



**Public Meeting - 7 pm - 12<sup>th</sup> April 2016**

**Venue: Colinton Bowling Club**

## **Agenda**

<b>Time</b>	<b>Item</b>	<b>Subject</b>
7:00	1.	Welcome, apologies and any declarations of interest
7:02	2.	Presentation on CCCT Artworks proposal
7:20	3.	Police Report
7:30	4.	Approval of Minutes of the meeting on 8 <sup>th</sup> March 2016
7:35	5.	Matters arising from the March minutes not covered below
7:45	6.	Sub-group reports – questions and matters arising
7:55	7.	Arrangements for the Annual General Meeting
8:05	8.	A.O.C.B. to be notified to the Secy. prior to the meeting
8:10	9.	Questions from the Public
8:15		Close

Date of Next Meeting & AGM - Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2016

The draft minutes of the previous meeting and reports can be found 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

**Present**

Dr David Houston (Chair), Tom McDonald (Vice-Chair), David Bewsey (Secretary), Gordon Neill (Treasurer), Mike Scott, Nigel Rudd, Sarah Stone Bill Alexander, Alastair Murray, Lorraine O'Shea (CVE), Cllr Jason Rust, Major Alex Price(3 RIFLES), & 5 members of the public.

**Apologies:** Cllr Elaine Aitken, Cllr Richard Lewis, Colin Proctor, Gordon Macdonald MSP, & Joanna Cherry QC MP.

**Welcome by the Chair**

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting, including Major Alex Price of 3 RIFLES.

**Declarations of Interest**

David Bewsey declared a financial interest in AOCB item a), and Dr Houston and Lorraine O'Shea declared an interest in item 7.

**Police Report**

PC Sonja Kaiser-Ferris outlined the crime related issues during the past month. She reported that there had been eleven break-ins in the area but also that there had been a number of arrests made and stolen content recovered. She went on to say that these thefts were perpetrated by teenagers who had stolen high value cars and usually drive them at high speed. She advised that if a member of the public should see one of these cars with several young passengers, sometimes wearing balaclavas, they should immediately call the Police on 999. PC Kaiser-Ferris also said that no assaults or hate crimes were reported in the past month.

It was also announced that Sgt George Richardson was being replaced by Sgt William Telford and that that the position in regard to PC Vinnie Blair was still uncertain.

Cllr Rust suggested the possibility that another Crime Prevention meeting might be held. The Secretary suggested that the upcoming Health Fair on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> May might be an opportunity to combine health and welfare issues with crime prevention and he would follow up on this.

**ACTION: SECRETARY**

**Minutes of the meeting of 9<sup>th</sup> February 2016 and matters arising:**

The minutes were approved. Proposed: MS, seconded: BA

The Chair, followed up on a resident's comments made at the last meeting with regard to poor responses by the Council's Contact Centre when trying to report missed waste collections. He said he had been in touch with the Contact Centre regarding the poor responses in January and that they had now addressed many of the concerns raised and their response time had been much improved. It was stated that the community council has an ongoing dialogue with Waste Management and would take up any resident's concerns.

**Update on 8 Bridge Road:**

TM mentioned that he and the Chair had held a useful meeting in Glasgow with Kilpatrick Property Ltd (KP) who are currently working to purify the Matters in Conditions which had been applied by the Reporter in granting the appeal. The purpose of the meeting was to look at the main issues of concern such as building presentation and landscaping. In turn KP are still in discussion with their proposed tenants, the Co-op, and reported they are making good progress. TM went on to say that KP's willingness to maintain a dialogue was very positive.

**Action Group Reports – Matters Arising**

The Chair informed the members that he and Nigel Rudd had attended a meeting between Council Roads Officers, Colinton Community Conservation Trust (CCCT) and Colinton Amenity Association (CAA) with regard to placement of artwork panels depicting Colinton's history. It is proposed that Duncan Campbell of CCCT make a short presentation at the next meeting.

**Secretary's Report**

The Secretary mentioned the Dementia Awareness week and the series of events around the Colinton Health Fair. He also mentioned that while the Transformation programme had started it was an ongoing process and could take some time for any benefits to be realised.

