

## Firrhill Community Council

*'Nec Aspera Terrent'*  
(Undaunted by Adversity)

Minute of the Meeting held on Monday 26 January 2015

At Lochan View Community Business Centre, 12 Firrhill Neuk

### Attendance and Apologies:

**Members:** H Levy; P Wright; L Linn; F Gosney; J Napier; P Valentine; S Duffy.

**Ex-officio Members:** Cllr E Aitken; PCs G Howie & R Smith, Oxfangs Police Stn.

**Invited Guest:** M Adebulehin, LCIWM, CEC Waste and Open Spaces Development Officer.

**Apologies:** N Peachey; Cllr J Rust; Cllr R Lewis; L McGurk; C Harvey; W Allen.

H Levy, in the Chair, welcomed everyone to the meeting, thanking them for their attendance.

### Minutes of Previous Meeting:

The draft minutes for meeting held on 1 December 2014 were reviewed. There being no corrections the minutes were moved for approval by PW, seconded by LL and agreed.

### Matters Arising:

#### **Colinton Mains Drive: Flooding:**

In regard to this matter, Cllr Aitken reported she raised it with the Department and was advised this was a long term issue with no plans at present to improve the situation. Community Council will continue to monitor the situation and determine if further action is necessary based on the ongoing history.

The public consultation on flood risk management was also discussed at this point and in particular the information contained in the document PVA 10/19 - Braid Burn Catchment.<sup>1</sup>

It was stated in the report the main source of flooding is surface water, causing 76% of the damage. The risk of flooding from the Braid Burn is reduced by the Braid Burn Flood Protection Scheme but by preventing the natural flow of surface water into the burn, it places more reliance on artificial drainage to prevent this type of flooding. The regular flooding in the area of the shops at Colinton Mains Drive and the saturation problems of properties bordering onto the flood wall, in particular the area of the new bridge at Oxfangs Road North are an indication that the drainage solutions put in place during the flood prevention works may not have entirely resolved the problem.

Cllr Aitken indicated that she had received several requests from constituents in regard to this matter. It was agreed that we should promote the consultation on the website and seek feedback from the community. The consultation closes on the 2<sup>nd</sup> June.

**Action: JN to develop subject on the website.**

*(See also Item 10 in the Correspondence list)*

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<sup>1</sup> See Correspondence List – Item 10

## **New Membership**

The Secretary confirmed that the CEC Community Liaison Officer had been notified of the changes to our membership. PV thanked the Secretary for the reference in the minutes.

## **Webpage on Domestic Abuse**

In order to support the CEC “*Speak Up – Speak Out*” campaign it was agreed to promote this item on the Community Council’s website. The proposed text had been previously circulated to members and 2 copies of the webpage layout with its graphics, were passed round. JN advised he had only inserted one link as he looked upon the page as being an access point directing people to the local authority campaign on domestic abuse. The link was to the “*Speak Up – Speak Out*” page on the CEC website. The FCC webpage had been made visible on our website just prior to the meeting and he was seeking approval for this.

The text and layout approved but it was considered that links to local agencies should be added.

*Action: Chair to forward information on local agencies to be added to the webpage.*

## **Youth and Criminal Justice Survey**

The Secretary confirmed that the completed survey had been returned to Nina Vaswani, CYCJ, University of Strathclyde. She is still waiting on confirmation of receipt.

## **Scottish Community Council Website**

JN confirmed a link to this new website had been inserted into our “*Links*” webpage.

## **Aldi Development Plan**

Secretary confirmed a letter had been sent to members of the CEC Planning Committee confirming the Community Council’s stance on this development. The Committee’s decision was put back to allow for a site visit by the Planning Committee on 15<sup>th</sup> Jan. The decision being put back to the 28<sup>th</sup>.

Cllr Aitken reported that at the site visit the Councillors had asked for the plans to be looked at in regard to the steps at the bottom of the path leading down from the Library to the Broadway. They were concerned that the building up of the ground in this corner of the site to create a level car park might create an unlit enclosed alleyway which may pose a hazard to users.

