



Public Meeting – 7:30 pm - 14th March 2017

Venue: Colinton Bowling Club

Agenda

| Item | Subject | Time |
|-------------|---|-------------|
| 1. | Welcome, apologies and declarations of interest | 7:30 |
| 2. | Tiphereth Proposals – Bruce Bennett | 7:32 |
| 3. | Police Report | 7:45 |
| 4. | Update on Redford Barracks Working Party – Cllr Richard Lewis | 7:55 |
| 5. | Minutes of the meeting held on 14 th February 2017 | 8:10 |
| 6. | Matters arising from the February minutes | 8:15 |
| 7. | New Environment Walkabout Schedule – Report by Secretary | 8:25 |
| 8. | Other reports | 8:40 |
| 9. | A.O.C.B. to be notified to the Secy. prior to the meeting | 8:50 |
| 10. | Public Question Time | 8:55 |
| 11. | 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

The next meeting is on: 11th April 2017 at 7:30pm in Colinton Bowling Club

Present

Dr David Houston (Chair), Tom McDonald (Vice-Chair), David Bewsey (Secretary), Gordon Neill (Treasurer), Catherine Lang, Bill Alexander, Ken Eyeington, Alastair Watt, Cllr Jason Rust, PC Sonja Kaiser-Ferris & 9 members of the public.

Apologies: Cllr Elaine Aitken, Cllr Richard Lewis, Gordon Lindhurst MSP, Lorraine O'Shea, Nigel Rudd.

Welcome by the Chair: The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Police Report

PC Kaiser-Ferris gave an overview of crime in the Colinton area emphasising the thefts of high value cars and the need to be vigilant and to secure car keys. The formal detailed reports are available on the website. Cllr Rust mentioned the Draft Local Policing Plan for Edinburgh Division which would be circulated. He also mentioned the retirement of Inspector Liz Duthie. There were some public questions on crime.

Declarations of Interest: Cllr Rust declared a non-financial interest as Convenor of the Pentlands Neighbourhood Partnership.

Minutes of the meeting of 13th December 2017:

These were accepted as a true record.

Prop. Tom McDonald (TM), Sec. Alastair Watt (AW).

Matters arising from the Minutes.

TM updated the meeting with regard the plans for the Co-op store. Both parties are currently finalising the deal for the Co-op with only one item yet to be agree. Apparently the Building Warrant is being held up by awaiting approval of the Traffic Restriction Order (TRO) for the layby.

The Secretary updated the meeting on his contact with Esk Properties, who had purchased the former RBS building. Final handover is imminent subject to RBS updating cabling for the ATM (Cash Machine). He also informed that he had spoken to the new occupants of the former flower shop (Amethyst) which is being refurbished as a specialist kitchen establishment, Peden & Pringle.

Bill Alexander (BA) mentioned that a member of the public had nearly been struck by a piece of the advertising boards which had been blown off in recent high winds. The Secretary agreed to contact the relevant people to have the remainder of the board removed. **ACTION: Secretary**

TM updated the meeting about the research carried out about Defibrillators and that St John's Ambulance would be able to assess the village situation and make recommendations.

Keyholders and training would be required once full agreement and suitable funding had been

identified. There followed a discussion on probable sighting, logistics and funding sources. It was suggested that the community should be consulted via the website. **ACTION: Secretary Gordon Neill (GN)** suggested there might be an initiative to raise basic First Aid awareness. It was agreed to seek a report in two cycles. **ACTION: TM & CL**

Pentlands Neighbourhood Partnership Funding Panel (CGF)

The Chair introduced the item by informing the meeting that there were two reports, one by the Secretary which states the current position and one by the Chair which was “Confidential” which examines possible options. The Chair asked whether it was felt appropriate for members to discuss applications to the CGF as the CGF Chair had agreed this was possible. The Treasurer asked for clarity on what the Chair was seeking to achieve when Colinton has done very well from the Community Grants Fund (CGF) in obtaining almost 100% success from applications. The Secretary pointed out that since 2012/13 Colinton groups had received £15750. The Chair repeated his question as to whether applications to the CGF from Colinton were of interest to members. AW and the Secretary raised concerns about the Chair’s conduct. The Vice Chair stated that these remarks were inappropriate as it was contrary to the Code of Conduct to act in this way. TM asked whether the Community Council wanted further information on how the CGF works. Catherine Lang (CL) suggested that as a funding system, it seems to be doing the job it was set up to do and asked why it was felt it needed to be changed.

