



Public Meeting – 7:30 pm - 14th June 2016

Venue: Colinton Bowling Club

Agenda

Item	Time	Subject
1.	7:30	Welcome, apologies and declarations of interest
2.	7:32	Police Report
3.	7:45	Approval of Minutes of the meeting on 10 th May 2016
4.	7:50	Matters arising from the May minutes
5.	8:00	Sub-group reports & matters arising
6.	8:10	Meeting dates Art in the Park Publicity for CC elections
7.	8:25	A.O.C.B. to be notified to the Secy. prior to the meeting
8.	8:30	Questions from the Public
9.	8:40	Close

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), David Bewsey (Secretary), Mike Scott, Nigel Rudd, Bill Alexander, Colin Proctor, Alastair Murray, Lorraine O'Shea (CVE), Cllr Jason Rust, Cllr Richard Lewis, Cllr Elaine Aitken, Major Alex Price (3 RIFLES), PS Chris Richardson, PC Ali Murdoch & 4 members of the public.

Apologies: Tom McDonald (Vice-Chair), Gordon Neill (Treasurer), Nigel Rudd, Sarah Stone, Gordon Macdonald MSP, & Joanna Cherry QC MP.

Welcome by the Chair

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Declarations of Interest

There were none.

Police Report

PC Ali Murdoch outlined the crime related issues during the past month. He reported that there had been no violent crimes, no hate crimes and no anti-social behaviour. He went on to say that there had been three housebreakings in the area between 6th & 12th April, two of which have been solved. There were also two housebreakings with intent. He also reported two thefts of registration plates. The road safety issue around Bonaly Primary School has been put on hold.

It was mentioned that the South-West Partnership against Rural Crime has a multi-agency meeting to look at antisocial behaviour in the Country Park and around the reservoirs.

It was announced that dog walker had been charged under the Protection of Livestock Act (Sheep worrying) for allowing his dog to fatally attack two sheep in Bonaly Country Park.

A day of action is to be arranged in June.

Councillor Rust mentioned Operation Minerva which is a "No Cold-Calling Zone" initiative. The Secretary drew attention to Redford Avenue being one such zone. There followed a short discussion. It was agreed to obtain clarification on how neighbourhoods should set up "No Cold-Calling Zones" and put this on the website and in the E-Newsletter.

It was emphasised that there would be a core of dedicated community officers within the area with a separate group of officers dealing with other issues. It was clarified that there was a re-balancing exercise going on to answer issues raised in the annual survey.

Minutes of the meeting of 12th April 2016 and matters arising:

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

Councillor Aitken commented that her apologies for the last meeting had not been included in the minutes. The Secretary apologised for the omission.

Annual Reports for Action Group & Matters Arising

The Chair suggested that now an inquiry was being set up to look into the matter, it was appropriate to wait for the outcome of that before writing to the Chief Executive on the matter. The reports were passed without comment.

The Chair mentioned that the Treasurer had suggested that the AGM should in future be held in November and not just in years when there was a Triennial Election of Community Councils.

The Secretary suggested that accounts would still have to be submitted in May and would ask Community Council Liaison if a change of AGM to November would be acceptable.

ACTION: Secretary

The Chair asked for comments on reports. He said it had been a demanding role and our main consideration was the planning application for Bridge Road. Reports were accepted. BA asked about acceptance on donations. It was agreed the community council could accept donations. With regard to the Planning Report the Secretary explained that the application for flats at Woodhall Mains Farm had been refused by the Reporter and the house on Torduff Road has been withdrawn.

Annual Accounts

The accounts were formally approved.

Tunnel Project

MS introduced the item saying that Colin Proctor had offered to join the team to take the project forward to the next stage. A motion by MS, seconded by AM, to take the project forward to create a project plan, an engagement plan, and to develop funding applications was unanimously approved.

This was followed by a protracted discussion on what additional insurance cover might be needed and what cover there is currently for normal community council activities.

MS pointed out that as the group had not yet created a project plan as this had just been agreed, they would not be able to make any estimate of additional liability for the community council. AM pointed out that the likely partners in this project had considerable experience in this area and once the next stage had been completed, this matter would become clearer.

Chair suggested that he would investigate the level of insurance currently held and this would be followed up at the next meeting.

ACTION: Treasurer & Chair

The Chair pointed out that there would be a significant amount of time before the next meeting and there might be key decisions that need authority. It was agreed that the Tunnel Group would keep members apprised of any significant progress.