## **New Recycling Service**

A presentation on the changes to the recycling services was given by Mak Adebulehin from the CEC Waste Services. Most of the information provided by the speaker is on the CEC and Firrhill CC websites for reference. There were a number of things highlighted – the recycling of plastics will not be restricted to bottles but will include items such as (cleanish) food wrappings – the only exclusion will be plastic bags because they can foul machinery. The blue box will still be used for glass, everything else for recycling will go into your new recycling bin (old land fill waste green bin) and the new grey bin (reduced size) will be used for land fill waste items. Phase 3 which will include Oxfords, Firrhill and Colinton Mains is due to roll out in March. This note does not reflect the lengthy presentation and following debate on the collection of waste and recycling.

## **Police Report**

The Chair welcomed the two police officers to the meeting and invited them to give their report. PC Howie reported that Police Scotland were in the process of moving on to a new single computer system for the recording of all calls/crimes and as a consequence he had been unable to extract information concerning the activities within the Firrhill beat. This is a temporary problem whilst all

the information is being transferred over to the new system and he should be able to get a report later and forward it to the Secretary.

He did make us very aware that housebreaking was on the increase and whilst its mainly properties outwith Firrhill CC's area being targeted, we should not be complacent. There was a spree of vandalism in the area last week (Wed/Thurs) with shop windows, bus shelters and buses being targeted. As all members had seen the damaged shelters, this led to a lengthy discussion on acts of vandalism and more specifically the need to report crime or acts of attempted crime to the Police as soon as possible so that they are aware of such incidents. The Police may not always be able to respond immediately but it was important for them to have the information as it may relate to other incidents, forming a better picture of what is happening in the area.

Acknowledged many people were reluctant to report such incidents direct to the Police as they may become involved in having to give evidence, etc. Crimestoppers could be used where people were reluctant to contact the police direct. They are not part of the police force but a charity set up to facilitate the passing of information anonymously. It was proposed that we should enquire about getting a spokesperson from Crimestoppers to one of our meetings.

**Action: Secretary to investigate**

### **Community Policing Team**

Should you wish to contact the Community Policing Team, you can do so by email at [EdinburghPentlandHillsCPT@Scotland.pnn.police.uk](mailto:EdinburghPentlandHillsCPT@Scotland.pnn.police.uk) or by telephoning the new national non-emergency number **101**. You can also follow them on twitter @PentlandsPolice.

If there is anything in particular that you wish to bring to their attention, please get in touch. Partnership working requires participation.

*Warning about doorstep callers: don't sign up with, or give money to, anyone who cold-calls, i.e., anyone you haven't arranged to call. Say NO and report them to Police Scotland Tel: 101 or the City Council's Trading Standards Tel: 0131-529 3030.*

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

### **MSP/Councillors Reports**

The MSP, Gordon MacDonald, monthly constituency report for December and January were circulated to all members and should be available to view on his website. Councillor Lewis submitted a copy of his Convenor's report for Culture and Leisure, which was circulated to all members.

### **Councillor Aitken**

#### **Pentland Primary School**

I received complaints about the lack of gritting in Pentland Drive. The road and footpath in the cul de sac leading to the school had been missed and they have now been added to the schedule.

Once again, parking on the pavements in Oxbgangs Green has been causing problems and a near miss where, luckily, no one was hurt. I have made Inspector Duthie aware of this and asked that her officers give this their attention.

Refuse collections were taking place in the streets near the school when the pupils were going to school. I have asked the Head of Waste Services to ensure that the collections are scheduled outwith times when children are going to or leaving school.

### **Fire in Firrhill Park**

Last Saturday, I was contacted about a fire in a stair in Firrhill Park. Luckily, no one was hurt and the fire didn't spread into any of the flats, although they were affected by the smoke. I emailed the Chief Executive of Dunedin Canmore who made it a priority. He visited the following day to speak to residents and advise on actions which would be taken to prevent it happening again.

### **Bogus Workmen**

There have been a number of vulnerable people in Oxfangs who have been targeted by bogus workmen. It is important to report any suspicious activity and vehicles seen in the area.

### **Crime Prevention Panel**

Inspector Duthie and I discussed starting the meetings again and a possible new format. Residents have asked me about the lack of crime alerts recently and how much they valued them. The Crime Prevention Panel will discuss forming communication channels in local areas, similar to and including neighbourhood watches. A date for the meeting will be set in March which I will circulate to the Community Council.

### **Oxfangs Care AGM**

This was held on 21<sup>st</sup> January at 12, Firrhill Neuk. The Board members were elected and the Office Bearers will be appointed at the first board meeting after the AGM.

