

Firrhill Community Council

'Nec Aspera Terrent'
(Undaunted by Adversity)

Note of Meeting of the Council on 22 May 2017 held in Lochan View Community Business Centre, Firrhill Neuk.

Attendance: H Levy; S Duffy; L McGurk; P Valentine; J Napier.
Cllr S Arthur, CEC; PC 11550E Sonja Kaiser, Community Police Officer

Visitors: L Cheyne (Resident).

Apologies: F Gosney; J Turnbull; L Linn; Cllr J Rust.

The meeting started at 6 pm, with H Levy in the Chair.

Minute of Previous Meeting held on 24 April 2017:

The draft minutes for our meeting held on 24 April 2017 were reviewed. There being no corrections, the minutes were moved for approval by L M^cG, seconded by SD. Approved.

Ongoing Issues from Previous Meeting

Community Engagement

Update of the list of issues submitted by the Chair at the previous meeting, for consideration.

1. Proposed and agreed to the publication in August/September of an Annual Report/ Newsletter. Its purpose to provide a report of the community council's activities during the past calendar year, to promote community engagement with the council and to advertise our A.G.M. Matter ongoing. Lead member HL (Chair)
2. Proposed and agreed to the A.G.M. to be held in November, which will be our last meeting in the calendar year. Standing orders requires a minimum period of notice to be given before a change to the Constitution can be made. Secretary asked if members were still in agreement with the proposed change and this was affirmed. Secretary to place revised constitution on website.
3. New Planning Developments:
 - a) Aldi- re project timetable – matter ongoing
 - b) Oxfords Children's Centre- re project plans/timetable. Planning portal checked prior to meeting and no new information available. Secretary to write to Scott Dunbar asking for an update
 - c) Clarity around planning application for 'Tanning Shop'. CEC Planning Officer has at long last responded to our request for information but unfortunately not to the correct application thus no further forward. Matter is ongoing.
4. Broadway steps – matter ongoing.
5. Retirement presentation – matter ongoing. Chair to progress
6. Social Media training & create a Twitter account. – L MCG to develop a Twitter A/C for Firrhill CC. Proposal to investigate the use of the Library for social media training on a Wednesday between 5.30 and 7.30 pm.

7. Circulate Walkabout' dates for 2017. Information has been put on the website 'Calendar' page with a link to the Service Team Leader (Carol Duncan) and to the Walkabout Programme information document.
8. Submit 2 project proposals for NEP's fund. No action
9. Create a 'Good Pet Campaign' possible use the High Hedge format. Matter ongoing
10. Create an up-to-date mailing/contact list. Matter ongoing

Within the constraints of data protection legislation there is a need to formalise our contact list in order to provide evidence of good practice in our community consultation exercises.

11. Investigate an open information meeting re New Factors.

Correspondence

Where appropriate, information obtained through correspondence on items identified on the agenda are contained within the relevant report and not included in this list.

28 April: Community Council Engagement with the Planning Service

This was in regard to a Planning Service Delivery event for new community councillors held on Tuesday 25 April 2017. Part of the Planning Service commitment to working with community councils to make Edinburgh a great place to live, work and spend our leisure time in. At the event, they aimed to give an understanding of what the planning system is for, how the service is delivered and what our role is in this as community councillors. A copy of the presentation slides is on the website for your information (Minutes and Reports page). Also referred to the following information:

- Scottish Government PAN 47 - Advice Note Community Councils and Planning
- Planning Aid for Scotland - includes some easy read information/glossary of planning terminology, etc.
- Community Councils and the Planning System – Edinburgh Council information including the Planning Concordat

Asked if they ran the same event again would you recommend it to others on your community council and/or if they ran a second event for those who attended, what topic would they want to cover?

Sender was Jo-Anne Jamieson, Appeals and Review Technician, Planning and Transport

1 May: TRO/16/91-Proposed Amendments to Disabled Parking Places

Notice that in accordance with the terms of the Local Authorities' Traffic Orders (Procedure) (Scotland) Regulations 1999, the City of Edinburgh Council proposes to advertise the Traffic Regulation Orders which will introduce, amend and remove disabled parking places on various roads and should we wish to submit an objection to the proposal, to do so by 12 May 2017 quoting notice reference number TRO/16/91.

