

## TRINITY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

### **Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 8th March 2010 at 7.00pm in St Serfs Church Halls.**

**Present:** P. Brindle, A. Cameron, S. Fowlie, E. Grant, K. Jobling (in Chair), T. Kerr (Secretary), I. Kruk, D. Pestell, C. Preston, J. Ruddiman (Vice-Chair), R. Scott (Treasurer), B Shorthose, L A. Weir.

**In Attendance:** M. Chisholm MSP, Cllr. A. Jackson, I. Lutton, Cllr. E. Morris, T. Parker, R. Shearer.

**Apologies:** Cllr. S. Cardownie, PC. G. Gow, Cllr. A. Jackson, M. Liddle, J. Rowan, M. Wallace.

The Chairman welcomed members to the meeting.

**Minutes of meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> February 2010;** The minutes were proposed as correct by R. Scott and seconded by B. Shorthose.

**Matters arising from the minutes;** Malcolm Chisholm and David Pestell had been marked as present and absent at the last meeting. The Secretary apologised for this error and agreed to correctly show that M. Chisholm was absent from the last meeting and D. Pestell was present.

A Cameron asked for clarification re the issue of yellow lines at Newhaven Road (page 4). The minutes should state that Council reports made it look like local people wanted all of the traffic calming measures removed when in fact only a small section of yellow line was requested for removal.

The Secretary reported that he was no further forward in updating members on the walkabout/information event issues. He will continue to press officials for an update.

Cllr. Morris had spoken to Mr. John Brindle regarding the increased cost for renting CEC properties for Scout troops; she will be meeting Mr. Brindle in due course.

Cllr. Morris will report at a future meeting on issues relating to worn-out yellow lines. Cllr. Jackson offered his support to Cllr. Morris in this respect.

Ina Kruk told the meeting that she had been upset to hear comments made at the last meeting relating to lack of progress in Victoria Park. Mrs. Kruk told the meeting that she, Clive Preston and the Secretary had worked very hard over many months by attending action group meetings, to ensure that funding was secured for new lighting as well as raising ongoing issues such as litter etc.

D. Pestell stated that whilst there had been concern at the delays in getting some work done in the Park, the new Victoria Park Sub-Committee will meet regularly to try and address outstanding and current issues.

**Correspondence;** The Secretary reported that a local Newhaven Village resident had approached him with the idea of providing a financial reward for the best idea of dealing with litter in and around Trinity Academy. The CC requested that the Secretary approach the Academy and ask their views on the matter.

Allotment Strategy. J Ruddiman agreed to complete this document and return it. Any comments should go to Janet.

The Secretary had requested an update concerning tree planting/lighting works in Victoria Park. S. Cuthill reported that the programme start date is the 3<sup>rd</sup> March until 6<sup>th</sup> March for tracking works (cables) only; lighting column installation will take place 2 weeks later.

Ian Stewart of the North Edinburgh Trust had emailed the Secretary asking Trinity CC to get involved in a local green space mapping exercise. The CC were unsure as to how this exercise would differ from the CEC current Green Space consultation. The Secretary will ask for further information and report back.

Information had been received from the Association of Scottish Community Councils asking Edinburgh CCs to nominate a new representative. The Secretary will forward information to members and will complete the nomination once views/votes had been collated.

Notification was received from CEC concerning another CC Training day; the next training day will take place on the 16<sup>th</sup> March, 6.30, City Chambers and will concentrate on Community Councillor Roles and Responsibilities.

Planning Aid Training is offering training on new Planning Guidance, this training is taking place on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> March, City Chambers. Registration is essential.

Edinburgh Community Representatives Network is holding its annual event on 13<sup>th</sup> March, the theme of the meeting is showing what community-led projects can achieve through becoming a Community Development Trust.

Letter from North Edinburgh Trust informing Community Councils that due to funding constraints they will be unable to support CCs in North Edinburgh. It was noted that this has no impact on Trinity CC.

A copy of the NEN was made available in which the Warm Hearts quilting group meeting at Holy Cross Church was mentioned. This group makes new bedding from unwanted materials.

Castle Rock Housing update Newsletter.

Spokes Newsletter.

Cockburn Association update; their next meeting will be on the 16<sup>th</sup> March.