### **Aldi Planning Application**

The site visit by the Planning Committee took place. I requested that they look at the pathway beside the library. This could become an alleyway because of the high banking required to level the land. I asked that, if the recommendation was to grant the application, that the installation of lighting be included.

### **Oxfangs Broadway**

The footpath and steps down to the Broadway from Oxfangs Brae are in a poor state and I have asked that they be repaired.

### **Pentland View**

I had a meeting with Alistair Gaw, Head of Support to Children & Young People, about the closure of Pentland View Close Support Unit. This will reduce the number of close support places from 15 to 10. Alistair is putting forward a case for the capital receipt from the sale of Pentland View to be ring fenced to help to pay for a new Young People's Unit at Oxfangs. The current unit is in poor condition and needs to be replaced on the same site.

We also discussed the possible reduction in secure places. Alistair reassured me that this will only happen when demand falls.

### **Community Centre Consultation**

Community Learning and Development staff have prepared a paper on possible future ways of running community centres and CLD involvement. The suggestions include major changes in the role of the management committees. I will be meeting with David Bruce, CLD Senior Manager, to discuss the implications and timescales for comments.

## Councillor Rust

- a) Hot food application at the "Baguette Shop" has been approved by Local Review Body.
- b) Moving a motion at Full Council on 5th February calling for a report into the Council's involvement in the problems at Lothian Buses.
- c) As ever there have been problems with waste collections, some of which ended up with the Acting Chief Executive before any action was taken!
- d) Surgeries are continuing as per last year and any issues please get in touch.
- e) Following reports re Oxgangs YPC in the newspapers, I obtained this information from the Council which advises of the inaccurate reporting:-

"Articles in the Sun and Evening News 22/1/15

Stories in yesterday's editions referred to allegations of sexual offences against three young people who are Looked After. The response by Police Scotland states;

"an 18 year old man has been reported to the procurator fiscal in connection with sexual offences against three teenage girls. The incidents all occurred within private accommodation"

This action by Police Scotland is the conclusion of a multi-agency investigation into concerns that up to 10 young people, including young people resident in children's homes, were at risk of sexual exploitation and abuse by an unknown number of adults. Extensive investigations have found that three young people, two of whom are currently looked after and accommodated in CEC children's homes, may have been the subject of sexual offences by one individual who has now been charged.

The newspaper articles refer to the investigation of allegations of sexual abuse at children's homes. Police Scotland have been explicit that there are no such allegations and that the alleged incidents occurred in private accommodation. Noel Miler has contacted the Evening News to advise it of the inaccuracies.

The safety and well-being of children and young people who are looked after is of the utmost priority and services will not hesitate to act when young people are found to be at risk. Council services and partner agencies continue to provide support for the three young people concerned. We will also provide appropriate support to residential care staff who can find such statements in the press undermining and distressing."

PV asked about pavement gritters as there had been a lack of gritting in central Oxgangs. Advised the City Council operate on a priority system for the treatment of roads and pavements.

The pavements in our area that receive priority are obviously Oxgangs Road North, Oxgangs Avenue and Colinton Mains Drive. Also prioritised in the central Oxgangs area are Oxgangs Crescent and Firrhill Drive. The rest of the street pavements that are prioritised are in south Oxgangs, i.e., the ones on the hill and Oxgangs Farm Drive.

Other pavements will be subject to appropriate treatment on the basis of locally assessed conditions. This may be very localised and will depend on other demands.

## PNP Reports

### Public Meeting – 16<sup>th</sup> December

#### **Pentlands Neighbourhood Partnership Action Plan Summary**

##### **Health and Wellbeing**

- Provide community support for the LOOPs project by providing local knowledge:
  - Host LOOPs Community Navigator at community events
  - Identify locations for information stalls in each Pentlands community
  - Publicise the LOOPs project through community newsletters, websites and notice boards etc.
- Hold a health fair in Currie during 2015.
  - Establish date, times, venue, facilitators, and objectives
  - Publicise event
- Deliver a themed event in the Pentlands NP area on domestic abuse designed to educate and inform the local community.

