



**Public Meeting – 7:30 pm - 11<sup>th</sup> September 2018**

**Venue: Function Hall, Colinton Bowling Club**

## **Agenda**

<b>Item</b>	<b>Subject</b>	<b>Time</b>
1.	Welcome, apologies and any declarations of interest	7:30
2.	Police Report – August report is on the website	7:32
3.	Minutes of the meeting held on 12 <sup>th</sup> June 2018	7:45
4.	Matters arising from the June minutes	7:50
5.	Reports	8:00
6.	Colinton Christmas Lights – update	8:10
7.	Tiphereth future development – short presentation	8:20
8.	Colinton Heritage Project – Colinton Magazine article	8:40
9.	Campbell Park – follow-up to consultation event	8:45
10.	A.O.C.B. to be notified to the Secy. prior to the meeting	9:10
11.	Questions from the Public	9:15
	Close	9:30

Draft minutes of the previous meeting and reports will be on the website

Times for each agenda item should be adhered to wherever possible to allow time for informal conversation after the business of the evening has been concluded

**Next scheduled meeting date: 9<sup>th</sup> October 2018**

**Present:**

Tom McDonald (Chair), David Bewsey (Secretary), Carol McMillan, Anne McDonald, Bill Alexander, Lorraine O'Shea, Ken Eyeington, Jennie Loudon (CVE), Cllr Phil Doggart, PC Graeme Howie, & 3 members of the public. Also in attendance: Mike Dean (Colinton Co-op) & John Brock (Currie Star FC).

**Welcome:** The Chair, Tom McDonald welcomed everyone to the meeting including Mike Dean (Co-op), and John Brock (Currie Star Football Club).

**Apologies:** Dr David Houston, Ian Cowie, Cllr Jason Rust, Cllr Scott Arthur, Gordon Lindhurst MSP.

**Declarations of Interest:** There were no declarations of interest.

**Co-op update:**

Mike Dean (Manager) gave a brief overview of business in the first two months which he reported to be good. He went on to say that they had signed up 740 new members. He also said that the first aisle content contributed to one third of the baskets sales. There had been no major shoplifting incidents and deliveries were adhering to time. The Co-op had contributed "goodies" to Bonaly School Fair and expired goods were going to be donated to a charitable centre once agreed.

**Proposed Campbell Park Asset Transfer:**

John Brock of Currie Star Football Club outlined their proposal to take over Campbell Park as a football centre. This would not exclude public access. The club has around 400 players who require larger training facilities. Training takes place April - June and from end August to mid-September mostly for the juniors and seven-a-side. They are aware that car parking could be an issue and would take steps to minimise congestion on Woodhall Road close to the City Bypass Bridge. Among their plans would be to add drainage to the park and improve the clubhouse. Edinburgh Cricket would also use the facilities from April until August. Mr Brock also said they would keep the community updated.

**Police Report:**

PC Graeme Howie gave a brief overview of his report, which is posted on the Community Council website. Two key items emphasised were the next stage of Op Heddle (20mph monitoring) which would recommence from the beginning of July and an incident where a Labrador dog had killed a sheep in Dreghorn. He warned of the consequences of allowing dogs to roam loose within farm land containing animals and that a farmer has the legal right to shoot such animals who threaten his livestock.

**Minutes of the meeting of 8<sup>th</sup> May 2018:**

These were accepted as a true record.

Prop. Anne McDonald (AM), Sec. Bill Alexander (BA).

**Matters arising from the Minutes:**

No items that wouldn't be covered in other business.

**Appointment of Treasurer:**

Carol McMillan was elected to the post of Treasurer. Prop: TM, Sec.: DB

**Reports:**

**Secretary:** The Secretary's report was taken as read.

**Environment:** The report was taken as read. DB stated that the Walkabout report had been received and sent to those who took part. He said he would arrange to share this with others.

**Planning:**

TM reported that there was nothing of note in the weekly lists.

**Transport & Roads:** The report from TM and DH was discussed. The Chair expressed concerns regarding previous responses by CEC to action requests with regard to safety at the junction of Spylaw Street/Bridge Road. Also by moving the eastbound Bus Stop in front of the Pharmacy would remove the constriction at that point. The two car parking spaces would replace the original Bus Stop position. The right turn into Woodhall Road which can impede traffic flow through the village would also be taken up with Council Officers.

The following policies were agreed:

1. To pursue actions to make exiting Spylaw Street safer.
2. To pursue examination of the two parking spaces outside the Pharmacy which create a dangerous restriction in the road and investigations into moving the Bus Stop eastwards and the two parking spaces westward are suggested.
3. To carry out further investigation into traffic congestion caused by traffic turning right into Woodhall Road and pursue installation of a right turn filter at the traffic. **ACTION: DH**

BA suggested that a solid white line (no overtaking) be placed the length of Bridge Road.

**Councillors Reports:**

Both Councillors Rust and Arthur's reports were available and are posted on the website. Cllr Doggart outlined the recent meeting with the Chief Executive, Andrew Kerr, where the impact of Council funding reductions and the effect on Council services, was discussed. He also reported on the Redford Barracks working group for which he is convenor. He indicated that it is still intended to dispose of the estate property by 2022. He intimated that the potential conversion of the facilities could have a considerable impact on the surrounding area and not just for Colinton. Cllr Doggart emphasised the need for due consideration to be given by surrounding communities as to how the facilities might be used in future. A series of consultative meetings are planned for the autumn.

Also mentioned was the Garden Waste Tax which comes into effect in October. All residents should receive a letter to register their interest by 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2018. Similar arrangements for those who use the Tippereth service will receive notice of the charge for this service separately.