BA suggested that other areas appear to operate a more open system. Cllr Rust stated that other areas of Edinburgh operate in a different way but are still governed by the same rules. TM responded that it might also be reasonable to ask why it works in a different way in other parts of the City. Cllr Rust suggested that Colinton had done very well out of the CGF. He went on to say that it was perfectly permissible for the papers to be seen and discussed by the Community Council, but in doing so, it potentially compromised the community representative on the CGF, as it might mean they would have to declare a non-financial interest and therefore not take part in the panel discussion. The Chair suggested that none of the Funding Panel’s own operating procedures, including the definitions of financial and non-financial interest, were written down and so needed to be clarified.

TM proposed Sec. BA, that there should be a continuation of investigations into the facts relating to the CGF as far as is reasonably possible, with a view to helping the community co-ordinate its efforts in this direction in future.

It was agreed by a vote of 6-0 that the CGF research be continued and that the invitation by Councillor Rust to meet with him and the Locality Manager be taken up.

Other Reports

Secretary’s Report: Taken as read.

Road & Transport Report: Further feedback was needed from the Report-It (Clarence) system as there was no indication on progress on matters reported on that system. At present anyone reporting using the Report-It system would not receive any feedback other than it would just say “Solved”. BA mentioned that some early actions have still not been completed.

The Secretary asked about progress on future Christmas lighting. BA informed that there was a plan to look at the logistics. **ACTION: BA & KE**

New Council Refuse Collection Calendar

The Secretary suggested that there could be issues with the new collection calendar. He went on to mention that for his street there were seven dates with a red star against them indicating that Food Waste, Landfill, and Garden Waste were to be put out but there was also an indication that residents would not receive all of these services on these days. He went on to say that greater clarity was needed to avoid having to leave bins out in case the service was just late. AW commented that the Council weren't currently collecting all the waste in a timely manner. There was a discussion on various related matters and it was decided that a senior manager from Waste Services be invited to speak to the Community Council. TM suggested the Council should be charged every time a collection was missed and the proceeds given to the community via the Community Council to fund worthwhile community projects. A resident raised the point that the Council no longer post out collection calendars. It was suggested this was a money-saving initiative but the calendars can be downloaded from the Council website. The Library might offer to help those who didn't have access to a computer. **ACTION: Secretary**

Review of the Constitution of Colinton Community Council

TM suggested the Community Council has a number of uncertainties in our operating procedures and processes and that there should be some guidance as to how certain issues should be dealt with. It was suggested that a small group probably the Office Bearers look at the situation and present their findings back to the members at a public meeting.

This was approved unanimously.

ACTION: Office Bearers

TM also mentioned that some issues arose in between public meetings and that an email protocol needed to be formulated. TM also suggested there was a need to look at some method of establishing the views of the members which would subsequently be ratified at a public meeting. The Secretary suggested that a positive majority email response was essential. This was agreed. A formal procedure for this is to be examined and reported in one cycle.

ACTION: Secretary/GN

Edinburgh Airport Consultation

The subject of Edinburgh Airport flight path consultation was raised and it was decided that this was not an issue for Colinton.

AOCB

- The Chair mentioned the recently published Report on the failure of some School buildings. It was agreed that it was best to await the Council's response.
- Tiphereth have indicated that they would like to present their proposal for Torphin Golf Club Clubhouse. The Secretary would liaise with Bruce Bennett of Tiphereth.