##### **Environment and Transport**

- Develop Friends of Parks groups for parks identified by the community:
  - List the parks in Pentland area & those parks that have established Friends Group
  - Potential parks which could attract communities to set up Friends Group up with support (Fairmilehead & Marchbank)
  - Liaise with Parks & Green Space Friends of Parks Officer and staff to facilitate setting up Friends Groups
  - Friends of parks attending community events
- Provide community support for the new recycling service:
  - Publicise the new service through community newsletters, websites and notice boards etc.
  - Events and talks given by the waste service at community meetings and local fairs/galas.
- Support the Union Canal as a community asset
  - Support canal clean-ups and maintenance programmes
  - Promote canal volunteering
  - Promote Towpath Code of Conduct and associated web pages.
  - Raise awareness of the canal monthly promotions (litter, cycle speed, danger walking on frozen water or using the icy towpath etc)

Pentland Funding Panel Report (for noting)

Winter Weather – David Virgo, Environmental Services Development Officer

## Funding Panel – 14<sup>th</sup> January

### Community Grants Fund Applications

- Funds allocated to date £32,248
- Funds remaining £11,335
- Application request total £14,422

### New applications processed:

Organisation	Award
Balerno Children's Gala Association	£2,000
Balerno High School Parent Teacher Council	£5,000
Nether Currie Piper	£500
Friends of Hailes Orchard & Woodland	£900
Firrhill Community Council	£1,700
Pentland Gymnastic Club	** £685
60th Braid (Buckstone) Scout Group	£550
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£11,335</b>

\*\* Pentland Gymnastic Club – This was a partial award to distribute the remaining funds in the 2014/15 community Grant Budget, the remainder of the £3000 application to be paid from the 2015/16 allocation budget.

## Health & Wellbeing – 22 January

Meeting held in Oxfangs Library.

The Chair (HL) gave an update regarding the **domestic abuse** conference held in the Pentlands Community Centre at the start of December. Around thirty people attended including staff from service providers, members of the community, and domestic abuse survivors. She is the lead for the domestic abuse projects for the action group.

One area the event had not touched on was older people's abuse, and it was considered that we should look at developing links with Edinburgh Leisure Ageing Well. Agreed the topic does fall within the project's remit and something with which they should be involved.

They are looking to do another stand alone session in the next year, possibly in the Pentlands. The group would also look at getting information into libraries. The group could access the literature that was available from various organisations.

Group seeking to have domestic abuse statistical figures reported by the police at community council level. Discussing the issue locally might make it easier for victims to come forward.

There was a discussion on the **LOOPS project**, community reps were encouraged to highlight the places in their communities for the Community Navigator to attend.

## Members Reports

### Planning Report: (JN)

Report tabled, see [Appendix 1](#)

## Treasurer's Report

No change from previous report.

## Correspondence

A list of correspondence processed during this reporting period is attached as [appendix 2](#). For more detail on any of the correspondence listed contact the Secretary, Peggy Wright; Tel: 531 9796; email: [peggy.wright@live.co.uk](mailto:peggy.wright@live.co.uk).

## **AOCB:**

As the meeting was running late, the Chair very quickly brought to the members' attention the following information:

- An Oxfangs Gala volunteer was attacked over Xmas and we wish her a speedy recovery
- The CEC are proposing to trial the closing off streets at primary schools. There are no schools affected in this ward but there are in neighbouring wards
- The closure of St Marks Church in Oxfangs Avenue is under review

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

Monday **23<sup>rd</sup> February 2015** in the Lochan View Community Business Centre at **2.30pm**.

Note: The February meeting will be the **last** one commencing at the earlier time of 2.30pm, after this we will be back to our usual evening meetings at 7.00pm.

Meeting closed at approx 5.00 pm



## Planning Report: January 2015

### Weekly Planning Bulletins

This report covering Bulletins issued during the period from 1 Dec 2014 to 19 January 2015.

**1 Dec** – Application 14/03882/FUL for the erection of a single storey rear extension, together with decking and balustrading and dormer windows, in conjunction with re-division of existing two storey terraced house into two separate dwellings at 36 Colinton Mains Road, has been granted.

**8 Jan 2015** – Application 14/04761/FUL for the erection of a single-storey extension to rear of house at 328 Oxgangs Road North.

**19 Jan** – Application 14/05136/FUL to replace old wooden framed shop frontage with new aluminium shop frontage at 82 Colinton Mains Drive.

### Planning Applications:

#### **Application No. 14/03807/FUL: Aldi (Oxgangs)**

In accordance with the decision taken at the last meeting the Secretary wrote to the Planning Committee members reiterating the community council's position in regard to this application.

