



**Public Meeting – 7:30 pm - 14<sup>th</sup> February 2017**

**Venue: Colinton Bowling Club**

## **Agenda**

<b>Item</b>	<b>Subject</b>	<b>Time</b>
1.	Welcome, apologies and declarations of interest	7:30
2.	Police Report	7:32
3.	Minutes of the meeting held on 13 <sup>th</sup> December 2016	7:42
4.	Matters arising from the December minutes	7:50
5.	Pentlands Neighbourhood Partnership Funding Panel – reports by the Chairman and Secretary. - Is further action required?	8:10
6.	Other reports	8:20
7.	New Council Refuse Collection rota – is this a major Colinton issue?	8:25
8.	Review of the Constitution of Colinton CC – is change needed?	8:30
9.	Edinburgh Airport consultation – Will it affect Colinton?	8:40
10.	A.O.C.B. to be notified to the Secy. prior to the meeting	8:45
11.	Public Question	8:50
	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: 14<sup>th</sup> March 2017 at 7:30pm in Colinton Bowling Club**

**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 is concerned there are also no firm plans as to 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 and the painting of the fencing is due to be completed next year. It isn’t yet certain if both or all of Redford 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 to 4 in favour to arrange a meeting in January.

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

## Secretary's Report

**Pentlands Neighbourhood Partnership:** On 17<sup>th</sup> January I attended the Pentlands Neighbourhood Partnership meeting. I put forward the following Public Question:

*"The Environmental Walkabouts were cancelled in September during a period of reorganisation. Is it still planned to resume these in March and is there sufficient budget capacity to deal with any of the outstanding and future roads or environmental issues arising from these walkabouts?"*

The Partnership Manager stated that these were a very effective community engagement event but their frequency might need to be looked at and there would no doubt be budgetary pressures in the coming year which were still to be finalised. – A full answer to the question should be available shortly. A workshop is being arranged to look into how to optimise Walkabouts in each community.

During informal discussions the matter of uncompleted works was raised. It was suggested there was an issue with the procurement of materials to carry out some repairs.

Community Engagement arose again in discussion of Phase 2 of the **Locality Improvement Process**. The Partnership Manager asked for assistance in connecting with all the various demographics in the Pentlands Locality.

**Redford Barracks:** Letters have been sent as requested at the last meeting. A response from the Defence Infrastructure Organisation (DIO) informs us that there has been no further progress. The proposed vacation date for Redford Barracks remains at 2022 but this is subject to relocating the current occupants of the site. Preliminary discussions with CEC planning and economic development teams has taken place to ensure a better understanding of the impact which the release of Redford Barracks, and the Craigiehall site, will have on the core planning strategy for Edinburgh.

Cllr Richard Lewis, who has been appointed Convenor of the working group has suggested that it may be some months before anything definite is forthcoming.