ACTION: Secretary

- The Secretary mentioned correspondence requesting replacement Cherry Trees outside Redford Barracks. As there was uncertainty over the future of the street frontage on that section of Colinton Road it was agreed to put this matter on hold.
- The Secretary also mentioned a request from the Bowling Club for the refurbishment of the pavement on the east side of Redford Road between Old Farm Avenue and the Bowling Club. This would be added to the Neighbourhood Environment Programme.
- A request from South West Communities Forum to support their objection to development in Fairmilehead was raised. The development is not in the Local Development Plan (LDP) and has been rejected by City of Edinburgh Council Planning and previously dismissed on appeal by Scottish Ministers. It was agreed that while it would not directly affect Colinton, it was agreed to write supporting objection to the development in principle.
- The Secretary asked if members were in favour of holding an election hustings. This was rejected.

Public Comments.

The posters placed in the village were considered a good way to advertise the meetings.

A suggestion that it would be useful to have defibrillator training for the public was also thought to be a good idea.

Date of next planned meeting: Tuesday 14th March 2017 at 7:30pm, at Colinton Bowling Club.



Community Council Meeting
CPT Ward 8
Not Protectively Marked

The data provided in this report is for information purposes only to inform community councils in relation to relevant information for their area and enable them to carry out their responsibilities. It should be noted that the timing of this community council meeting is in advance of the ratification of any statistics or the completion of the procedures and reconciliation processes that are undertaken in association with the publication of official statistics. Given this there may be minor amendments between the information in this report and any finally reported statistics - for example due to delayed reporting or recording of crimes, road crashes or incidents. It would not therefore be accurate or appropriate to refer to, quote or use the data in this report as official statistics.

| Colinton Community Council Meeting | |
|---|---|
| Rank / Name of Officer Attending | PC 11550 Sonja Kaiser-Ferris |
| Date of Meeting – Tues. 14 th March | Time – 19:30 End of Month – February 2017 |
| Information (this month / local priorities / incidents) | |
| PC in attendance | This past month we have been involved in resolving several neighbour disputes, continuing to solve local crimes and assisting with colleagues' enquiries. |
| Community Police Station | Two funded ward 8 officers PC Graeme Howie and PC Sonja Kaiser-Ferris and 3 non-funded community officers are based at Oxfangs Police Station. |
| E Division Priorities | Tackling crime reports with named suspects. Hate Crimes and meeting call attendance times. |
| PSOS Priorities and values | This past month, Police Scotland has been continuing to police with fairness, integrity and respect. |

| Good News |
|--|
| <p>There has been a reduction in anti social behaviour.</p> <p>We have conducted speed checks on Colinton Road.</p> <p>We have had high visibility patrols at local schools in the mornings, policing dangerously parked cars and speeding motorists.</p> |

| Ward Priorities | |
|-----------------|----------------------------|
| Priority 1 | THEFT HOUSEBREAKING |
| Priority 2 | ASSAULT / VIOLENT CRIME |
| Priority 3 | ROAD SAFETY |
| Priority 4 | THEFT OF PERSONAL PROPERTY |
| Priority 5 | HATE CRIME |



Community Council Meeting
CPT Ward 8
Not Protectively Marked

Housebreakings

Attempted Housebreaking with Intent to Steal – 10/02/17 – Tryst Park.

Theft by Housebreaking – 14/02/17 – Adams Well.

Theft by Housebreaking – 16/01/17 – 2 x break ins at Spylaw Bank Road.

Theft by Housebreaking – 20/02/17 – Scald Law Drive.

Assault

No serious assaults reported in Colinton in February.

Road Safety / Initiatives

There were several minor road traffic offences reported throughout February, including an arrest for drink driving and in a separate incident a driver charged for causing an accident by driving carelessly or without due care and attention.

A reminder that as of 1st March, the punishment for drivers caught using mobile telecommunication devices has increased to 6 penalty points (from 3 points) and £200 fine (from £100)

Theft

There were no reported Thefts in Colinton in February.

Hate Crime

There were no reported Hate Crimes in Colinton in February.

ASB / NPS / incidents of note

Actions Update From Previous Meeting

Community Council Meeting
CPT Ward 8
Not Protectively Marked



Community Council Meeting
CPT Ward 8
Not Protectively Marked

Actions To Be Taken From This Meeting

As PI Liz Duthie is retiring imminently, PI Scott Richardson will be her replacement starting early April 2017.

