful response*'? The Community Council are asking to see evidence of what has actually taken place – that is all. We are not asking for information to be created, which is what he is inferring.

Mr Peggie's response indicates that the Authority "*consider the request to be manifestly unreasonable because whilst the public, including Firrhill Community Council, may be interested in this aspect of the flood defence works the totality of the request is an unreasonable diversion of staff effort from their normal duties and would not be a good use of publicly funded effort*". The letter constitutes a formal refusal notice under regulation 10(4) (b) of the Environmental Information (Scotland) Regulations 2004.

Firrhill Community Council is interested in this information because people living in close proximity to the flood wall have complained to us that they are finding the ground around and under their homes to be constantly saturated with water, and they consider that the flood defence works has prevented the natural drainage of rain water from the land into the burn.

Firrhill Community Council is interested in this information because people whose gardens were used during the construction of the flood wall are concerned about hazardous contaminants left in the soil and the risk to their children and grandchildren.

Firrhill Community Council note the Authority did not refuse their request under Section 10(4)(c), which refers to the Authority's duty to provide advice and assistance nor do they think their request is manifestly unreasonable. We do not think the request places a substantial and arduous burden on the Authority as the information is recent (relates to actions taken since the work was completed) and on which there have been several consultations (but little action) during that time.

Respectfully

Margaret Wright

Secretary, Firrhill Community Council

Weekly Planning Bulletin Report

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27 May 2013

Application: 13/01829/FUL - renewal of application 09/01057/FUL to demolish a church and erect a new church at 1C Oxgangs Avenue, Edinburgh, EH13 9JA.

Decision: Application 13/01095/CLP for a certificate of lawfulness for a proposed dormer window to the rear of the property at 43 Oxgangs Farm Grove, Edinburgh, EH13 9PP has been granted.

Proposal of Application Notices for the City of Edinburgh:

Ward No.A04 – Forth: 13/01705/PAN for the demolition of former college buildings and erection of residential development at site at former 474A Pilton Avenue, Edinburgh.

Ward No.A07 – Sighthill/Gorgie: 13/01820/PAN for the renewal of planning permission in principal (10/00953/PPP) for redevelopment of site for affordable housing and housing for sale with ancillary community facilities and associated landscaping and public realm at site 94 metres north of 376 Calder Road, Edinburgh.

3 June 2013.

Application: 13/01709/FUL – for an extension of existing nursery fence in order to provide more secure play space for new pupils. This includes two new gates at Oxgangs Primary School, 60 Oxgangs Road North, Edinburgh' EH13 9DS. Applicant- Amey Community Limited, 6 Redheughs Rigg, South Gyle, Edinburgh, EH12 9DQ. Infrastructure Managers Limited., 11 Thistle Street, Edinburgh, EH2 1DF

10 June 2013

Application: 13/01981/FUL for a proposed hydro scheme comprising above ground powerhouse and new turbine unit, modifications to existing and new below ground pipework, hardstanding, access and associated works at Craiglockhart Reservoir, Oxgangs Road North, Edinburgh. Comments due by the 26th June 2013.

Decision: application 13/00908/CLP to use part of front garden for driveway at 8 Stark's Cottages, Edinburgh, EH13 9EF has been granted.

17 June 2013

Application 13/01728/FUL for the formation of a driveway at 8 Colinton Mains Loan.

Decision: that application 13/01709/FUL for the extension of existing nursery fencing in order to provide more secure play space for new pupils at Oxgangs Primary School is a permitted development.