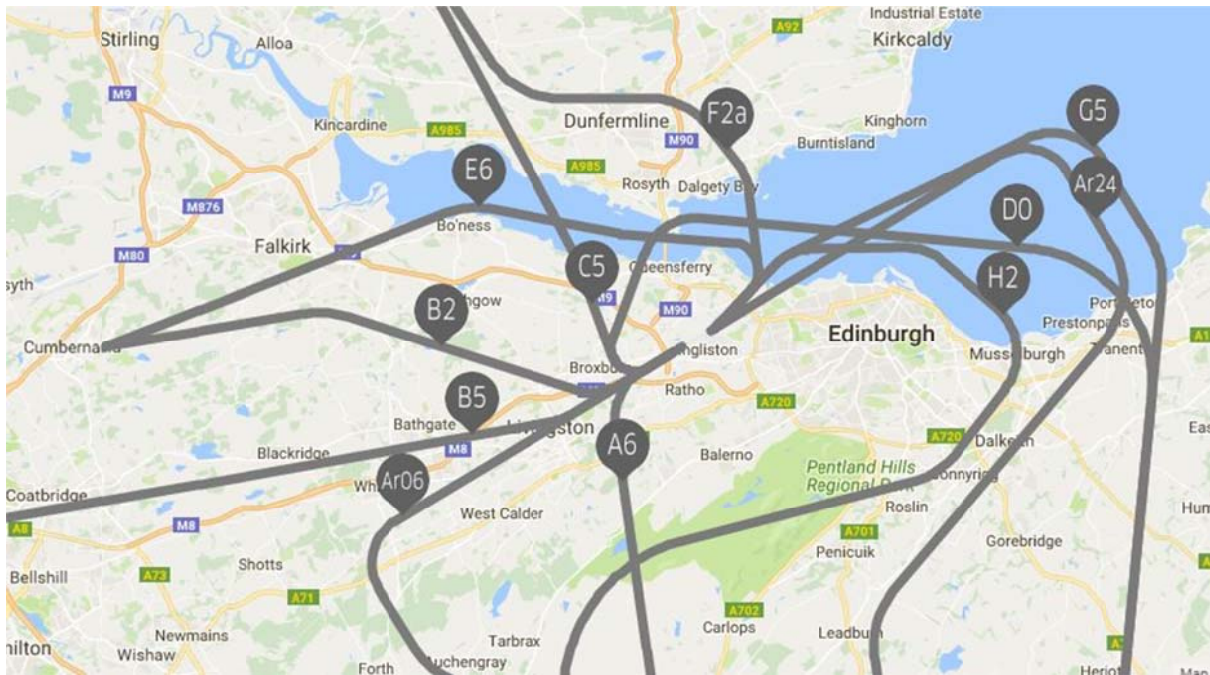
**Community Grants Fund (CGF):** I have prepared a separate paper, which is an overview of the process as currently operated. Any proposed changes recommended by the Chair would have to be agreed and submitted to the next Partnership meeting on 30<sup>th</sup> May 2017 for their agreement.

**Ongoing matters:** It has been suggested that a rolling action list should be created. This could be placed on the website and updated with notes on progress. A calendar extension has been added but due to other priorities, has yet to be deployed. Other website updates and suggestions welcome.

**Edinburgh Association of Community Councils (EACC):** I shall be in attendance at the next meeting of EACC on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> February. The Agenda and minutes are available on their website.

**Airport Flight Path Consultation:** Edinburgh Airport has recently launched a major new consultation on proposed new flight paths. The consultation can be found at <http://www.letsgetfurther.com/>. From the map of the proposed flight paths shown below it doesn't appear any will impact on Colinton.

David Bewsey  
Secretary



## Roads and Transport Report

### Roads & Pavements

The year ended with the cancellation of the “Walk About” by the Neighbourhood Partnership, due I understand to strained resource at CEC.

In the light of the above and winter conditions approaching I took the initiative and carried out a “Drive About” of the less visited areas of the community where through traffic occurs. This highlighted there were no serious defects on through roads in the community. My report with map and photos was circulated to councillors for comment in September 2016. The only location of high usage and high severity were gullies on Colinton Road by the Barracks (These received some attention during the roads works in the area recently)

In an ideal world the Roads sub group should have a closer ‘One on One’ meeting with the PNP/SWNP roads team. The ‘Walk About’ could then focus on environment issues as was originally intended.

However with resources at CEC stretched, maybe we should consider amalgamating the CC Roads (transport) and CC Environment sub groups in line with PNP groupings i.e. Environment & Transport. This adjustment would address the reduced resource at both CCC and PNP/SWNP. The forth coming “Walk About” workshop at PNP maybe the best time to air this.

### “Clarence” and Reporting

The effectiveness of Clarence has been mixed since DH and I visited the Clarence reporting centre. The main issue subsequently has been when complainants were informed a report had been “Solved” it was not fixed, only passed to the relevant department.