I did respond in relation to one located in Oxbgangs Place which showed the bay on the opposite side of the road to the normal parking arrangements in this street. They have acknowledged this was a mistake and the parking bay was on the opposite side of the road. Be aware that all the bays have probably been there for some time but this new Regulation is for the purpose of making it an offence for someone to park there who is not in receipt of a blue badge entitlement.

2 May: Edinburgh Self-Management Project 2017

Received a message from Fiona.Wilson@thistle.org.uk via the website seeking to speak with local community councillors about self-management opportunities for people living with a long-term condition in the Oxfangs area. Currently employed by the Thistle Foundation to explore with local partners, current opportunities and development potential. Would be very pleased to hear from the local councillor to have a telephone discussion.

The Chair reported she contacted FW who was holding an event during the day in the ONC. Unable to attend due to work but did ask if she would get back to her with any feedback from said event. Agreed to meet with her after her holidays,

4 May: Review of Edinburgh Design Guidance for Consultation

This refers to a previous email on the subject and asks for contact details by 10 May, if we wish to express an interest in attending a workshop to explore two of the key changes in the proposed update to the Edinburgh Design Guidance.

Otherwise, it is hoped we will provide feedback on the proposed changes through the online survey link (containing the draft Guidance), which remains open until Friday 2 June 2017.

Sender was Steven Murrell, Spatial Policy, Planning and Transport. spatial.policy@edinburgh.gov.uk

5 May: Edinburgh Tenants Federation – Quarterly Magazine

Received a message from Mary Callaghan, Office Manager, Edinburgh Tenants Federation, proposing to send an email notification when a new edition of Tenants Voice is available to download. Asking for a response to their email with the email address we would like this sent to. Also, offering to send a paper copy.

Action: Have given them my contact details. Will forward the notifications to members when received and bring the paper copy to the next available meeting for those who do not have internet access.

9 May: PNP E&T Meeting

Notification from Michael Edwards, Lifelong Learning Development Officer, South West Neighbourhood Office re a change in the date of the next Pentlands Environment and Transport Group from 15 to 29 May at 2pm. The meeting is due to take place at the South West Office. It has been moved due to staff resources and in light of the rearranged Partnership Board meeting.

11 May: TRO/17/48 – Proposed Amendments to Disabled Parking Places

Notice that in accordance with the terms of the Local Authorities' Traffic Orders (Procedure) (Scotland) Regulations 1999, the City of Edinburgh Council proposes to promote an order which will amend disabled parking places on various roads.

The proposals are shown on the attached plans. (Firrhill Cres o/s No.11)

Formal objections are not invited at this stage, as a further period will be allowed for the submission of objections when the proposals are formally advertised. It is intended to advertise the proposals at an early date and I should welcome any comments you may have to offer within 3 weeks of the date of this letter.

12/May Help out with a Swift survey

Planning Edinburgh sent out this request: In Edinburgh we've been working since 2000 to help our declining population of swifts. This summer, in partnership with the RSPB, we are carrying out the first full survey in 10 years to identify where these amazing birds are nesting in the city. We need as many volunteers as possible to help and the good news is, this is a survey which works best in good weather!

A training event is being held on Wednesday 24th May 6.30pm, hosted by Historic Environment Scotland at the Holyrood Park Education Centre. So if you fancy a summer's evening stroll to look for these avian acrobats, please email Amber.Jenkins@rspb.org.uk to book your training place.

For more information on swift conservation work across Edinburgh email us at biodiversity@edinburgh.gov.uk.

16 May: 20mph Members Bill Consultation - Invitation to Participate

Email received from MSP Mark Ruskell who has launched the consultation for his 20mph members bill in the Scottish Parliament, and is writing to ask community councils to consider submitting a response before the closing date on the 7th August.

A summary of the consultation document is on the website, and the full consultation document can be downloaded from the Scottish Parliament Website.

16 May: South West Area Board postponed

Notice from Sandra McLeod, Housing Team Leader, South West Locality, that due to unforeseen circumstances, it has been agreed with the Chair to postpone the area board meeting scheduled for the 18th May. A further update, including a rescheduled date will be sent as soon as information is available.