**Communications:**

The first draft of the new flier was discussed. An alternative front page image was suggested. DB said this was only a suggestion and that everyone could contribute a suitably formatted image. Some changes to the wording and bullet points were made and a further draft would be circulated for comment. The deadline for completion would be Art in the Park on 2<sup>nd</sup> Sept. 2018

**Village Christmas Lights:**

The proposal for village Christmas lights submitted in BA's report including the quotation supplied by Gala Lights was discussed. The Chair asked BA how he thought the Community Council should take this forward. After a short discussion it was suggested a working group should be established, to take this forward, composed of representatives from a cross section of village groups and perhaps businesses. A motion by the Chair, seconded by BA, to form a working group to take this project forward was agreed. It was also agreed that the Chair should write to various groups asking that they join the working party.

**ACTION: Chair**

**AOCB:**

None

**Public Comments:**

None

**Next meeting: This will be on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> September 2018 at 7:30pm, at Colinton Bowling Club.**

13 July 18

# Prof Scott Arthur

## Councillor for Colinton-Fairmilehead

### Report for Colinton Community Council – September 2018

**Campbell Park** - Colinton residents turned out in force last week to discuss the proposal to transfer the management of Campbell Park to Currie Star Football Club & Edinburgh Cricket Club. The attendance was so high that the meeting had to move out of the park pavilion and in to the park itself!

Residents had the the following questions: (1) Would the park be used more? (2) Would the parking problems increase? (3) Would there be extra litter? (4) Would the community benefit? (5) Would the current users be excluded?

I had a chat with the clubs afterwards and I think they accept that the community are not fully supportive of their proposal as it stands.

Even if there is local backing, the Council will stipulate conditions which would trigger the park reverting to their management. Informally, we have already discussed triggers such as noise, parking and maintenance problems. I have also been given an assurance that the current informal access will be maintained. However, as far as I am concerned, this is a decision for the community.

**Anti-Social Behavior** – I have been working with the Police to deal with anti-social behavior in the area. In particular, I have been speaking to the Police, the Parks Department and local residents about the disruption in Spylaw Park. The problem appears to have lessened as the summer progressed.

**Redford Barracks Working Group** – No news.

**Number 18 Bus** – This is now the 400 and runs from Fort Kinnaird to the Airport via RIE, Colinton and the Gyle. Timetable: <https://tinyurl.com/y89jmu6l>

**Firrhill High School** – FHS is working towards becoming a "Cycle Friendly Secondary School". Any Firrhill pupils that would like to have cycle training or go on led rides should get in touch with the PE Dept for details!

**Colinton Primary School** - I attended Colinton PS's first Parent Council meeting of the 2018/19 session last month. We had a great discussion about "the cost of the school day" and the need for an After School Club. I have since visited Oxbgangs PS's After School Club and it appears they continue to have the capacity to accommodate Colinton PS.

The main action I left with was to speak to the Community Police about enforcing the traffic restrictions around the school.

**Spylaw Park** - The People's Choice award for parks run by Keep Scotland Beautiful opened on 1st September and will run for a month and as a Green Flag Park, Spylaw Park has been shortlisted. Vote for it here: <http://www.greenflagaward.org.uk/park-summary/?park=2405>

**Pop-Up-Bob** - Police numbers in Edinburgh are down despite Edinburgh giving Police Scotland ten times more than any other Council, but don't worry we have "Pop Up Bob" – a cardboard police officer. Community Groups can loan this to (apparently) help encourage drivers to stick to the speed limit.

**Parking on Woodhall Road** – Since the Co-Op opened in Colinton I have had repeated complaints about parking at the east end of Woodhall Road. In particular, there are concerns about the impact on other road users and pedestrian safety. I have therefore passed the issue on to the parking enforcement team and asked them to pay increased attention to the area.

**More local news on my Facebook page:** <https://www.facebook.com/DrScott4Ward8/>

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## COUNCILLOR RUST REPORT TO COLINTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL – SEPTEMBER 2018

I trust all Community Councillors had an enjoyable summer.

1. The meeting at **Campbell Park** regarding proposed community asset transfer took place last Tuesday. A number of representations were made to the applicants on a range of issues from parking and drop-off to public access to the park. The item is on the agenda for this evening and the Chair and Secretary were among other attendees, so I will leave further detail for now.
2. I have been in contact with Lothian Buses regarding the **number 10 service** and removal of hybrid buses which were launched in 2011.
3. Following issues with the **school lets system**, as highlighted by an issue at Pentland Centre, the Convener of Education, Children and Families Committee has agreed to my request for a report into the service.
4. Recent **Bailie duties** include the Condé Nast Readers' Traveller Awards (Edinburgh runner-up UK city); Festival Mass at St Mary's; Citizenship Ceremony at City Chambers; event to mark the closure of Colinton Mains Bowling Club at the end of this bowling season; official opening of Best Bib N Tucker at Firrhill Neuk; and Belt and Road" Chinese Culture Art Festival at the EICC.
5. I volunteered on the children's tombola at **Pentland Primary School Fayre** on Saturday.
6. I arranged for a new light in the bus shelter opposite **Hailes Grove** (near Kingsknowe Golf course).
7. The **South West Locality** meeting is on Thursday morning at 10am in the City Chambers. The agenda and papers are available online.
8. The next **Pentlands Neighbourhood Partnership** meeting is scheduled for Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> November. Venue to be confirmed.
9. I was pleased to attend **Art in the Park**, another great success for the organisers and a very enjoyable day.
10. **One Scots** also had a 'Scots Day' on Saturday which regrettably was poorly attended, but enjoyed by those of us there.
11. I have submitted written questions to next week's Full Council regarding the proposed appointment of a **new director** position seeking justification and explanation as to process and role.

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