Of the 18 reported defects since June 2015 5 have not been resolved, but are marked as “Solved” on the Roads sub group’s CEC (e-Clarence) Account. Although the 5 unattended matters are between 07/06/2015 and 22/06/2015 it suggests an improving position. However other factors need to be considered before coming to any conclusion

1. The visit to Clarence call centre by the Roads Sub Group (BA & DH) seems to have had some effect in 2016



2. The 5 unattended items in 2015 were exclusively roads and pavements (R&P)
3. The same 5 are still not resolved
4. From the most recent reports in 2016, +62% was street/parks lighting, +25% Gullies and only +12% road sign (traffic lights), 0% R&P. All of the foregoing are resolved.

If Clarence is to be effective there is still a need to improve communications with the public as to progress on a reported defect. A simple step would be to reword “Solved” to “Actioned”, followed in time by the unit responsible to close out with “Solved”.

Further work to be done on above.

### **Christmas Lights, Colinton**

At a previous meeting of CCC I was asked to investigate the possibility of acquiring festive lighting for the village from CECs ‘Street Furniture Store’. Lorraine O’Shea (CVE) and I located the CEC store and 10 suitable lighting arrays, previously used on lighting columns in George St and Portobello High Street. These were acquired by CVE so as not to lose out on the offer FOC. There are approximately another 30 arrays at the CEC street architecture store along with various festive lighting strings. These we may be able to acquire, possibly FOC, and subject to availability.

On account of staff pressures so close to Christmas program, CEC was unable to divert their resource for a detailed evaluation and Risk Assessment (RA) in time for 19 Dec.

However, CVE took the initiative to carry out a dry run in Spylaw Park and illuminate ‘The Shed’ with 3 of the lighting arrays. This gave us some insight into both the practical, logistical and legal requirements which could be encountered in future. The display although not ideal, received positive feedback from those traversing the park during the period.

CEC employ contractors to provide electricity connections from lighting columns and to mount festive lighting arrays (see lighting supply for the Christmas tree on the street light by Peaches/Colinton Arts). This is a cost the community will have to bare in future, as funding to smaller communities has now been withdrawn. (See CEC budget constraints 2016/17 for details).

### **Funding**

I believe this is a project that the Community Grant Fund (CGF) would look favourably upon and I look for additional comment here.

The community will no doubt have to raise some funds to underpin the project and so there is a need to commence fundraising soon.

Cooperative Foods Group, who intend to occupy 6 Bridge Road, has 2 schemes for community projects such as “Colinton Xmas Lights” (CX-2017).

1. 1% of what is spent on own brand products and services goes to the Co-op Local Community Fund.
2. 1% of what you spend on own brand products and services goes to local cause you nominate  
These are some of the things we could surely tap into.

Further, it is important to encourage the participation of all the community organisations to be part of a working group to take project “CX- 2017” (or whatever we call it) forward.

References: <http://www.coop.co.uk/membership/local-community-fund/>

Bill Alexander  
Roads & Transport

This description has been written to provide a clear explanation about the CGF as operated in Pentlands.

### **Overview of the scheme**

*Community Grant Funds – from Governance and Democratic Services*

*The Council agreed in June 2007 to transfer the operating arrangements for the Community Grants Fund to the Neighbourhood Partnerships. This included the distribution of the city wide budget. Under these arrangements, and in line with the Council Scheme of Delegation, responsibility for the decision making is with the Director of Place and delegated to the Locality Managers who are required to act on the advice of the Neighbourhood Partnerships. Special provision is made for dealing with emergency applications, with this being approved by the Locality Manager and Convener of the Neighbourhood Partnership and subsequently reported to the Neighbourhood Partnership for ratification. Awards from the fund are made in accordance with the Council terms and conditions of grant. Changes to the criteria and operation are subject to Council approval with these being reported as required. There is an annual report produced for Communities and Neighbourhoods Committee on the operation of the fund across the city. The most recent update report on the Fund can be found at the following address:*

*[http://www.edinburgh.gov.uk/download/meetings/id/51365/item\\_83\\_-\\_community\\_grants\\_fund\\_update](http://www.edinburgh.gov.uk/download/meetings/id/51365/item_83_-_community_grants_fund_update)*

Pentlands Community Grants Fund (CGF) applications from constituted community bodies within the Pentlands NP area are received and checked by Partnership Officers who can also advise on applications to aid their success. These are then passed, in confidence, to the CGF Panel members. Panel members represent each of the Community Council (CC) areas within Pentlands and are normally a Community Councillor or a member of another constituted representative body should a Community Council not exist. All elected Ward Councillors are also full members of the panel.