Miscellaneous Information

Ward 8

Comprises of 3 Policing Beats, with 2 City of Edinburgh Council Funded Officers,

Police Constable 4179E Graeme Howie and Police Constable 11550E Sonja Kaiser

PF56 (Fairmilehead, Buckstone and Swanston)

PF57 (Oxgangs and Firrhill)

PF58 (Colinton and Bonaly)

Policing

The Community Policing Team Inspector covering Wards is **Police Inspector 3324E Liz Duthie**

The CPT Sergeant covering ward 8 is **Police Sergeant 5890 E Billy Telford**

The CPT consists of 3 teams of community-facing Constables, and the emphasis will be on community working, in a bid to solve local issues.

In non-emergencies, should you wish to contact us, please do not hesitate to do so.

You can contact us by email at EdinburghColintonFairmileheadCPT@Scotland.pnn.police.uk or by telephoning the national non-emergency number **101**. You can also follow us on **Twitter @EdinPolSW**

Police Surgery

Oxgangs Library, Oxgangs Road North, Wednesdays 1700 - 1800 hours.

Community Council Meeting
CPT Ward 8
Not Protectively Marked

Introduction

The new Walkabout regime will take the form of a twice* yearly formal Walkabout with a dedicated Council Officer or Service Team Leader (STL). The emphasis will be on looking at areas in the estate that would benefit from improvement and not service issues which could be reported through the Council Report-It (Clarence) system. Note: STLs have yet to be appointed.

The dates for the Colinton Walkabouts are Thursday 1st June 2017 and Thursday 7th December 2017.

Prior to the formal event it will be essential for the community to have identified an area around which the Walkabout would take place. This area would be chosen as somewhere that needs upgrading due to its appearance and not meeting the relevant standards. Examples are provided below.



The maximum time taken to walk round the area identified; should be no more than 1-2 hour.

Aims and Objectives

- Making an area better to live in.
- The creation of improved spaces within communities and improving the quality of life.
- Engagement with the community to gather input which will inform the process.

Pre-inspection

At the pre-inspection, 3 weeks or more in advance of the official Walkabout, larger groups might be involved in order to gather as broad a range of comments from the community as possible, for areas identified for improvement. These will be graded using the R.A.G. (Traffic Light) system.

GREEN: No issues to raise that require immediate action

AMBER: The project or issue has a problem but action is being taken to resolve this.

RED: The project or issue requires immediate remedial action to achieve objectives.

The Walkabout

As the briefing document states, a pre-determined route will be set out, the issues identified at the pre-inspection stage will be set out in an agenda for the formal Walkabout. Only two community representatives and the Service Team Leader should be present at that meeting as the pre-inspection will have allowed a wider discussion to have occurred and all relevant issues identified.

Post Inspection

Approximately 7 days after the Walkabout a pre-report will be made available for all parties to discuss. Following this an Action Plan will be drawn up.

Budgeting for the action plan

Identified budgets for these projects could be derived from the Neighbourhood Environment (NEPs) fund which is a top slice of the Discretionary Roads and Footways Budget held within the SW Locality. Other options include the Community Grants Fund as well as other available funding sources that can be found in the **Edinburgh4Community** database which could be match-funded with funds from an existing CEC budget allocation.

Promotion of this initiative

At the meeting, it was suggested that each Community Council should promote these events at each meeting.

It will be important to connect with the broader community to improve the outcomes from the projects taken forward.

Suggested methods (not exhaustive):

- Announcements at CC meetings
- Noticeboards
- Notices in Libraries and display screens
- Share with other local groups
- Facebook
- Twitter
- W.O.M.

First Steps

Identify potential areas for improvement. A few to begin with;

- Campbell Park
- Redford Wood
- WoL Walkway (Dell Road)
- Old Station Car Park

There might be other areas to consider and promotion of these ideas and free discussion should be encouraged within the community.