Correspondence List

Firrhill CC Correspondence from 28 May – 20 June '13

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

- 1 UK Gov info re delivering the new Schools Sports Strategy: Ensuring Outstanding Physical Education for all - £150m will be divided among schools in the UK – a lump sum + pupil premium, with freedom to spend on coaches from local clubs, using community facilities, teacher training, equipment, or whatever.
- 2 Cllrs Aitken & Rust re TTROs for Firrhill Neuk Big Lunch, 2 June.
- 3 Lloyd Richardson & Cllr Aitken: explanation for imbalance in NEPs funding re our area, Fairmilehead and Colinton + promise that design for extra lighting in Colinton Mains Park will be looked at, and that there will be a discussion meeting on NEPs budget next year.
- 4 Cllr Rust: **info re Council's procedures where common repairs are required in stairs with a) a mix of private & council residents; b) only private; c) only council.**
- 5 Cllr Rust: query to NHS Lothian re latest plans, progress and timescales for Firrhill Health & Social Care Centre + apparent continuing lack of local consultation.
- 6 Cllr Lewis: constituent enquiries during May.
- 7 E Hewitt re changes by Scot Gov to planning legislation: new 2013 versions of regulations on development management, appeals, schemes of delegation and local reviews. Queries about changes: e-mail Alan.Cameron@scotland.gsi.gov.uk, or Tel 0131-244 7065.
- 8 Gordon Macdonald MSP: June Newsletter
- 9 **Gordon Macdonald MSP publicising SAMH's 'Razzmatazz' Family Fun at Redhall Walled Garden, Lanark Rd, Sunday 28th July, 12 noon to 5 pm.**
- 10 E Hewitt: request for info from Firrhill CC on activities, projects, etc for City CCs Election Publicity leaflet.
- 11 Firrhill CC's websitebuilder: message from E Thomas re recruitment for new Sainsbury's Longstone, opening on 28th August (site of old B & Q) + she could attend one of our meetings.
- 12 SW Community Forum: notes from meeting with presentation by City Council on 27 May.
- 13 D Bewsey confirming receipt of Sec's apologies for EIT group meeting, 3 June, and notice that S Duffy would attend instead.
- 14 SW N'hood Office: consultation event on new housing at Harvesters Way, 10 June.
- 15 Cllr Rust: info re contact interested in attending Firrhill CC's meetings.
- 16 Cllr Rust: re investigations into grass-cutting and alarms/lights testing incidents at Colinton Mains Community Centre in May; meeting with A Burns, head of EBS, re latter.
- 17 J Napier: e-mail to SIC on behalf of FCC applying for a substantive case against CEC.
- 18 **S Neill: EIT Group Draft Aims & Priorities, + CIMS results for SW Edinburgh.**
- 19 H Levy: Firrhill Health & Social Care Centre: notes of 23 Jan meeting; Agenda for 5 June.
- 20 SW Neighbourhood Office: papers for PNP Public Meeting, Currie, 11 June.
- 21 EACC Sec: Agenda, Minutes & Planning Q & A session for Executive meeting, 13 June.

- 22 CEC: Budget meeting, 7 Feb: £12m extra investment in Edinburgh's roads and footways.
- 23 Cllr Aitken: residents' letter re carriageway resurfacing, Oxbgangs Path, starting in June.
- 24 J Napier: copy of letter to A Wallace, CEC, re confusion over how NEPs budget works.
- 25 Cllr Rust: Inspector Liz Duffy has taken over at Oxbgangs PS from Inspector Steve Dolan.
- 26 Pauline Keith, Validation Officer, OSIC, confirming validity of Firrhill CC's application for a decision from the Commissioner relating to flooding in terms of the FOI Act 2002/ Environmental Information (Scotland) 2004.
- 27 J Napier: weekly Planning Applications Report for our 24th June meeting.
- 28 Lloyd Richardson re resurfacing of path in front of Pentland Centre (NEPs project).
- 29 Sec. to Saty Kaur: short details of Firrhill CC projects/activities of city CCs leaflet.
- 30 H Levy: **Firrhill Medical Project Drop-in to meet architects and builders for planned new building opposite Tesco – 25th June, 6.15-6.45 pm at Oxbgangs Library.**
- 31 Kevin Cook re Cockmylane railings: removed by Forestry Service months ago to access bushes for cutting; Parks Officer now looking for a fixed date for their reinstatement.
- 32 E Hewitt: **CEC Recycling Survey at www.edinburgh.gov.uk/recycle (click on green tab at left side of page) – or paper copies available in libraries from 24th June. Prize draw!**

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- 33 E. Hewitt: online recycling survey: www.edinburgh.gov.uk/recycle + hard copies available in libraries (3 x £50 vouchers in prize draw)
- 34 **Craig Dunlop: Cockmylane handrail could be put back on opposite side of path and not have to be removed again by Forestry Dept.**
- 35 Cllr Lewis: extended opening hours at City Art Centre and Museum of Childhood (also in his June Report).
- 36 **Pc D Crawford: doesn't know yet where we stand re police attendance and reports for our meetings but may have more info once new Inspector has settled in.**
- 37 Cllr Lewis: June Report for FCC meeting.
- 38 J Napier: Cllr Aitken's Report for inclusion in May Minutes.
- 39 Council Leader's Report, including trams update and shared repairs update.

By Post

- 1 'Tenants Voice': Edinburgh Tenants Federation Mag.
- 2 'Working Capital': Edinburgh's Strategic Skills Pipeline Mag.
- 3 Supplementary Guidance for Edinburgh BioQuarter & South East Wedge Parkland – draft for Consultation. Draft guidance: www.edinburgh.gov.uk/supplementaryguidance or at local library. Drop-in events: 24 June, 4-8pm, Craigmillar Library: 26 June, 4-8pm at Moredun Library. Responses by 9 Aug: e-mail kate.hopper@edinburgh.gov.uk or write to Council: "BioQuarter Consultation", Waverley Court, 4 East Market Street.