We received notice from James Harbison that the Aldi Oxgangs planning application would go to the Planning sub-committee on 28th January, a fortnight later than previously indicated. The delay was to accommodate a site visit by the Planning Committee on the 15<sup>th</sup> January. I was intending to be on hand at the visit but weather, uncertainty of time and other circumstances conspired against me.

#### **Application No. 14/02615/FUL: Baguette Stop (Colinton Mains)**

This was an application for a change of use from cold food takeaway to cafe / hot food takeaway at the Baguette Stop, 230B Oxgangs Road North. The application was made in July 2014 and reported in my August report. In September I reported that the application had been refused for reasons that the proposal would result in an over-concentration of hot-food takeaways within the locality and are thus likely to lead to an increase in noise and disturbance in a predominantly residential area.

I was not aware of the application for a review prior to Councillor Rust's recent email as it was not posted in the Planning Bulletins. The Community Council had not raised any objections to the application and in reading the documentation submitted for the review there does not appear to be any contentious issues other the hours of operation. This is not so much contentious as confusing.

In the original application the proposed opening hours were from 08.00 hrs to 23.00 hrs daily but this is confused in the documentation to the Review Body. The appellant (applicant) states he supports the view that the hours of operation were to be from 8.00 hrs to 23.00 hrs daily however he anticipates the opening hours will remain as at present 8.00 hrs to 18.00 hrs daily. The Environmental Assessment adds to the confusion where at the end of the third paragraph it states "*a condition restricting use to daytime only is given.*", but in the list of Conditions, Condition 1 states "*The hours of operation of the premises shall be restricted to 0700-2300 hours daily.*" The other condition related to the ventilation.

As far as I am aware from Cllr Rust's subsequent email, the application has been granted and hopefully the Decision letter when issued will clarify if the hours of operation have been restricted or not.

### South West Communities Forum (SWCF)

The Edinburgh South West Communities Forum was set up in 2013 to represent the interests of communities mainly concerned with Green Belt or greenfield development issues in their areas. It comprises representatives of Ratho Community Council, Balerno Community Council, Currie Community Council, Juniper Green Community Council and Colinton Amenity Association.

Archie Clark, Secretary for the Forum circulated round a draft of a letter he intends to send to Cameron Buchanan, MSP on *Land Use - Housing v Food Production*. A slightly amended version of the letter has since been sent to the MSP who is the Conservative Party's spokesperson on Local Government and Planning. CB has attended meetings of the SWCF and is on the mailing list for the Forum. In June last year took one of the issues being debated within the Forum to the Scottish Parliament asking what steps have been taken to improve the collection of data to assess demand for housing.

Whilst the Forum are mainly involved in protecting the green belt around their area, Archie has done a lot of work trying to raise concerns about the consequences of allowing development on the diminishing amount of agricultural land in Scotland and has produced several plan diagrams showing the expansion of the city from the 1800s and his prognosis for the future.

Whilst urban spread has no direct bearing on Firrhill Community Council – we are already surrounded by housing developments – the points he raises are reasonably valid and I bring it to the meetings notice in case others would like to support his stance.

## Correspondence List: January 2015

By e-mail, forwarded to members where possible; items in bold of particular interest.