**Community Safety**

AM had nothing to add to his report which was now on the website.

**Communications**

There was nothing to add to MS's report and no questions.

**Environment**

Waste Management questions.

The Chair suggested that the key issues have been addressed. BA asked if the Environment group were satisfied with the responses from Waste Management. The Secretary suggested that if any issues arose, they would be addressed with Waste Management officials as part of an ongoing dialogue.

**Roads & Pavements**

BA mentioned the recent Walkabout with a CEC Roads Technician and that several issues had been noted. These were the hole in the road at the foot of Cuddies Lane on Spylaw Street, defects in the pavement on the north side of Spylaw Street outside Waddell's Garage and the footway between the Dentist and the Broad Steps. There followed a review of pavements and roads including drainage at the foot of Woodhall Road, the road surface at the foot of Westgarth Avenue and footways on Redford Road. BA also mentioned the Council's supported bus services such as Dial-a-Bus and concern over continuing funding for these services and asked if everyone was aware of the subsidised buses running around the City (18 & 20) and the prospect of a reduction in subsidy.

GN suggested the hole in Spylaw Street needed to be properly dealt with and the Chair agreed that the matter should be properly followed through to a satisfactory conclusion.

### **Neighbourhood Environment Programme (NEPs) 2016/17**

The Chair suggested that his proposed changes to the current system were best left as that might create issues for other CCs within the Pentlands. BA commented that it was only the second year that the current process had been running and that it should not be changed but be reviewed after the current projects have been processed. The Chair went on to outline the suggestions being put forward to the members for a formal decision on which should be put forward.

These were:

- **Campbell Park** A new path from Woodfield Avenue to Campbell Park Play Park
- **Woodhall Road** Upgrade pavement between Campbell Park Drive & Woodfield Avenue
- **Redford Road** Upgrade pavement on west side between Cottage Homes and Colinton Road
- **Bridge Road** Upgrade pavement between the Dentist and Broad Steps
- **Bonaly Drive** Resurface section of road between Bonaly Grove and Bonaly Avenue.  
(possible capital project)
- **Woodfield Park** Upgrade pavements (possible capital project)

There was a full discussion on all suggestions and it was agreed that this list would be put forward.

### **Woodfield Park Drainage issues**

At this point the Chair handed the meeting to the Vice Chair. Action to clear one culvert has been successful. A report on the situation with regard the second culvert is awaited. The Vice Chair suggested we await the full report while keeping a watching brief.

### **AOCB**

- a) The cost of the website (£200) was discussed by the Treasurer. It was agreed that while the minimal charge for the site is acceptable a note should be placed on the website suggesting that quotations for alternative costs would be considered. TM asked the members to extend their grateful thanks for the work the Secretary has done on the website. The Secretary also requested that his expenses for printing (£43.05) be approved. GN proposed, NR Seconded. Lastly the Treasurer sought permission to appoint Mr George Middlemiss to examine the accounts. This was agreed. **ACTION: SECRETARY**
- b) LO announced that Art in the Park will be held on Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2016 with Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> September 2016 as a reserve date. LO invited the Community Council as well as other community groups to attend this event.
- c) MS also informed that the Pentlands Book Festival is on at the same time as Scottish Book Week, 21st to 27th November 2016. MS to meet the committee next Tuesday (15th) @ 2pm and sought the approval of the members. This was approved.  
MS proposed that Colinton CC join with Balerno, Currie and Juniper Green CCs to hold a Pentlands Hustings which will be held on Tuesday 3rd May at a location, as yet unspecified, but will be announced soon. This was approved.

- d) Tunnel Lighting: The Chair has explored upgrading of lighting in the Spylaw Bank Road tunnel with the Lighting Dept. and has written to the Director of Place seeking funds for this project.
- e) TM mentioned the receipt of a dossier from an anonymous individual containing all the representations by the public to the planning application for 8 Bridge Road. TM suggested that as this information was already in the public domain and that it was not the business of the Community Council to take any action.

