

### **Present**

Dr David Houston (Chair), Tom McDonald (Vice-Chair), David Bewsey (Secretary), Gordon Neill (Treasurer), Mike Scott, Nigel Rudd, Alastair Murray, Iain Gotts (CAA), & PC Vinnie Blair (MoD)

Cllr Jason Rust, Andrew Dickie (on behalf of Joanna Cherry QC MP), Andrew Brough (Tollcross CC), & Roger Colkett (Tollcross CC) & 30 members of the public.

### **Apologies**

Colin Proctor, Bill Alexander, Catherine Lang, Lorraine O'Shea (CVE), Cllr Elaine Aitken, Joanna Cherry QC MP, Cllr Richard Lewis, PC Graeme Howie.

### **Welcome by the Chair**

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting. No declarations of interest were made.

### **Minutes of the meeting on 8<sup>th</sup> September 2015**

Proposed: GN, Seconded: TM. These were approved.

### **Matters arising:**

The Vice Chair reported on a meeting with Kilpatrick Property Group Ltd (the developer) with regard to 8 Bridge Road and discussed options on how they might respond to the refusal of their initial application. There are several options: to appeal the refusal through the Scottish Government or re-apply with some changes to the building. The developers had stated that for the intended use, they were unable to make any alteration to the proposed floor area as this was a requirement of the proposed occupant. They were prepared to look at ways to improve the exterior appearance of the building and supplied illustrations. They have also offered to provide planning gain in the way of a refuge and seating on the long steps. Other ideas on planning gain might be considered should the community come up with ideas.

IG stated the Amenity Association's position which was that no discussions should be held with the developer until it had a more acceptable proposal to the community. There was discussion on how best to consult if another proposal was brought forward. MS commented that when the original application became known the Community Council was not in a position to effectively consult the community. That situation has changed and we now have a better basis to seek more community views. There was a prolonged discussion including members of the public to clarify aspects of planning detail.

TM commented that the developer had indicated that the upper floor might be used as office space and therefore was unlikely to generate the level of traffic that if it were a Day Nursery. TM suggested that the illustrations be placed on the website and provide a feedback mechanism from any future application. The Chair suggested that if a new application was forthcoming we should again consult the community. Proposed Chair, seconded MS and agreed.

**ACTION: SECRETARY**

### **Colinton CC position with regards the application on Land East of Milburn Tower**

There was considerable discussion on the merits or otherwise of this development but it was unlikely to impact on Colinton other than to increase traffic on the City Bypass.

TM proposed that Colinton Community Council take no position on this matter. 2<sup>nd</sup> MS

### **Police Report**

PC Vinnie Blair gave a brief overview of the MOD policing issues in the Colinton area. There were no significant issues other than a number of incidents where cars stopped to photograph the Barrack and subsequently asked to move on. Another person was seen to be taking photographs of Redford Barracks with a high powered camera. An attempt to enter an army family property and two males reported in the back garden of a property in the Redford Estate

The Safer Schools trial at Colinton PS had gone well with most parents obeying the new parking rules. He went on to say that fines would now be imposed for those disobeying the signs.

Fly-tipping on Dreghorn Training areas is becoming a problem with items of furniture and six bags of dead pigeons was found.

Some military ordinance has also been found in Dreghorn Woods, some predating WW1. VB recommended that if any is found it should be left alone, the area marked, and reported to the Police immediately.

### **Action Group Reports – Matters Arising**

#### **Planning**

TM discussed the review of the weekly planning list. The application for the moving of the ATM at the RBS Branch was mentioned. The sale of the post office was briefly covered in relation to village facilities.

#### **Communications:**

MS covered the publicity given to the Boundary Commission consultation and the increase in the number of email addresses now held. MS said that the more we have the better we can communicate with the community. DB provided information on updates to the website and that this is linked to Twitter and that we now have a Facebook page. The community is welcome to post information or requests there.

#### **Transport Roads and Pathways (TRAPs)**

The Chair added to the TRAPs report and mentioned the meeting with the people who manage the *Clarence* system for reporting council service issues. He encouraged everyone to report roads and pavement defects to *Clarence* and that it would be helpful if residents could also tell the Community Council so they could monitor progress with CEC.

The poor state of pavements in Redford Road was mentioned and this is included in the NEPs funded projects but it was suggested that other pavements should be evaluated and graded using the same criteria to provide an action list of future funding under the NEPs scheme.

## **Environment**

NR updated his report covering:

- Attendance at Scottish Water's annual review meeting.
- CEC request for Snow Wardens
- Railings on the bridge over the Water of Leith at Spylaw Park
- Concerns over trees leaning over the Water of Leith at Mossy Mill
- Edinburgh Community Solar Cooperative share option scheme.
- General concerns over trees which should be reported to *Clarence*.

Questions were asked about the poor state of the railings outside Redford Barracks and the wall adjacent to the waterman's house at Torduff Reservoir.

**ACTION DB & NR**

## **Boundary Commission Consultation**

The Chair mentioned that the Community Council had a draft response to the consultation and the key points it contained. There was a general discussion about the issue of parity between Wards. The draft response from Colinton CC would be placed on the website. The final version would be ready before the closing date.

**ACTION: Secretary**

MS proposed that the community council make the objection seconded by DH and carried.

## **AOCB**

It was proposed by the Chair that Sarah Stone be co-opted onto Colinton Community Council, seconded by the Secretary. This was unanimously agreed.

The Chair announced that Iain Gotts would be stepping down as representative of CAA. He was warmly thanked for his input which had been much appreciated.

The Secretary brought up concerns by the Landlord of the Spylaw Tavern that Spylaw Street will again be closed off on 9<sup>th</sup> December for the Christmas Event held by CVE. It was agreed that clarification will be sought and that the ColintonCC should support CVEs Community Grant application which will fund the presence of Reindeer at the event.

**ACTION: Secretary**

The Secretary reminded the Community Council of the training sessions which had been arranged. The next session was to be held on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> October at the City Chambers on Communications.

It was also mentioned that the SW Office are looking for volunteer snow wardens for the area and someone to be a "Winter Warrior" in the publicity for the event.

**Date of next meetings: Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> November 2015 at 7pm, at Colinton Bowling Club**

The meeting closed at 8:45 pm.

Reports are available on the website and in the folder in the Library.