Lauriston Lectures information sheets and Inside Letting newsletter were received.

The Chairman received notification from Forth Ports concerning the proposed renewable energy plant. This will have a major impact in the area and the Chairman agreed to ask someone from Forth Ports to come and speak to members.

**Treasurer's Report;** The Treasurer reported no change. The Current balance stands at £1291.77.

BS asked if the CEC was planning on reducing the amount granted to CCs. Cllr. Morris stated that no reduction was expected.

**Crime Report;** PC. Gow was unable to attend as he was competing in Police duathlon but emailed a report to the Secretary.

There has been a rise in the number of vandalisms in the Newhaven Road area and in East Trinity Road. Pupils from Trinity Academy have been named as responsible. A group of youths are under investigation for these incidents and a conclusion should be reached very soon.

The school are taking an active part in the prevention of Anti Social behaviour (ASB) and have been deploying staff in to the local area at lunch - time due to the increase in calls to the area. I have spoken to one or two pupils involved in ASB and letters are being sent to their parents.

The CCTV cameras have now been moved from Newhaven Road and proved to be a success. A recent spate of egg throwing was caught on the cameras. The footage is being examined and hopefully the youths will be identified.

There have been 39 recorded crimes in the Trinity area. 19 of these are vandalisms, which as I mentioned earlier, should be solved after the recent identification of a group of youths whom we think are responsible.

There was a particularly horrible incident in Victoria Park when a lady was walking her dog. Her dog was attacked by an out of control dog, which was off its lead. Unfortunately the lady's dog was killed in the attack. The keeper of the offending animal has been traced and charged under dangerous dogs legislation.

There were no accidents of note in the Trinity area over the month of February.

(Taken directly from PC Gow's Report).

AC stated that there are serious problems at Bangholm, a vehicle had driven into the facility causing damage.

Cllr. Jackson stated that he felt the facility was being left to go to rack and ruin.

**Tree Warden Report;** Nothing to report.

**Planning Report;** PB reported that no major applications had been received, very few applications in the area at present. PB was asked if there was any update on the Hospice refurbishment, she stated that she had not been informed of any new developments.

Cllr. Jackson was asked for an update on Trinity Park House, he stated that not a great deal had been happening but that the Edinburgh Agent for the site would inform him if any new applications or plans were to be suggested.

Concern was raised at the fact that the site is filling with water again and the implications on safety.

JR stated her concern at the lack of security on the site; she asked if additional security could be requested, Cllr. Jackson agreed to look into the above issues.

Cllr. Morris had been in touch with the Planning Officer responsible for 144 Newhaven Road, it was confirmed that a significant number of objections had been received. Cllr. Morris will keep the CC informed of developments.

AC asked what restorative measures were being taken by Scottish Water at the walkway? It is understood that a clean up is underway.

**Reports from other meetings attended;** The Secretary reported that the Children and Families Action Group have been asked to arrange a 'youth focused' meeting, the date for this meeting has been confirmed as 30<sup>th</sup> April 2-4pm, Telford College. More info when available.

There were no further reports from other groups.

The Chairman reported that the Neighbourhood Partnership is to hold a review day to discuss how action groups work and what improvements are needed. He will report back in due course.

AC commented on the fact that agendas for action groups do not appear in advance and is concerned that CCs are not able to give a view on what issues are being discussed. KJ stated that it was up to action group representatives to keep CCs informed.

There was a lengthy discussion at this stage of the meeting on the benefits of Neighbourhood Partnerships and there was general agreement that a number of problems exist. The Secretary was asked to invite Mark Turley, Director of Services for Communities to the AGM to answer questions.

**Topical issues;** P Brindle asked for an update on the vandalized play equipment at Victoria Park, this play equipment is very popular with children. The secretary will ask for update.

Licensing standards had previously offered to attend a meeting and speak to members. It was agreed to ask them to attend.

BS reported on a very serious pothole on Stanley Road; Cllr. Jackson to investigate.

Discussion ensued concerning informing residents as to what was happening in the area and what the CC was doing. The Website is to be updated and further articles are to be published in the Trinity Spotlight.

**Date of next meeting;** 12<sup>th</sup> April 2010. 7pm. St. Serf's hall.