



Public Meeting – 7:30 pm - 12th June 2018

Venue: Red Room, Colinton Bowling Club

Agenda

Item	Subject	Time
1.	Welcome, apologies and any declarations of interest	7:30
2.	Police Report	7:32
3.	Minutes of the meeting held on 8 th May 2018	7:45
4.	Matters arising from the May minutes	7:50
5.	Appointment of Treasurer	8:00
6.	Reports	8:10
7.	Colinton Christmas Lights – discussion and decision on Project	8:20
8.	A.O.C.B. to be notified to the Secy. prior to the meeting	8:50
9.	Questions from the Public	8:55
	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 September 2018

Present:

Dr David Houston (Chair) Tom McDonald (Vice-Chair), David Bewsey (Secretary), Anne McDonald, Bill Alexander, Lorraine O'Shea, Ken Eyeington, Ian Cowie, Jennie Loudon (CVE), Cllr Jason Rust, Cllr Scott Arthur, PC Graeme Howie, & 2 members of the public. Also in attendance: Mike Dean (Colinton Co-op).

Welcome: The Chair Dr David Houston welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Apologies: Gordon Lindhurst MSP, Cllr Phil Doggart & Maj. Moorhouse (3 RIFLES).

Declarations of Interest: There were no declarations of interest.

Co-option to the Community Council:

Carol McMillan was proposed by Tom McDonald, seconded by David Bewsey and co-opted on a unanimous vote of the five eligible members.

Police Report:

PC Graeme Howie expanded on his report which is posted on the Community Council website. Key items emphasised were the next stage of Op Heddle (20mph monitoring) would take place in May/June. Traffic Restriction Orders (TROs) had been put in place to restrict parking on the bridge at Torphin and also on Torduff Road. He also reported that several roads had been targeted for vehicle break-ins and a team of officers who were looking into bicycle thefts. Action was being taken over youth behaviour in Spylaw Park and Bonaly Country Park. There followed a discussion on Park usage.

Minutes of the meeting of 12th April 2018:

These were accepted as a true record.

Prop. Ken Eyeington (KE), Sec. Anne McDonald (AM).

Matters arising from the Minutes.

Coop Update:

Mike Dean, manager of the Colinton Co-op gave an update on progress since it opened on Thursday 3rd May 2018. He stated it was the most successful opening in Scotland and so far sales have exceeded expectation by a considerable margin. He reported that there were over 300 visitors to the pre-opening night and so far 1000 customers had used the store. There had been some minor complaints (cardboard awaiting collection on the pavement at 5am and the trolley park on the pavement) There have also been some issues with insufficient newspaper supplies. Vigilance was being taken over alcohol sales to youths and 107 alcohol challenges had so far been made. It was also mentioned that some work is being carried out on the upper floor which wasn't related to the Co-op. TM reported that the stated use for the upper floor was that of a children's nursery and therefore an application for change of use was needed. The weekly planning application lists would be monitored. The matter of positioning a noticeboard beside the railings at the top of the Long Steps was discussed. This would form part of a project. Concerns were raised about a lack of a bike rack and somewhere to secure dogs. It was also commented that the large bin occupying the end of the parking bay might be better sited.

Reports to the AGM:

Chairman:

DH expanded on some of his report, summarising the activities and achievements of Colinton CC over the last year and thanking all those contributing to its work including the three Ward Councillors, Police Scotland and his fellow councillors with special thanks to his Vice Chair and Secretary. He also drew attention to AM's substantial contribution over only 12 months in her Communications Convener role and her assistance in taking the Colinton Strategy forward when meeting a number of local organisations with the Chair and Vice Chair. DH was pleased to see the Co-op open at last and reminded everyone of the first meeting of Colinton CC in March 2015 when the proposed Co-op development attracted an audience exceeding 70.

DH felt it was time to stand down as Chair after over three years and thanked all who afforded him the privilege of fulfilling the role.

TM thanked him for his contribution since commencement of the Community Council.