### **Public Questions**

It was mentioned that some of the community did not have access to the internet and they didn't visit the Library. What could be done? The Secretary suggested that we would need to raise a substantial amount to fund our own noticeboards. MS stated that there was a box in the Library with question slips which so far had not been used to pass a message to the CC and all documents were in a folder there too.

**Date of next meetings: Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> April 2016 at 7pm, at Colinton Bowling Club**

The meeting closed at 8:45 pm and the Chair thanked the Bowling Club for use of the hall.

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

23 March 2016

### **Secretary's Report**

I have attended meetings of the PNP Health & Welfare group to organise the Pentlands Health Fair. There will be a need for some additional assistance on the day to ensure the event is a success as well as provide an official Colinton CC presence.

In addition to my duties to Colinton CC, as Secretary to the Edinburgh Association of Community Councils (EACC) I have attended meetings to discuss the updating of the Planning Concordat. This is a document which forms a tripartite agreement between developers, the City of Edinburgh Council Planning Department and Community Councils. The Concordat has been in existence since 2013 and a link to a copy of the Concordat can be found on the Colinton CC website - Planning section.

I have also been investigating a Roads issues on behalf of the EACC and held a very useful discussion with a senior roads official regarding prioritisation of capital roads expenditure. More details will be available once this has been reported to the EACC meeting on 28<sup>th</sup> April 2016. Details of roads and footways expenditure can also be found on the EACC website.

David Bewsey  
Secretary

### **CRIME AND SAFETY**

After receiving reports of safety concerns, I contacted the Royal Bank of Scotland about the failed lighting above the ATM at the former Colinton branch.

At 2.00pm, on March 29, I met Michael Todd, manager of the RBS branch, at Juniper Green. He was really helpful and promised to contact the bank's ATM team to instigate action, even though he has no direct responsibility for the Colinton cash machine.

At 6.00pm on the same day he contacted me to report that the request for repairs was in the pipeline and the work is expected to be complete within seven working days. So, hopefully, by the time of the next public meeting, on April 12, the light will be on again, relieving local anxieties.

Alastair Murray, Safety Group Lead

### **Communications Report**

Routine communications activity continues as usual, using usual mix of print media (Dell Directory, South West Edinburgh Magazine (formerly 702 Gazette)) and, where available, plasma screens (Colinton Library and Colinton Surgery).

A short article was provided for edition of the Currie and Balerno News which was published on 1st April. They agreed to use our logo, but would not take our usual picture/graphic offerings except as paid advertising.

CAA's Colinton Magazine accepted for publication a short article about the forthcoming Pentlands Health Fair.

Our involvement with the other Pentlands Community Councils in the pre-election Hustings on 3rd May has been advertised on our website and in social media.

At the request of colleagues in the Roads sub-group, a streamlined approach to reporting roads problems and potential NEPS was prepared and placed on our website.

Plans to purchase banners and promotional media to support plans for "pop-up" stalls continue to be progressed. A funding bid is being prepared.

All communications activity is aimed at increasing our email contact with residents and encouraging them to use our web site and social media. Registrations for our e-newsletter continue to grow, as do social media and website activity.

### **Railway Tunnel Art Project feasibility report**

The feasibility study has been completed though, as with any such project, potential exists for exploratory work to continue along a number of strands of activity.

A report is being prepared for distribution, in hard copy, to members at the April meeting. This distribution approach is being used because:

- the report includes a large number of images, which would mean that some colleagues may find it difficult to download;
- keeping the document off-line enhances security because the risk of it being forwarded electronically is removed; and
- the size of the document and the extensive discussion that may be required are arguably not appropriate for a public meeting, so it is proposed that a separate business meeting be convened for that purpose.

Despite our Chairman's approach to CEC, the Council will not be making end of year funds available to enhance tunnel lighting. They state, though, that the tunnel's lighting will be improved by the installation of LED lights during a 54,000 lighting unit, city-wide project during the next three years. The tunnel's time slot within that project has not yet been determined.

