



Public Meeting – 7:30 pm - 13th November 2018

Venue: Function Hall, Colinton Bowling Club

Agenda

Item	Subject	Time
1.	Welcome, apologies and any declarations of interest	7:30
2.	Police Report – October report will be on the website	7:32
3.	Minutes of the meeting held on 9 th October 2018	7:45
4.	Matters arising from the October minutes	7:50
5.	Reports - planning, roads, communications & Ward Councillors	8:00
6.	Edinburgh Association of Community Councils - presentation	8:20
7.	A.O.C.B. to be notified to the Secy. prior to the meeting	8:40
8.	Questions from the Public	8:50
	Close	9:00

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: 11th December 2018

Present:

Tom McDonald (Chair), David Bewsey (Secretary), Carol McMillan (Treasurer), Dr David Houston, Ian Cowie, Bill Alexander, Lorraine O'Shea, Ken Eyeington, Jennie Loudon (CVE), Cllr Jason Rust, Cllr Scott Arthur, Cllr Phil Doggart, PC David Crow & 5 members of the public.

Welcome: The Chair, Tom McDonald welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Apologies: Anne McDonald, Gordon Lindhurst MSP.

Declarations of Interest: There were no declarations of interest.

Police Report:

PC David Crow gave a brief overview of the September report. He reported that PC Eric Jones had joined the local community police. Comments were made regarding thefts connected to groups on motor bikes targeting areas of Colinton. It was suggested that extra vigilance was necessary. Neighbourhood Watch was suggested as a useful tool and had been improved recently. Cllr Rust suggested a meeting be held on security. After discussion on SW Policing actions which had a positive effect in Balerno DB proposed a motion to take a deputation to the SW Locality meeting on 29th November. Neighbourhood Watch link to be added to the website. **ACTION: DB**

Minutes of the meeting of 11th September 2018:

These were accepted as a true record. Prop. David Houston, Sec. Bill Alexander.

Matters arising from the Minutes:

KE requested further plans for the historic railings to be placed on Woodhall Road. Further details to be requested from CCCT. **ACTION DB**

Roads: DH to continue investigating. Suggest photos of queuing traffic be taken with timings

ACTION: DH

Tippereth proposal: No further word on timing of consultation. DB to follow up.

ACTION DB

Campbell Park: DB thanked Cllr Rust for obtaining the bookings for Campbell Park from Edinburgh Leisure. While it listed Bonaly Primary and Edinburgh United as well as Edinburgh Cricket and Scottish Widows; no mention of Currie Star FC was indicated.

Reports:

Chair: TM mentioned that he had attended a Funding Panel and the local Boys Brigade troop had been allocated money for a Defibrillator which would be installed at Dreghorn Loan Hall, hopefully outside.

Secretary: DB's report was taken a read.

Environment: The Secretary reported on various environment matters.

Planning: TM reported that there had been little of note in the weekly lists.

Councillor's Reports: Cllr Arthur's and Cllr Rust's report was available in papers.

Cllr Doggart reported that he was concerned that plans for development on the Redford Barracks site had already been mooted by the MoD without consultation with community groups, however there was an indication that there might be a community workshop towards the end of the year.

Proposed closure of Colinton Public toilets:

The Chair suggested there were many reasons to keep the toilets open in Colinton, some of these were: elderly resident population, visitors to Colinton for the RLS Trail and walkers, as well as for Bus drivers while at the terminus. It was commented that there were toilet facilities at Torphin for Bus drivers. Cllr Arthur mentioned that their maintenance cost was circa £25k p.a. and that specific arguments should be around the Colinton toilets.

It was agreed that a group be formed involving the CC and CAA. This would include TM, DB, IC, and DH as well as a CAA representative. A representation to the Council's Finances & Resources committee might be appropriate.

ACTION: Chair

AOCB:

The Chair raised a motion to remove former Treasurer Gordon Neill from the Bank account and add Carol McMillan. He said that the address for the Bank account should be that of the Secretary although statements would go to the Treasurer.

KE asked to show a short video of a system for filling potholes called an Archway Roadmaster Velocity Patcher and wondered why CEC didn't make use of such a machine. It was suggested that the South West Locality Transport & Environment Manager, Dr Andy Edwards be invited to the next meeting to discuss CEC's position on this.

ACTION: Secretary

There was a discussion on the ideas for a crossing at the top of Spylaw Street and modification of the traffic lights. DH suggested that this was an enhancement to the original remit on safety.

Public Comments:

It was suggested that there were no clear indication of how to contact the Community Council other than the contact form. The Secretary reported that when the website was rebuilt the alternative details had been omitted. This would be investigated.

It was suggested that information on bonfire safety be added to the website. **ACTION: Secretary**

Next meeting: This will be on Tuesday 13th November 2018 at 7:30pm, at Colinton Bowling Club.

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Secretary's Report:

Following up on issues raised at the meeting on 9th October, an invitation was extended to Dr Andy Edwards, SW Roads Manager. He sent his apologies but reported on the issues raised.