* Please note, this event might just be a once a year event due to a restriction on CEC resources.

It is suggested this report is work in progress and be the basis for further work should the Community Council agree.

David Bewsey
Secretary
Colinton Community Council

12 Mar 17

A Strategy for Colinton – initial examination

Introduction

Some years ago Colinton Amenity Association (CAA) looked at Colinton from the viewpoint of walkers and other visitors to the village and created an Asset List, the majority of which is relevant today with minor editing. CAA also examined the various walking/cycling routes that exist with a view to erecting directional signposting which has now been put in place to a certain extent, only existing in the village centre and local Public Park.

For some time the village retail centre has suffered closures in particular the Convenience Store and Bank. There are currently six vacant business premises. Colinton is fortunate in having a local Pharmacy and Post Office, the latter, to a certain extent, offsetting the loss of the Bank. This does not compensate for a local general provisions merchant.

One key to a successful strategy is for all groups in Colinton to come together to share projects they think are important to the future of Colinton and workout how these will be brought to fruition and identifying funding for the ideas which come from these discussions.

Key partners in this would probably be:

- Colinton Community Council
- Colinton Amenity Association
- Colinton Village Events
- Colinton Village Ventures
- Colinton Community Conservation Trust
- Local Schools
- Local Churches

Essential elements to make the village centre work again:

- Footfall
- Parking
- A range of village retail food shops
- Places to meet
- Local interests
- Access for the elderly
- Cross-village walking routes
- Well maintained and attractive Parks & Greenspaces
- Diversification of use

Known proposals:

- Co-operative Food Store
- Tunnel Art Project
- Decorative historic railings
- Proposal for community shop and museum (tentative)

Funding opportunities:

- Community Grants Fund (max £5k)
- Neighbourhood Environment Programme
- Edinburgh4Community funding opportunities

- Fund the Funders events
- And there are others....

Current realities:

At present there are no substantial reasons for the community to come into the village, except to visit the Post Office, Pharmacy, Pubs and Restaurants but with the arrival of the Co-op, interest in visiting the village will grow, initially out of curiosity. Most householders get into their cars and drive to the nearest supermarket. At some point in 2017 Aldi will open in Oxdgangs Road, this will be another shopping attraction away from the village.

Parking in Colinton is one issue requiring careful thought. To remove it will allow faster traffic movements, too much will prevent a timely turnover of visitors to the shops.

The village may never return to having a full range of shops. Back in the 60s there were two Butchers, a Fishmonger, two Pharmacies, a Fruit and Veg shop (still there), Ironmonger, a General Store, a Stationers, a Shoe shop & Cobbler, an Electrical Repair shop, a Petrol Station and more. Appendix 1 lays out the current usage of premises.

Potential:

Perhaps the initial way forward is to make it desirable to have a retail business in the village and so attract different outlets providing something that cannot be obtained in the same way from larger shops anywhere in the vicinity. There are other areas of interest that might be promoted along with the bodies mentioned above.

Proposal:

Share this outline with other Colinton Groups and obtain initial feedback. If the responses are constructive, arrange a meeting to discuss further how to take this forward.

Appendix 1

Colinton Shops Offices

| Bridge Road - South | Bridge Road - North | Cuddies Lane/Spylaw Street |
|---|--|--|
| Colinton Dental Practice | Former RBS Bank Building Peden & Pringle - Kitchens Optician Colinton Arts Dantes Restaurant Pharmacy | KT Electrical |
| Allingham – Estate agents Porteous Funeral Directors | Post Office Moodz – Hairdresser Downes – Fruit/Veg Financial Advisers Convenience Store – empty Interior Solutions Canine Cuts Java Moment – Cafe City Dogs Creche Colinton Inn Retail Premises/Children’s Crèche (empty) Colinton Hair Design Pizza Connection Restaurant (currently vacant) SortmyPC | The Spylaw Tavern Centra Consult Colinton Chiropody/Podiatry Waddell’s Garage Vacant Offices Office Joiners & Builders |

David Bewsey
Secretary

Tom McDonald
Vice-Chair