18 May: Notice of EACC Meeting 25 May

From David Bewsey, the next EACC meeting is on Thursday 25th May at 7pm in the European Room, Edinburgh City Chambers. The Agenda for the meeting and Minutes of the meeting on 23rd March 2017 are on the website.

The theme is Environment & Transport with a presentation on the newly launched Transport Charter from the Scottish Government. Also be useful to look at the suggested response to the Council's Design Guidance Changes report kindly supplied by Tony Harris.

Agenda

1. Welcome and apologies
2. Minutes of the meeting on 23rd March 2017
3. Matters arising from the minutes of 23rd March 2017
4. Temporary representative to the Edinburgh Partnership
5. Environment: Refuse collections (brief discussion)
6. Transport: Speakers to be announced.
7. CEC Consultation on Review of Edinburgh Design Guidance (for noting)
8. Discussion on meetings – suggestions from CC representatives
9. AOCB – Items to the Secretary not less than 24hours before the meeting.

Next meeting – Thursday 14th September 2017 - 7pm – Venue to be confirmed

Police Report: April 2017

Whilst the information provided in the following report was extracted from information received from the Police, it should be noted it has not been ratified and therefore may not be accurate or appropriate to refer to, quote or use as official statistics.

Before speaking on her report for the previous month, PC Sonja Kaiser intimated that the new police inspector for this area was now in post. *Chair proposed that we extend a welcome to the new inspector with an invitation to attend one of our meetings.*

Community Police Station:

This past month your local Policing Team have been at several Child Protection Case Conferences, serving Court Citations, executing Court Warrants, keeping members of the public safe by targeting stone-throwers and assisting in striving to keep Firrhill / Colinton Mains / Oxfangs a safe place to live and work.

E Division Priorities:

This past month Edinburgh Division has been focussed on solving crimes of violence, housebreaking hate crimes and protecting visitors and residents.

PSOS Priorities and values:

This past month Police Scotland has been striving to work with fairness, integrity and respect.

Housebreakings

- 12/04/17 – Oxfangs Loan – theft from garden shed.
- 12/04/17 – Caiystane Drive – theft from garden shed.
- 12/04/17 – Colinton Mains Green – theft from garden shed.
- 28/04/17 – Oxfangs Farm Gardens – attempted theft from garden shed.

Section 57 – being within the curtilage with intention to steal 22/04/17 at Oxfangs Primary School.

Assault

There were two reported serious assaults in April.

- 04/04/17 – Oxfangs Place (solved).
- 12/04/17 - Firrhill Drive (solved).

Road Safety / Initiatives

Several Road traffic offences (no insurance, drink driving etc) were detected during the month of April and reports have been sent to the PF.

Theft

There was a **Bogus Workman** type theft in Oxfangs Farm Drive on 7th April, where a 91-year-old woman was targeted under guise of water supply problem.

A female suspect targeted two elderly women, in two separate incidents

- On 17th a woman's handbag was stolen from an address in Firrhill Drive.
- On 18th a woman had money stolen, after a similarly described female befriended her.

In discussion, PC Kaiser-Ferris reiterated the Police message for people to look out for their elderly neighbours so that they do not feel isolated within the community and can call for assistance when needed. Information on /Bogus Callers / Doorstep Crime / Trading Standards is held on Police Scotland, City of Edinburgh and Firrhill CC's websites.

Actions from Previous Meeting

Oxfangs Street: reported that one of the clamped vehicles has been taken away.

Community Policing

Ward 8 comprises of 3 Policing Beats with 2 City of Edinburgh Council Funded Officers. Police Constables Graeme Howie and Sonja Kaiser. Beat PF57 covers the Firrhill CC area

The Community Policing Team Inspector covering Wards is Police Inspector 11495E Scott Richardson. The CPT Sergeant covering ward 8 is Police Sergeant 5890E Billy Telford.

The CPT consists of 3 teams of community-facing Constables, and the emphasis will be on community working, in a bid to solve local issues.