### **Pentlands NP membership:**

Balerno CC, Currie CC, Juniper Green CC, Colinton CC, Ratho & District CC, Longstone CC, Firrhill CC & Fairmilehead CC.

Cllrs Rust (Convenor), Aitken, Lewis, Henderson W, Henderson R, & Heslop. & Mike Avery (Locality/Partnership Manager)

The CGF panel meets four times a year and grant awards are reported to the following PNP meetings for noting by members. It is then presented to the following Communities & Neighbourhoods Committee.

Normally seven days before each PNP meeting the PNP meeting papers are forwarded by the Community Council Secretary, to both CC Chair and Vice-Chair. Within these papers is a report on community grants awarded at the last CGF Panel meeting.

At this point it must be clarified that the method of granting funds for community projects is entirely up to the individual Neighbourhood Partnership Manager and Partnership members. Within Edinburgh there are three methods used to select grant awards, but it has to be emphasised that it is up to the individual Neighbourhood Partnership to decide how this is carried out.



The three methods are:

- A panel selected from the communities within the NP.
- Participatory Budgeting (a one day event where the community selects the projects to receive funding held at a central venue – usually with a maximum award of £1,000.
- Decision by Partnership Manager and Officer alone

The reason different methods are used in Neighbourhood Partnerships other than Pentland is due to the fact that some CCs share more than one Partnership as with Ratho and District CC which crosses both Pentlands and Almond. In the Centre of the City it becomes more complicated; the NPs in those parts of the city, decided it was better to hold a once-a-year event using the *Participatory Budgeting* system.

By holding a number of panel meetings during the financial year, as in Pentlands, all constituted groups are given an opportunity to present their project application as the need arises. This allows all groups an opportunity to do something beneficial for their community.

David K R Bewsey  
Secretary, Colinton Community Council



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CPT Ward 8  
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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.

<b>Colinton Community Council Meeting</b>	
Rank / Name of Officer Attending	PC 11550 Sonja Kaiser-Ferris
Date of Meeting – Tues. 14 <sup>th</sup> February	Time – 19:30      End of Month – January 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.

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

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



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### **Housebreakings**

Attempted Housebreaking with Intent to Steal – 08/01/17 – Swanston Muir.  
Attempted Housebreaking with Intent to Steal – 26/01/17 – West Mill Road.

Theft by Housebreaking – 12/01/17 – Redford Bank (males seen to make off in a previously stolen car).  
Theft by Housebreaking – 14/01/17 – Woodhall Bank.  
Theft by Housebreaking – 14/01/17 – Bonaly Avenue (two cars were stolen by true key).

Housebreaking With Intent To Steal – 11/01/17 – Hailes Gardens.  
Housebreaking With Intent To Steal – 11/01/17 – Spylaw Bank Road.

### **Assault**

No serious assaults reported in Colinton in January.

### **Road Safety / Initiatives**

There were several minor road traffic offences reported throughout January, all committed on Edinburgh City Bypass.

### **Theft**

There were no reported Thefts in Colinton in January.

### **Hate Crime**

There were no reported Hate Crimes in Colinton in January.

### **ASB / NPS / incidents of note**

A car was vandalised at The Gallolee on 02/01/17.

Two teenage boys were charged, following two break-ins to vehicles on Colinton Road and Spylaw Bank Road on 08/01/17

A male was arrested for committing a statutory Breach of the Peace at Thorburn Road on 13/01/17.

### **Actions Update From Previous Meeting**

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**Actions To Be Taken From This Meeting**

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**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](mailto: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.**

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