Remedial works in the tunnel, which should have been completed by the end of March, are now expected to be completed by mid-April. Faulty lights in the tunnel will have been repaired and the lighting units will have been cleaned.

Mike Scott  
Communications Convenor

### **TRAPs Reports**

#### 1) Neighbourhood Environment Project (NEP)

The deadline for project submissions is now the 15th April.

6 proposed sites (schedule attached) have been nominated for NEPs submission by CCC and visited by the Environment and Roads sub committees. It has been decided to select 2 for the Community Councils approval at the meeting of the 12th April (An amenity improvement and a roads/pavement improvement). These are Item 1 and 2 on the attached schedule. The reasons for their adoption is explained in the following.

#### Item 1. Campbell Park. (Proposed)

To encourage more use of the Play Park, currently constrained by the absence of defined route and also to improve access for bicycles, 'pushchairs', the disabled and their mobility devices. A simple path to the Play Park in Spylaw Park has increased the regular use of that facility. The provision of such a path even in its basic form meets the CEC's objective for increased outdoor activity in facilities that currently exist. Such a path would be a useful route for all especially at weekends and in summer when sports are regularly played on the wide open grassed area and in winter where grassed areas are often water logged.

#### Item 2. Woodhall Road (Proposed)

The pavement from Woodfield Avenue on both north and south side of Woodhall Road, west to the end of any residential access and prior to the underpass of the city-by-pass has a high incidence of undulations intended for vehicular access which are badly eroded. Also there are isolated areas where trip hazards exist. Although these pavements extend beyond the #10 bus route the

pavements are essential for pedestrian access to and from areas on the south side of the Water of Leith, the new equestrian centre, Juniper Green and beyond, not to mention to and from village, bus stop and school.

Item 3 Redford Road (Deferred)

This project is on a bus route and will require expensive traffic control. This would incur a cost which would consume a large portion of the funds available and be poor return on expenditure under NEPs. It should be pursued under normal pavement maintenance as it is on a busy bus route #16.

Item 4 Bridge Road (Deferred)

This pavement issue has been compounded by the outage of the lighting from the lamp post at the bus stop, which required rewiring from the underground supply recently. This has caused further deterioration to the pavement. As this is a relatively important bus route i.e. Royal Infirmary #18 (Subsidised service) and #45 Heriot Watt University campus access, it should be high on the priority list for fundamental maintenance. Further it may be subject to a bid from CAA. It is expected that the bollards will be replaced in line with CEC's latest standards should the work proceed under normal repair needs. We will push for this to be addressed under general maintenance if it is not successful under NEPs.

Item 5. Bonaly Drive (Deferred)

Roadway is poor the work required would possibly exceed that of a NEP project so would likely need large funding which would have to come from the capital budget. We will keep close to this for inclusion in capital project for 2017/18.

Item 6 Woodfield Park (Deferred)

A pavement upgrade can be justified due to condition of areas around vehicle access. However, this would fall into the same category as item 5, a capital project. However we understand the Woodfield Park Residents Assoc. will be backing a bid for the pavement work to be done under NEPs. This will allow their submission to increase the chance of Colinton's success in the bidding process. However, If unsuccessful it will be banked for future years. There will be an added opportunity for the work to be done in 2016/7 should the roads budget not be fully utilised by financial year end.

2) 20MPH Program

There is no further update from February's report effecting Colinton and surrounding area.

The latest information is available on the CEC website follow this link:

[http://www.edinburgh.gov.uk/info/20243/20mph\\_for\\_edinburgh/1024/about\\_20mph\\_for\\_edinburgh](http://www.edinburgh.gov.uk/info/20243/20mph_for_edinburgh/1024/about_20mph_for_edinburgh)

3) Road Repairs, Street Lights and Gullies

The following issues reported have been resolved.

a) Flooding at the traffic lights on inbound side of Woodhall Road was raised by residents and reported to Roads at SWNP and in turn to Clarence. We have identified the quickest route to a solution for gully issues is through 'Clarence'

[http://www.edinburgh.gov.uk/info/20089/roads\\_and\\_pavements](http://www.edinburgh.gov.uk/info/20089/roads_and_pavements) where a link dedicated to Gully problems exists. This will improve reaction times.

b) The bus stop inbound at Rustic Cottages has been resurfaced and strengthened to better deal with the forces of traction, presumably due to new drive trains on the dual energy buses. This was addressed at the traffic light junction with Colinton Road and Woodhall Road (outbound) during the work there late 2015.



c) Lights on the bridge at Bridge Road, in Spylaw Park and at bus stop (dentists) on Bridge Road were reported to Clarence and all are now fixed.