In non-emergencies, should you wish to contact us, please do not hesitate to do so.

You can contact us by email at <mailto:EdinburghColintonFairmileheadCPT@Scotland.pnn.police.uk> or by telephoning the national non-emergency number 101. You can also follow us on Twitter @EdinPolSW.

Police Surgery

Oxgangs Library, Oxgangs Road North, Wednesdays 1700 - 1800 hours.

Councillors Reports

Cllr Rust

With the absence of Cllr Rust, his report was read out by the Chair.

1. Firstly, I am pleased to have been re-elected for the third time to serve our area and look forward to continuing to work with the Community Council and my two new council colleagues over the next five years.
2. I have been pursuing an issue in relation to dog barking etc. at Oxgangs Farm Avenue and Environmental Wardens are now liaising with residents.
3. There have been a few complaints in relation to the Aldi build and problems with parking. The “wrong type” of cone was also put out by the developer. The large red and white cones which were on the roadway and are commonly seen at roadworks cannot be used to enforce parking restrictions as they do not comply with the provisions of Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions etc. Only the normal triangular (or round) cones with the appropriate signage on them can be used to enforce no parking/waiting so the previous cones have no status...
4. I was pleased to attend the 50th Anniversary Mass at the end of April for St Mark’s Primary School and the event afterwards at the school itself with former staff and pupils.
5. The new Lord Provost is SNP Cllr Frank Ross. SNP and Green councillors voted for him with 26 votes; Conservative and Liberal Democrat councillors voted for Cllr Robert Aldridge (24 votes) and Labour abstained, allowing Cllr Ross to be elected. There is to be a further meeting of Full Council on Thursday at which the Leader and other positions are due to be determined.
6. There is no feedback yet re the street lighting assessment. Unfortunately, as discussed at the last meeting, summer is maybe not the best time to test!

Office Bearers’ Reports

Health and Wellbeing Meeting – 11 May

Notified of intention to use the meeting as a stock-take ahead of the PNP annual review in the hope it will prove useful in light of changes in the South West Locality and the development of the South West Locality Improvement Plan. Due to other obligations, there was no attendance from Firrhill CC.

Information on Planning Applications in the Firrhill CC Ward

Application 17/00241/FUL for a change of use from tanning salon to hot food takeaway at **76 Colinton Mains Drive** has been **granted**.

As reported at the last meeting I queried this application as the documentation for it actually refers to a business property address at 333 Calder Road (The Tan Stand) and not 76 Colinton Mains Place. A follow-up email was sent on 19 April and again on 12 May. I included the Council's FOI dept. in the address line and received a response from them on the 15 May offering to follow-up.

Received a response from a Planning Officer on the 17 May in regard to a different application reference. I responded the following day providing the correct reference and reiterating the issue raised. Cllr Rust also applied pressure to the Planning Team Leader to get a response. Matter still ongoing.

Application 17/01122/PND providing prior notification for demolition of the Children's Home at **54 Oxbgangs Avenue**. Agent: Ryan Moffat Buildings Programme Team, G5, Waverley Court 4 East Market Street Edinburgh Scotland EH8 8BG.

Received the following response to my query regarding the activity at this property:

"From Scott Dunbar, Senior Manager - Looked After Children, Children's Services, Waverley Court, Business Centre 1/9: Thank you for contacting the City of Edinburgh Council to enquire about the plans for Oxbgangs Young People's Centre. Over the next 12 months, the existing building will be demolished and replaced with a new purpose-built facility. The building is currently unoccupied; however, some contractors may be on site in the coming weeks. I would be happy to attend the Community Council to discuss progress on this development if you believe that would be helpful, and please let me know if I can be of further assistance."

Scott Dunbar was due to attend this meeting but cancelled at the last minute.

Application 17/00701/FUL for an alteration to shopfront at 88 Colinton Mains Drive was granted

Application 17/01895/FUL for alterations to form attic bedrooms at 38 Colinton Mains Green.

Date, Time and Venue of Next Public Meeting

Date, venue and time of our next meeting is Monday **26th June 2017** in the Lochan View Community Business Centre at **6.00pm**.

The meeting ended at 8.00 pm approx.