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

Environment: The Secretary reported also that he had followed up on public comments made at the last meeting concerning litter bins on Torduff Road and the Country Park as well as issues of inconsiderate use by cyclists on the Water of Leith Walkway. It was explained that there was an application to lease Campbell Park by a sports body. The Council has expectations that this will be an ambitious project, but Phase 2 of the application and public consultation is awaited.

CM commented on dogs being allowed into the Playparks in Spylaw Park.

Planning:

TM reported that there was nothing of note in the weekly lists. A resident had raised concerns regarding an application to build a second house within grounds of Bonaly Crescent. This was discussed. The view was that in the absence of an expression of wider concern from the public this is not an issue for the Community Council.

Transport & Roads: BA had submitted a report on a proposal for Christmas Lights for the village. As the quotation and report had only been received that morning it was decided to send both the report and the quotation to members for consideration and discuss the matter at the next meeting. This would give everyone time to absorb the details. **ACTION: Secretary/All**

Acting Treasurers Report and Accounts:

DH presented the draft accounts for the year with a balance of £673.47. Once independently examined, the accounts would be available on the website. **ACTION: DH/TM**

Communications:

AM emphasised regular meeting with DB and the progress made in the past year.

Reports from Ward Councillors:

Both Councillors Rust and Arthur's reports were available and are posted on the website.

Election of Office Bearers:

At this point in the meeting Councillor Rust was asked to convene the election of Office Bearers. He began by thanking David Houston for taking on the role as the first Chair of Colinton CC and considered that he had performed well in the position.

The following were nominated and elected:

Chair: Tom McDonald – proposed by David Houston, seconded by Ian Cowie

Vice-Chair: position left vacant *pro tem*

Secretary: David Bewsey, proposed by: Tom McDonald, seconded by David Houston

Treasurer: It was agreed that David Houston would retain this position for one cycle.

EACC Rep.: David Bewsey was nominated to represent Colinton CC on the Edinburgh Association of Community Councils.

Pentlands Funding Panel: Tom McDonald (Chair) would represent Colinton on the Funding Panel

Section Leads: The following members will continue to monitor various aspects of Colinton.

Planning: TM, DB & LO

Environment: DB, LO & JL

Transport: BA & KE

Communications: AM & DB

Future meeting dates:

It was agreed that the future meeting dates would as detailed below.

2018	2019
12 th June	January – no meeting
11 th September	12 th February
9 th October	12 th March
13 th November	9 th April
11 th December	14 th May (AGM)

It might be necessary to convene an additional extraordinary meeting in August.

AOCB:

None

Public Comments:

Comments were made about the state of the wall at the Waterman's cottage Torduff Reservoir. TM suggested this may be a planning enforcement matter. The potholes on Bonaly Drive were commented upon and discussed.

ACTION: Secretary

Next meeting: This will be on Tuesday 12th June 2018 at 7:30pm, at Colinton Bowling Club.

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Secretary's Report

Since the last Community Council meeting on 8th May 2018 I have attended the Edinburgh Association of Community Councils (EACC) meeting on 24th May 2018 at which Cllr Ricky Henderson talked about the Edinburgh Integrated Joint Board for Health & Social Care which he said was under severe strain due to increasing numbers of elderly in the community and shortfalls in funding to support Health and Social Care needs. Thereafter followed a workshop to look at how best community planning might be restructured to be more effective in reporting to the Edinburgh Partnership in compliance with the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015. Both the Chair and I attended the Pentlands Neighbourhood Partnership at which a similar workshop was held to look at the community planning structure. On 7th June 2018 I attended the Edinburgh Partnership meeting which looked at Community Planning issues as well as crime in the north of the City. The full papers will be available on the EACC website in due course.

GDPR: The permission email has been sent and while there are a number of people who unsubscribed we still have 257 registered email addresses. The website OS update for GDPR has still to be released. Following the update the privacy statement will again be reviewed. The ICO website failed at the commencement of the new legislation and Colinton CC has yet to register, but compliance to the act is paramount.