In meantime we encourage residents to continue to make submissions to CLARENCE and advise the Roads subgroup [roads@colintoncc.org.uk](mailto:roads@colintoncc.org.uk) along with the reference from Clarence when there is no satisfactory progress.

#### 4) Transport (Buses)

Public and Accessible Transport Action Plan (PATAP) is still under review and we understand there have been several responses from Colinton on the matter.

#### 5) Street Litter/Refuse Collection

Cleanliness of the streets maintains its high standard and CEC domestic and trade refuse trucks continue to collect with the same degree of care and consideration for other users.

However, it is sad to hear that CEC will be discontinuing its trade refuse collection from July 2016 due to budget cuts and 'competition' from the private sector. This can only mean potentially more refuse trucks traversing the village arterial roads. I take this opportunity to encourage the business community in Colinton to *laissez/negotiate* with a single contractor so as to minimize unnecessary traffic in the village streets.

#### 6) Walk About

During the recent Walk About with SWNP Officials several issues were reported by residents and observations highlighted the following for their action:-

- a. A failures in road surface in Spylaw Street adjacent Cuddies Lane, where cavities have appeared subsequent to previous repairs. This has initiated further investigation by Roads team at SWNP.
- b. Poor pavement surface in Spylaw Street - north side around access to Spylaw Park and to eastern boundary of Waddell's Garage. This will be attended to under maintenance.
- c. At the lower point of Spylaw Street it was identified that yellow lines require to be extended to facilitate ease of transit at entry to the bridge. Also a gulley at this point has collapsed and will be repaired. A Notice has been posted for lines to be extended.
- d. The Yellow restriction box at Thorburn Road/Colinton Road has been identified as ineffective due to wear on the painted surface and will be taken up with the road markings team by the roads official.
- e. The pavement along Redford Road around the Bowling Cub and the bus stop on the east side is in poor condition and requires attention soon. This is especially so where the surface may present a hazard as measured by the roads officials.
- f. One long outstanding issue has been the handrail down Cuddies Lane, where ownership of the solum where it lies is unclear. Cuddies Lane we understand is not an adopted path or road. However the handrail is in a very poor state of repair. The Roads subcommittee will endeavour to seek a satisfactory solution acceptable to all interested parties.

#### 8) General

Following recent dialogue with the South West Neighbourhood Partnership (SWNP) it is proposed CCC arrange a meeting with them to review our contribution over the past year and explore how we can enrich the relationship to develop further effective outcomes for Colinton residents.

Lastly I take this opportunity to thank the Roads Team at SWNP for their cooperation and support during the first year in our role as Community Councillors.

Bill Alexander  
Roads Convener Colinton CC

**Suggestions for 2016/17 Neighbourhood Environment Projects (NEPs)**

Priority				Comments
1	Campbell Park	A new path from Woodfield Avenue to Campbell Park Play Park	New path across park	
2	Woodhall Road	Upgrade pavement between Campbell Park Drive & Woodfield Avenue	Section of pavement running east from the junction of Woodhall Road and Campbell park Drive in an unsafe condition.	
3	Redford Road	Upgrade pavement on west side between Cottage Homes and Colinton Road	Not in good condition	
4	Bridge Road	Upgrade pavement between the Dentist and Broad Steps	Very poor condition	
5	Bonaly Drive	Resurface section of road between Bonaly Grove and Bonaly Avenue.	Roadway in a poor condition. It is also a route to a school.	? Capital
6	Woodfield Park	Upgrade pavements	poor condition	? Capital