Potholes: There is a limited revenue budget for the maintenance of the road network which includes defective surfaces, kerbs, bollards, fencing, poles, walls, drainage, road markings, street furniture, ironwork and traffic regulations orders. Due to this there is a lot of demands on the budget as this is required for all four wards in the South West. We are currently putting a patching package together to address a lot of the potholes in the South West but this is an ongoing challenge. Where areas are too large for revenue patching work we refer these to the Central Road Asset section for capital assessment and inclusion. Over the last couple of years, the Council has started to use different road treatments which mean that we have been able to resurface more streets and this has resulted in an improvement in the Road Condition Index (RCI). RCI is the standard system for the assessment of the condition of the UK local road network and for planning investment and maintenance on paved carriageways within the UK It is endorsed and promoted by the UK Roads Board.

The Archway Roadmaster Velocity Patcher has been trialled before. This is a spray patching technique. Due to the loose chips and emulsion used this is not always suitable for urban areas and more used for rural roads. We used spray patching last year in Ward 2 and could use it in sections of Ward 8 but for the reasons mentioned above we have not.

Bridge Road/Spylaw Street Junction: In response to suggestions from the Chair, Dr Edwards replied. "As the Road Authority we are required to use specific standards and specifications regarding road layouts and features. These are defined in the Design Manual for Roads and Bridges (DMRB) and Edinburgh Street Design Guidance (ESDG). We are not permitted to depart from these standards or specification unless there is good reason. On checking the accident information at this location over the last 10 years there has been 1 slight accident between 2 vehicles in 2009. This would not deem to be sufficient to make a significant departure from the standards."

Subsequently, Dr Edwards has agreed to instigate a road speed survey on the Bridge. Following receipt of the results, a meeting will be convened to examine options which may improve safety at the junction.

Bridge Road/Woodhall Road Traffic lights: Failure of the traffic lights on two occasions was notified to CEC using their Twitter helpline @edinhelp. The response from the Traffic Signals Team was excellent. On discussing the junction with one of the Officers, I was informed that there were occasions when the junction was "at capacity" and this would results in long queues forming. It was suggested that the number of cars using the junction had increased significantly over the years and in his opinion, there was no traffic signal solution. Since a traffic light censor was changed traffic queues have not been as frequent or as long.

Environment: No suggestions for the December Environment Walkabout have come forth.

David Bewsey
Secretary

Prof Scott Arthur

Councillor for Colinton-Fairmilehead

Report for Colinton Community Council – November 2018

Remembrance Day – I marked Remembrance Day by laying a wreath in my church (Fairmilehead Parish Church) on behalf of Cllr Rust, Cllr Doggart & myself. Following this I attended the McRae's Battalion Trust lunch at the Royal Scots Club.

Colinton Crime – Since the last Colinton Community Council I have been speaking to the Community Police about the ongoing problems with break-ins. We should see a specific police operation targeting the problem starting next week.

Campbell Park – No news.

Colinton Public Toilets – No news on the threat of closure.

Waste Collection – There have been significant problems with waste collection throughout October and, to a lesser extent, this month. Although Ward 8 appears not have been the worst hit, there were significant problems elsewhere in the city (see over). I have also spoken to Tiphereth about the impact charging for garden waste has had on their operation.

Redford Barracks Working Group – This met on the 12th of October. A consultation with Community Councils should get underway before the end of the year.

Tiphereth Planning Proposal – I have visited with both Tiphereth & Torphin Road residents to discuss the former's proposal to build on the car park opposite 46 Torphin Road. Tiphereth have confirmed that local residents will soon be invited to a consultation event at their Hoyland House (former clubhouse) on the 28th of November. This will be a chance for the wider community to learn more about the project and offer feedback.

Road Safety – I have raised concerns with the CEC Locality Office about the speed of traffic entering Colinton via Gillespie Road/Bridge Road.

Braidburn School Visit - It was great to be at Braidburn School at the start of the month to see John Swinney open the SQA Shine Exhibition showcasing National 1 and 2 learners. We were also treated to a wee bit of singing from the Braidburn children.

Southern Edinburgh Eco-Fair – I opened the Eco Fair (at Fairmilehead Parish Church) along with Ian Murray MP. This was a great event which promoted ideas for living more sustainably. Amongst other people, I met with Peter Randall from Solar Kingdom (based on Oxfords Rd) to hear about their work in the area.

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

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Domestic Missed and Full Bin Service Requests for the 2 weeks
08/10/18 to 21/10/18

Bin Type	08/10/2018 - 14/10/2018	15/10/2018 - 21/10/2018	Grand Total
Bin Room / Cham	14	20	34
Communal	133	133	266
Food Communal	17	23	40
Food Individual	188	248	436
Garden Individual	182	449	631
Glass	7	35	42
Packaging / DMR	146	156	302
Paper Bank	25	31	56
Rec Ind Green Bin	204	725	929
Recy Ind Blue Box	69	129	198
Recy Ind Red Box	5	21	26
Residual Ind.	439	559	998
Residual Sacks - Black Sacks	1	2	3
Residual Sacks - Gull Proof Sacks	3	7	10
Side Loading Bin	37	21	58
Grand Total	1,470	2,559	4,029