

**COLINTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING 17 FEBRUARY 2015**

1 INTRODUCTION BY COUNCILLOR JASON RUST.

Apologies : None

Present : William Smith Alexander, David Kenneth Robert Bewsey, David James Robert Houston, Thomas McDonald, Alastair James Murray, Gordon Neill, Nigel Robert Rudd, Andrew Rushworth (substitute for Iain Gotts), John Michael Peel Scott, Lorraine O'Shea, Alastair James Murray, Gordon Neill and Colin Peter Proctor.

Councillors Aitken, Lewis and Rust.

Gordon MacDonald MSP

Also Present: Donald Burgess (Partnership Development Officer)
Christine Doherty (Partnership and Information Manager)
Ross Murray (Committee Services)

2 APPOINTMENTS OF OFFICE BEARERS.

The following having been moved and seconded were appointed on an interim basis:

Chairperson – David Houston (on a division)
Vice-Chairperson – Tom McDonald (on a division)
Secretary – David Bewsey
Treasurer – Gordon Neill

3 SCHEME, CONSTITUTION AND STANDING ORDERS.

Details were provided on the Scheme for community councils, model constitution and model standing orders. The Community Council agreed to adopt the three documents.

4 FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS.

Donald Burgess from the City of Edinburgh Council provided information on Community Council finances including:

- Annual Council Grant
- Banking Arrangements
- Insurance
- Accommodation Subsidy

5 MEMBERSHIP.

There had been 9 nominations for the 12 elected member places on the Community Council. There was provision for 6 nominated members (local interest groups) and 2 groups had been approved – Colinton Amenity Association and Colinton Village Events Group.

There was 3 places available on Colinton Community Council for elected members which could be filled by co-option. The procedure for this was set out in the Scheme for Community Councils.

6 NEIGHBOURHOOD PARTNERSHIP.

Christine Doherty provided a brief introduction on the work of the Pentlands Neighbourhood Partnership. The next meeting was scheduled to take place on 24 March 2015 at 7pm in the Colinton Bowling Club.

It was noted that representatives and input from Colinton Community Council would be sought for the following Neighbourhood Partnership sub-groups:

Community Safety Action Group (Next meeting Monday 2nd March 2015)
Environment and Transport Group
Health and Wellbeing Group
Community Grants Funding Panel

It was agreed that Bill Alexander would represent the Community Council at the next meeting of the Community Safety Action Group.

7 INDUCTION & SUPPORT FOR COMMUNITY COUNCILS.

It was noted that a new City of Edinburgh Council (CEC) Community Council Liaison Officer had been appointed and would start work in March 2015.

An induction pack was circulated to members.

8 FUTURE MEETING ARRANGEMENTS.

It was noted that Community Council's were required to hold a minimum of 6 ordinary meetings a year and an Annual General Meeting in May or June. The Community Council agreed to schedule future meeting dates following the conclusion of official business.

9 ANY OTHER BUSINESS.

Colinton Community Council discussion following the main items

Future meeting arrangements:

Discussion on meeting venues at which several suggestions were made including Bonaly Primary Schools, Colinton Bowling Club, the Dell Room, and St Cuthbert's Church Hall. Chair agreed that the Secretary would look at availability of venues and cost for the proposed meetings.

Action Secretary

Proposed Meeting Dates:

The Chair proposed that future meeting might take place on the first Tuesday of the month, April, May, & June, subject to confirmation.

As the Chair was unavailable, the Vice-Chair was requested to attend the Pentlands Neighbourhood Partnership meeting on 24 March and use the CCC vote. Other CCC members were encouraged to attend if available.

Communications:

The Secretary proposed that he could easily set up a website and email as well as a Mailing list facility which would have a link from the website to allow the community to register their email addresses in order to receive mailings from the Community Council. AGREED. It was also agreed that the domain name colintoncc.org.uk would be the best and easiest to remember.

Action Secretary

The Chair made a request to the CAA member to allow inclusion of a short article on the Community Council in the April Edition of the Colinton Magazine. A request to be put to the CAA Executive Committee. The Chair also requested the facility to use the CAA noticeboards and existing distribution network to display/deliver a single A4 flyer to describe the remit of the Community Council.

Action CAA Representative

It was suggested that other means of communicating with the Colinton public be found e.g. use of Colinton Library and the local church magazines.

It was generally agreed that it was important to work closely with CAA and to that end the CCC Interim Chair would meet with the CAA Chair to discuss working relations between the two organisations

Action Chair

AM suggested there was a need to co-opt to improve mixed age and gender of the Council. The Chair agreed that this was a priority and that as a first step existing CCC members should produce a half-page CV highlighting relevant skills and experience so that any gaps could be addressed by co-option.

Action All

Meeting concluded at 9pm