Environmental Walkabout: This took place on Thursday 31st May 2018 with a Council Officer, myself, a member of CAA and two members of Colinton Village events. The walk started at the Water of Leith Walkway at Spylaw Park and looked at the walkway from West Mill Road continuing to the Car Park, which was briefly discussed, and through the tunnel to the foot of the Dell Road steps. The report and assessment is due soon, but it was agreed the walkway might need some maintenance and the area at the foot of the steps from Dell Road required some improvement as the area becomes flooded and very muddy during wet weather.

The next Walkabout is scheduled for 6th December 2018 and any other areas to be considered for that event should be flagged up as they become noticed. Other issues so far identified are:

- The path from the Polofields to the underpass to the south side of the City Bypass. The Bonaly Burn bank is badly eroded. Ownership of the land is under investigation by CEC
- Of concern is the state (paintwork) of the railings on the bridge over the Water of Leith and Park at Gillespie Road. CEC Bridges & Structures will be contacted about this.

The junction between Redford Walk and Redford Bank is considered hazardous in icy conditions, *visa vi* the recent accident where a car demolished a low wall and ended up in the garden of 9 Redford Bank. CEC position is that evidence of fault will require insurance claim support.

Garden Waste Collections: The latest information from the City of Edinburgh Council is that the new scheme will not start until October but **registration will commence on 18th June until 22nd July 2018**. The service will operate fortnightly throughout the year. CEC will write to residents shortly.

Further information and a link to the Council website will be posted on our website.

David Bewsey
Secretary

Communications Report

1. **Info Releases:** a release on the Bonaly bus service was issued via E-News, posted digitally across all platforms and on the notice board. This publicised and promoted use of the new no 10 service; and sought comments/support for ColCC to lobby for an extended service. We have so far received no comments. A Release has also been posted on the website on the banking services provided by the Post Office.
Releases will be issued over the summer on the Brown Bins Charge, giving dates for registration; on the new Chair and membership of the Committee; on the Surgery Marathon; and on the Environmental Walkabout, carried out in conjunction with CAA.
2. **Article:** an article will be published in the (wide circulation) August issue of the Parish Magazine Colinton News.
3. **Promotional Leaflet:** a draft will be tabled at the meeting. Members' comments sought.
4. **Website:** this has been re-launched following a rebuild, required by technical issues.
5. **Engagement meetings** follow up: a meeting will be held over the summer to identify any follow-up actions needed.
6. **GDPR:** DB will report on the updated Subscription List and Database.
7. **Christmas Lights:** subject to approval of a proposed course of action, a rapid communications strategy will be needed to garner community views (residents, organisations, businesses, and other stakeholders) in order to meet the supplier's mid-September deadline.

Anne McDonald
Communications Convenor

Colinton Community Festive Lights December 2018

An outline plan for the above is outlined below and based upon quotations provided by Gala Lights and previous broad strokes research.

Firstly, we have to establish if this is something the community wants and in part afford.

Recognising the quotation provided by Gala as a fair assessment of the cost to the community I believe we should initially limit the installation to Bridge Road. Should fund raising indicate we could afford the extensions over the bridge and on to Colinton Road (See Gala's proposal). I believe the lead time given by Gala would allow us to decide on any expansion options as late as mid-September.

Stage 1 Seek the views of:

- a) Community organisations.
- b) Residents
- c) Businesses
- d) Other stakeholders (CEC, Army etc.)

Stage 2 Establish a working group of volunteers from a, b, c, and d above.

Stage 3 Establish a time line/deadlines.

Stage 4 Identify sources of funding.

Stage 5 Secure pledges and or donations.

Stage 6 Agree the final scheme, aesthetically and commercially (Lease or buy)

Stage 7 Place orders on the principal contractor, governed by 3 & 4.

