

Colinton Community Council

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Transport Roads And Pathways (TRAP) Report - July 2015

1. Neighbourhood Environment Project (NEP)

The submissions from all groups for the above have been scored by the Neighbourhood Partnership (NP) for their suitability and priority for funding to improve the condition.

The Community Council now have to score submissions on the same criteria by 3rd August.

In view of the set back with RBS our plan for completing the pavements in the lower part of Bridge Rd may well be scored low. However, our other submission for pavement improvements on Redford Road looks better.

2. 20MPH Program

Bridge Road was left out of the plan originally. I understand this was an oversight and has been corrected thanks to Jason Rust. The bridge across The Water of Leith at the bottom of Spylaw Street and past the Parish Church was also excluded from the plan but now corrected.

3. Road Repairs

We have reported 10 Roads and Paths issues to CLARENCE since 7th June. All but one has been reported as 'SOLVED' the other status rates as 'SUBMITTED' . To my knowledge at least 50% of the 'SOLVED's are unresolved. (I do know what solved means but unsure what 'SOLVED' means). I will try to get a better understanding of how Clarence works by next report.

I would encourage residents to make their own submissions to Clarence and advise Roads subgroup roads@colintoncc.org.uk when there is no satisfactory progress. In the meantime it has been recommended to investigate 'fix my street ' I will report back in August report.

4. Consolidated Roads and Pavements Issues

We had a meeting to consolidate the outstanding repair and maintenance issue and a review of issues on 'The walk about list'. It has been identified there are several issues which individually are minor, but looked at in the whole could automatically address those minor issues.

It was intended to have these by end of July, but circumstances dictate it will now be covered in Augusts' report.

5. General

With the pressure on to curtail expenditure by CEC it is important that residents when reporting defects clearly describe accurately the magnitude and urgency of the problem and be polite but diligent in pursuing a satisfactory outcome.

Bill Alexander

Environment Group

Report to CCC Meeting 11 August 2015

Drainage at Woodhall Road and Woodfield Park.

A the June Committee meeting we reported CEC had undertaken to prioritise the inspection of surface water gullies in Woodhall Road in their survey team's programme and promised to advise CCC of their findings and invite us to a further meeting to discuss options.

CEC were true to their word and Nigel Rudd, David Bewsey and David Houston of CCC were invited to a meeting with the Council officers to discuss their findings.

The inspection team checked the gullies on Woodhall Road from just west of the entrance to Woodfield Park to the immediate west of Capelaw Road. The inspection revealed that the gullies to the immediate west and east of Woodfield Park were cleaned and working properly as were those on both sides of Woodhall Road adjacent to Capelaw Road.

There were problems with the gullies between Woodhall Bank and Fernielaw Avenue. The gullies near Woodhall Bank on the south side of Woodhall Road are not working properly because of a blockage near the kerb on the south of Woodhall Road. The gullies to the west of Fernielaw Avenue are not functioning correctly due to a poor connection with the pipes under Woodhall Road.

Four of the five sets of gullies issue into the burn in the woodland to the south of the Woodfield Park development. This means there watercourse carries the rainwater issuing from Woodhall Road such that alterations to the burn could cause flooding or Woodhall Road or properties in Woodfield Park, or both.

Considering the above, CEC have set out proposals to improve the present arrangements. They are:

- Clean out the burn;
- Add concrete headwalls to the ends of outlet pipes before they connect to the burn;
- Install rodding eye access points to pipes behind stone walls;
- Replace the T piece pipe at the gullies to the east of Woodhall Bank; and
- Replace the joint at the gully adjacent to the bus shelter on the north side of Woodhall Road near to Fernielaw Avenue.

CEC believe implementation of the above improvements will make the maintenance of the system more straightforward.

The Community Council members are again greatly encouraged by the CEC response and it would appear our faith expressed in the last report is not misplaced.

The CEC officers recognise that implementing the proposals will improve the discharge of surface water from Woodhall Road but the real problem is the system needs upgrading by installing larger pipes. The problem is there is no money to pay for this.

Damaged tree

CC was advised by a local resident of damage to a tree to the west of Woodhall Mains Farm such that a sizeable branch was overhanging a public path. CCC contacted Forest Services CEC to draw attention to this. CEC visited the location and removed the branch to maintain public safety. However, CEC contacted CCC to say that on this occasion they had dealt with the problem but in future a situation such as this is the responsibility of the landowner.

Overgrown hedge

At the last meeting CCC was made aware of the footpath near to Citidogs Creche on Woodhall Road being obstructed by an overgrown hedge. The obstruction causes pedestrians to walk in the road which is unacceptable as construction traffic uses this stretch of road to access Woodhall Mains Farm. David Bewsey of CCC has investigated this problem and it appears the hedge is the responsibility of CEC. David has been in touch with CEC and awaits a reply as the personnel concerned with these matters is currently on holiday.

Secretary's Report August 2015

Attended the following meetings:

- 16th June 2015 Pentlands Neighbourhood Partnership end-of-year meeting, at the Gibson Craig Hall, Currie with Vice-Chair
- 1st July 2015 SESPlan briefing in City Chambers
- 25 June 2015 EACC (Edinburgh Association of Community Councils) ordinary meeting as Colinton CC representative.

Currently liaising with EACC (part of a communications group), Faimilehead CC members and Transition Edinburgh Pentlands on community engagement and how to attract greater interest in community issues.

- 31st July 2015 Represented Colinton CC along with the Vice-Chair and Lorraine O'Shea at the Lord Provost's Garden Party to recognise community service
- 10th August 2015 Attending Edinburgh Adapts - First Project Workshop on what steps Edinburgh might take to mitigate the effects of climate change.

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