

**Present**

Dr David Houston (Chair), Tom McDonald (Vice-Chair), David Bewsey (Secretary), Gordon Neill (Treasurer), Nigel Rudd, Catherine Lang, Bill Alexander, Ken Eyeington, Alastair Watt, Lorraine O'Shea, Cllr Elaine Aitken, PC Graeme Howie, Maj Alex Price & 7 members of the public.

**Apologies:** Cllr Jason Rust, Cllr Richard Lewis, Gordon Lindhurst MSP

**Welcome by the Chair**

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced David White, Strategic Lead for Primary Care, Edinburgh Health & Social Care Partnership, NHS Lothian.

**Talk on Primary Care in Edinburgh - David White, Strategic Lead Primary Care and Public Health, NHS Lothians**

David described the changes taking place particularly in Primary Care, questions were asked during and after the talk. The Chair thanked DW for his very interesting talk.

**Police Report**

PC Graeme Howie gave an overview of crime in the Colinton area. Detailed reports were available to members and will be on the website. PC Howie emphasised the need to be more vigilant as it was getting near Christmas. He also emphasised that in answer to questions, PC Howie mentioned the high success rate in solving crime, however due to sentencing rules, the culprits tend to be released early and often re-offend immediately.

**Declarations of Interest:** None.

**Minutes of the meeting of 8<sup>th</sup> November 2016 and matters arising:**

These were accepted as a true record, subject to typographic corrections.

Prop. Alastair Watt (AW), Sec, Catherine Lang (CL).

**Matters arising from the Minutes.**

The Secretary announced that the noticeboard originally placed at the Pharmacy by Colinton Amenity Association (CAA), has been handed over to Colinton Community Council (ColCC). A notice about the current meeting has now been placed in it. Tom McDonald (TM) confirmed that the Community Council is required to take on any repairs and liability for the noticeboard, but there were no planning conditions attached as a consequence.

AW brought up the use of abbreviations in minutes, this was discussed and agreed that the full name would be used in the first instance with initials, and thereafter the initials would be used.

Bill Alexander (BA) gave an update on Christmas lights for the village. He had obtained ten sets of lighting panels from the Council store. Three of these had been mounted on the Park Shed as a test. He stated he had started the process of assessing the requirements for Christmas 2017. The issue of electricity connection was discussed. A full cost estimate was requested for the next meeting. Ken Eyeington (KE) was asked to assist.

**ACTION: BA & KE**

**Confirmation of areas of responsibility.**

- Planning:** Tom McDonald, David Bewsey & Lorraine O’Shea  
**Environment:** Nigel Rudd & David Bewsey  
**Communications:** David Bewsey & Alastair Watt  
**Roads & Transport:** Bill Alexander & David Houston  
**Health and Wellbeing:** Catherine Lang  
**Community Safety:** Gordon Neill & Ken Eyeington

**Pentlands Neighbourhood Partnership:** Chair, Vice-Chair or Secretary.

**Edinburgh Association of Community Council (EACC):** David Bewsey who is also EACC Secy.

It was agreed that Alastair Watt would provide assistance to the Secretary. The Secretary requested that all leads should keep him apprised on initiatives in each area in order to avoid duplication. The appointments were proposed by TM seconded by AW

**Discussion regarding the MOD proposal to dispose of Redford Barracks by 2022**

The Secretary provided an update informing that he had contacted both City of Edinburgh Council Planning and the Defence Infrastructure Organisation.

So far only a preliminary meeting has been held between City of Edinburgh Council (CEC) Planning and the Defence Infrastructure Organisation (DIO). This is likely to be the first of many such meetings held to discuss the best vehicle to take forward the disposal of sites and conversion thereof. As far as Redford Barracks is concerned there are no firm plans on which buildings will be sold off. Craigiehall will be the site used to test out mechanisms of disposal. There have been suggestions from other DIO sources that no further budget cuts have been initiated for Redford Barracks and the painting of the fencing is due to be completed next year. It isn’t yet certain if both or all of Redford Barracks would be for disposal and it might be that the Piping School and TA centre remain.

He went onto ask if it would be sensible to put down a marker saying that the Colinton community considers it appropriate to be involved in discussions about the planning brief.

Gordon Neill (GN) suggested contacting Queensferry & District CC

Cllr Aitken stated that a motion would put forward to the Council and it had been agreed that a working group be set up to respond to all of the MOD sites and that representatives from all relevant CCs would be involved. It was agreed to write to Paul Lawrence of CEC Planning, the DIO and a copy to Lt Col Doug Mackay. Maj. Price suggested this was a matter which was very much within Lt. Col. Mackay’s remit.

**ACTION: Secretary**

**Creating a Strategy for Colinton - How to take this forward?**

The Chair mentioned that there are many groups in Colinton all working for the benefit of the village, but not necessarily in a co-ordinated manner. He went on to say that Balerno CC has created a “Strategy for Balerno” and he asked for members thought on how this might be taken forward. TM suggested that Colinton CC’s role should be one of co-ordinating. He also suggested that the CC be pro-active in obtaining the views of the community. Various suggestions were put forward. The Secretary mentioned Colinton Amenity’s Environment Project started some years previously. It was agreed that a discussion document should be prepared and an initial group meeting be held and report back to a future meeting.

**ACTION: Office Bearers**

### **AOCB**

The Secretary mentioned the incident at the Colinton Inn where a resident became very unwell. It was thought that the availability of a portable defibrillator might have helped in similar situations. He went on to say that Currie CC had been gifted a Defibrillator. It was agreed that the Community council should look at how best to take this forward. TM mentioned that he had a contact in St John's Ambulance who deals with defibrillators. CL said she also had a colleague with whom she could obtain further information.

A member of the public mentioned that she had been in contact with a supplier of defibrillators and was willing to pass on contact details to CL. They would report at the next meeting.

**ACTION: TM & CL**

The Chair mentioned the communication with Mike Scott and thanked him for his contribution to the Pentlands Book Festival. The report has been circulated.

The Secretary said he had been at the Community Council "Welcome Session" which he found very helpful and recommended that all current members should attend. The Secretary went on to say that there was to be a new Community Council Liaison Officer appointed. BA asked if the Transformation Programme was in line with the Greater Edinburgh 2050 view. Cllr Aitken explained that the Transformation Programme was looking at better ways to deliver services.

The Secretary mentioned an initiative by the Scottish Government. Earlier this year, every Community Council in Scotland was encouraged to apply to the Scottish Government for funding to run a Participatory Budgeting event/process. Leith Links CC received £15,500 for projects and £5,000 for admin costs.

Lorraine O'Shea reminded everyone that Christmas on the Corner was taking place on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> Dec. from 6:30pm until 8:30pm

### **Public Comments.**

A request was made to ask Lothian Buses if they would run the No.10 Bus to Bonaly later in the evening than 7:45pm.

**ACTION: Cllr Aitken**

BA mentioned that the public were having difficulty hearing what members were saying. It was agreed that members need to speak up, but the Secretary suggested rearranging the tables and chairs to allow the public to be closer to the meeting. He would further request that the radio microphones be available at the next meeting.

The Chair suggested another business meeting in January. There was a call for vote. It was agreed 5 votes to 4 in favour of arranging a meeting in January.

**Date of next planned meeting: Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> February 2017 at 7:30pm, at Colinton Bowling Club.**