Subject to further input, I suggest a target funding pot of £15k based on Gala's pricing and a working group of no more than 5-7, ideally from across a), b) c) and d). (2-2-1 ratio).

This project could be one of similar successful efforts in recent years to stem the demise of Colinton's rich history and special identity.

I put forward that the above be coordinated by the Colinton CC in the first instance up to stage 2 and from then on keep a watching brief over the project team.

Bill Alexander
Roads Convenor

Three Road Issues

I am concerned that these three issues are slipping through our fingers because of opposition from various officials. The following paper is for next week's meeting with the aim of:

1. Clarifying Colinton CC's approved policy and/or strategy in relation to these.
2. Documenting the initial proposal for change and why change is necessary.
3. Clarifying which body or bodies have control over the decision.
4. Documenting in detail the reasons for previous refusal.
5. Refining the proposal in the light of current responses from relevant officials.
6. Consulting both the Colinton general public and other local organisations about the refined proposals.
7. Finalising proposals after consultation and presenting to the relevant bodies for approval.
8. Vigorously following up if final proposals are not accepted by officials.

1. Dangerous Junction between Spylaw Street and Bridge Road:

Colinton CC has had a number of complaints from residents that the junction is dangerous because it is **blind** to traffic approaching eastwards from the bridge. There is a high risk of an accident for any vehicle at the top of Spylaw St when turning either left or right on to the main road: Bridge Road. There is also danger to pedestrians, particularly those crossing to the bus stop or Dental Surgery, or to the steps to Woodhall Road. The only current provision to reduce the danger is a small warning sign on the bridge and SLOW painted on the road. There is now a 20MPH speed limit on both roads but many drivers are ignoring this.

Proposed Colinton CC Policy: This junction is dangerous and measures to increase safety are required **before** a serious accident occurs.

Strategy: Investigate **all** possible solutions such as mini roundabout, give way signs on Bridge Rd, larger flashing warnings, etc, and any other innovative approach, taking advice from officials to decide which solution(s) to advance.

2. Two Dangerous Parking Spaces in Bridge Road outside Chemists:

Depending on the width of parked vehicles, the **chicane** between parked vehicles and the stone wall on the other side of the road is barely sufficient for two cars to pass as the road narrows significantly going eastward. As a result, there are several minor accidents per year removing wing mirrors and/or scrapes and dents. With added momentum from the down slope larger, heavy vehicles coming westwards often have to brake sharply. When there are roadworks nearby or any traffic queue through the chicane, traffic attempting to move in the opposite direction is stopped by any larger vehicle unable to negotiate the gap. It is important to maintain parking spaces **near** the Chemist for use by elderly or disabled patients collecting urgent prescriptions but these spaces need not be **at** the Chemist. There is now a 20MPH speed limit on Bridge Road but many drivers are ignoring this.

Proposed Colinton CC Policy: The configuration at these parking spaces compromises road safety and they should be relocated. The total number of parking spaces in Colinton Village should not be reduced.

Strategy: Investigate and take officials' advice on solutions such as repositioning the spaces westward and moving the bus stop eastwards (unlike a parked car a bus is a temporary obstruction). Advance the preferred solution(s).

3. Lack of Right Turn Filter at Traffic Lights between Bridge Road and Woodhall Road:

Colinton CC has had many complaints from residents that large traffic queues build up eastwards through Colinton Village particularly in the evening rush hour due to vehicles waiting to turn right from the Village into Woodhall Road blocking traffic wishing to proceed straight ahead eastwards. As there is no filter, turning right needs gaps in westward moving traffic and there are often none at this time and so the turning traffic often have to wait a full cycle until the lights change to amber, blocking the whole of the queue behind them. This causes heavy air pollution and frustration in drivers, many of whom are tired after a day's work.

Proposed Colinton CC Policy: A Right Turn Filter, or other traffic management arrangement should be considered to reduce pollution and driver frustration.