- 1 Julie Dickson: **confirming receipt of Sec's update on Firrhill CC membership.**
- 2 Consultation on future of Land Reform In Scotland published by Scottish Gov, 2<sup>nd</sup> Dec '14, <http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Publications/2014/12/9659>
- 3 PC Kenny Welsh: police figures for Oct & Nov '14 (included in Dec '14 Mins)
- 4 Kim Aitchison: **SW Neighbourhood Walkabout Calendar 2015 – Oxgangs 26 Feb & 14 May at 10 am; Firrhill 9 April & 9 July at 10.30 am.**
- 5 **FCC Sec to Cllrs Aitken, Rust & Lewis + members: news that replacement bin that we've lobbied for is now in place on Oxgangs Rd North (at Pavilion) + the small bin at park entrance has been re-sited away from hedge.**
- 6 Jo-Anne Jamieson: link to updated advice on how to use Planning & Bldg Standards portal, including guidance on how to register, search for and track applications – [http://www.edinburgh.gov.uk/downloads/file/4406/advice\\_on\\_portal/edinburgh/](http://www.edinburgh.gov.uk/downloads/file/4406/advice_on_portal/edinburgh/) (Jim has also put this on the Planning page of FCC's website)
- 7 Gordon Macdonald MSP's December e-newsletter
- 8 Tailored search for funding projects in Edinburgh/Lothians, including for women and children/young people: <http://www.idoxopen4community.co.uk/edinburgh/>
- 9 Scott Neill: Pentland Partnership Digest, Dec '14
- 10 Cllr Aitken: **Public Consultation on Flood Risk Management** – Council working with neighbouring local authorities & SEPA to identify sources of flooding and their impact. Material to be consulted on at <https://frm-scotland.org.uk> (+ paper copies in libraries). Background info at [transport.maintenance@edinburgh.gov.uk](mailto:transport.maintenance@edinburgh.gov.uk) Further material, incl possible solutions to flooding identified, to be added in Mar [to 2<sup>nd</sup> June]
- 11 Dave Macnab, Sec, Granton & District CC: **at AGM of EACC normal business was suspended; motion was passed that aims, purpose and working practices of EACC need to be reviewed. A Workshop will take place on 31 Jan, (with an independent facilitator) so that a rep from each of Edinburgh's 48 CCs can attend and discuss future direction of EACC. Current OBs will remain in post, apart from NT (leave of absence), until a reconstituted meeting takes place.**
- 12 **Digital Engagement Workshop: 30 Jan, all day, at Napier Uni. Specifically for CC members working on websites, facebook, etc to share experiences/problems: [JN attending]**
- 13 Amanda Hoggin & Cllr Rust: **Notice for Consultation 279909 re Sideburns Barber Shop, 4a Oxgangs Broadway, applying for Skin Piercing/Tattooing Licence, Tuesday-Saturday, 10 am to 6 pm [FCC Sec has replied pointing out that no date given for responses, and asking why Colinton Library was included in email notice and not Oxgangs Library. Message sent again, but still no reply by 23 Jan]**
- 14 **FCC Sec sent email to Development Management Committee members reaffirming our stance on Aldi Planning Application.**
- 15 **Aldi Planning Application now postponed to 11 Feb to allow for site visit by DMC members on 15 Jan (intimated by Cllr Rust). Last-minute design change has been requested by those members, and Aldi is happy to comply.**

- 16 **EACC:** a) Draft Mins of Exec. Mtg, 29 Oct '14, for submitting to **Exec Mtg being held on 29 Jan '15 [HL will attend]**; b) Draft Mins of AGM '14 (for noting only).
- 17 Eileen Hewitt: 20mph Consultation update; revised 20mph network submitted to Transport & Env'tment, 13 Jan: see [www.edinburgh.gov.uk/20mph](http://www.edinburgh.gov.uk/20mph)
- 18 **Cllr Aitken & Inspector Duthie: warning re bogus workmen in Oxgangs telling people that their roofs need fixed (esp. during recent gales); points on how householders can protect themselves against doorstep crime (printed out by Sec for members).**  
  
Also, Insp. Duthie attached booklet on what to do if cold-call workmen come to your door, but this is not printable at home, so Sec asked if there are copies in Oxgangs Library. Answer is that there are no copies in libraries, but Insp. Duthie will look into this.  
  
The information has been put on the website on the "Police" webpage and adds to the existing information on "Doorstep Crime".
- 19 Scott Neill re **Pentlands NP Funding Panel [HL will report on Oxgangs Gala Day claim]**
- 20 **EACC Workshop (Item 11) Agenda: 31 Jan, 10.30-12.30 [HL/JN attending]**
- 21 **Cllr Rust re 230b ('Baguette Stop') Oxgangs Rd N: application for hot food café & takeaway previously refused is going to Local Review Body on 21 Jan.**
- 22 Julie Dickson: Agenda for Licensing Committee meeting, 2 Feb.
- 23 **TTRO Street Notice for 42-54 Oxgangs Brae, no vehicle access 3 & 4 Feb.**
- 24 My Place Awards nominations closes 30 Jan [www.scottishcivictrust.org.uk](http://www.scottishcivictrust.org.uk)
- 25 5-Day Weather forecasts received regularly from SW N'hood Office during recent wintry/stormy weather.

For more information on any of the above, please contact Firrhill Community Council Secretary:  
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