Strategy: Collect statistics on e.g. length of queues at 5pm, number of vehicles passing the traffic lights per cycle, etc, Persuade officials the issue is serious and take their advice, seeking public support as part of the consultation process.

Cllr Rust Report for June Colinton Community Council

Apologies for not being able to join you this month, but I am on annual leave. I hope you have a successful meeting.

1. As already intimated to CCC I have ascertained in respect of the Gillespie Road/Lanark Road junction carriageway works as follows:

“I can confirm that the traffic management will be such that the traffic lights at the junction of Gillespie Road will be switched off [at 7.30pm](#) by our ‘Signals’ team and they will be switching these on again [at 7.30am](#). This is the earliest they can do so. There will be 3-way lights at the junction during the works, as the diversion will direct northbound traffic from Gillespie Road along Spylaw Avenue/Spylaw Bank Road with no southbound traffic allowable along this diversion. This was discussed and agreed with Lothian Buses and the South West Area Team, with the aim of reducing the delay to traffic at the junction by rescinding North bound traffic to the junction.

“There are currently no plans to carry out works during the day, hence traffic will resume to normal each day.”

2. As far as I am aware there has been no progress in relation to the anticipated community consultation by the parties interested in leasing Campbell Park and I am not anticipating anything imminently.

3. The next South West Locality Committee is in the City Chambers at 3pm on Tuesday 19th June.

4. Pentlands Neighbourhood Partnership met on 22nd May and we discussed future community planning arrangements. Thanks to representatives from CCC for attending. More feedback is welcome.

5. I received an inquiry regarding the possibility of a right hand filter into Woodhall Road from Bridge Road. I recollect this being raised before, but asked for it to be revisited. The response from the department was as follows:

“Vehicles turning right (from Bridge Road into Woodhall Road) are required to make this manoeuvre when suitable gaps appear in the opposing traffic flow. This is standard practice throughout the UK, when a right-turn indicative green arrow (RTIGA) signal is not justified.

“For information, previous on-site investigations and monitoring concluded that a RTIGA signal was not justified, and the existing traffic signal sequence was the most appropriate (and efficient) form of signal control at this junction.

“These investigations, which were carried out during both the AM & PM peak periods, highlighted occasional blocking of the Bridge Road straight-through traffic by vehicles wishing to turn right into Woodhall Road. However, this was not overly detrimental to the general traffic flow on Bridge Road.

“Observations indicated that the Bridge Road traffic regularly cleared on the first vehicle green and only on rare occasions was a further sequence of the signals required.

“In conclusion, based on the day to day traffic flows, there is no requirement to amend the sequence of the traffic signals.”

6. I followed up regarding the bus stop at Westgarth Avenue which “vanished”. Response as follows:

“It would appear that the bus stop pole was knocked over in a road accident. A replacement has been ordered and will be installed soon. Buses will continue to observe the stop in the meantime as this is the terminus location for the route.”

7. I was delighted to hear that the Bonaly Drive ‘Street Party’ went well and the Council’s role in the legal processes was flawless. Credit to the residents, young and older, for this initiative!

8. The ‘garden tax’ is apparently still on course to come into being in July 2018, although no communications have been issued to any resident as I submit this report.

9. I have received some feedback on 20mph. There has been some contact from those who wish to see Woodhall Road reinstated as a 30mph zone and also from those who would wish the 20mph extended at Colinton Road near Westgarth Avenue. I am feeding all comments into the review.

10. The only recent Bailie duties I have undertaken, have been the Kirking of the Council on 27th May and a Citizenship Ceremony on 29th May.

11. The Jazz and Blues Festival programme is now published. The Festival which celebrates 40 years is on from 13th to 22nd July. The Mardi Gras is in the Grassmarket on Saturday 14th July and Carnival on Princes Street on Sunday 15th July. I look forward to seeing anyone who is able to make it along.

12. I have received some complaints regarding parking in the Village and have contacted parking enforcement.

Regards

Jason

Councillor Jason Rust
Colinton/Fairmilehead Ward