AOCB

AM criticised the Secretary's response to a Twitter comment about the junction of Spylaw Street and Bridge Road as being inappropriate. He suggested the phrase "not the right forum to discuss the matter" should have been to email the Community Council. It was agreed that AM should obtain the email address of the complainant and it would be followed up.

ACTION: AM

A communication from a resident suggesting that the CC should be acting to redress the loss of shopping facilities was raised. BA declared an interest. It was agreed that the Secretary would write to the Royal Bank to ask what plans they had for the building and a timescale. He would also try to find out who owned the former flower shop Amethyst which CVE use as a store. BA declined to provide any information that he held.

ACTION: Secretary

A final decision on meeting dates for the coming year was not made, but a tentative list will be published on the website.

The Secretary announced that the Pentlands Neighbourhood Partnership Annual Review meeting would be held on Tuesday 14th June 2016 at 7pm in Pentlands Community Centre. As this was the same night as the next CC meeting a decision on who would represent Colinton CC would need to be taken. This would normally be either the Chair or Vice-Chair.

Public Questions

None

Date of next meetings: Tuesday 14th June 2016 at 7:30pm, at Colinton Bowling Club

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Secretary's Report

One of the key engagement opportunities of the year will be Art in the Park on either 4th or 11th September. This will be heavily dependent on the weather. A decision is required to have a CC presence at this event and what the focus will be for Colinton CC.

As there was indecision as to whether we meet in August or not we need to finalise meetings through to May next year.

Publicity for the forthcoming Triennial Community Council Elections needs to be ready for the opening of the nomination period on 5th September. Nominations for associate bodies are open from 3rd September. I suggest we should be promoting the community council and attempting to get more individuals on-board as well as nominated bodies from the various groups within Colinton.

David Bewsey
Secretary

Community Safety Report

I attended the quarterly meeting of the Pentlands Partnership Community Safety Action Group, on May 30, at Oxfangs Neighbourhood Centre. For most of the meeting, I was the only community councillor present.

Chaired by Councillor Elaine Aitken, the agenda fairly zipped along and was completed in just over an hour.

On June 18, Police Scotland is holding a Rural Crime Day at Harlaw. Officers, including those trained in wildlife crime, will be on hand, showing, among other things, traps used to catch animals.

Still in the countryside, there are concerns about anti-social behaviour and sheep worrying. These will be addressed at the event, as part of a multi-agency approach.

There is also the chance of a crime prevention fair being held in Colinton in the future after other successful events were held in surrounding areas.

Aggressive cycling on walkways seemed to have tailed off, probably as a result of a stronger police presence.

Officers are still taking an interest in parking and driving around schools.

Dog fouling, as always, was discussed with discussions about trying to find a sponsor to provide free bags as happens in some London parks.

The youth tracking system is working well and Colinton Community Council, amongst others, will be emailed with details.

Secretary's note: See email from Inspector Liz Duthie on the Current Operating Model of Policing in Edinburgh.

Alastair Murray
Community Safety Group

David Bewsey

Subject: FW: Inspector Liz Duthie - Current Operating Model for Policing Edinburgh

-----Original Message-----

From: Duthie Elizabeth (3324)

Sent: 31 May 2016 13:17

Subject: Inspector Liz Duthie - Current Operating Model for Policing Edinburgh

Afternoon,

I have been asked to forward the below message from Chief Superintendent MacDonald to Community Councils in Wards 2, 8 and 9

"I would like to take the opportunity to seek your thoughts on our current operating model for policing in Edinburgh.

On 7th April 2016, Chief Superintendent MacDonald initiated a review to examine Edinburgh Division's present set up in relation to the number of uniformed officers working in Response and Community policing, their role and responsibilities. Consultation is presently ongoing with the Police Federation, officers and other key stakeholders and will continue as we review evidence relating to call demand and resource deployment models.

Initial findings are that the overwhelming feeling from officers is that we should change the proportion of officers in Community and Response teams. The larger Community teams that we built in the first year of Police Scotland appear to have, counter intuitively, led to less of a focus on community engagement and confusion on the core role of Community officers. A priority for Community officers is grade 3 & 4 call attendance and they are frequently tasked to attend Grade 1 & 2 emergency calls also.

Considering this initial research, and in response to recent significant incidents within the division, Chief Superintendent MacDonald decided to take an interim measure and increase the number of officers on Response. The Division is therefore currently seeking volunteer officers who are presently working in a community team to move into Response. We would like to stress that this will not include funded ward officers. This measure will ensure we have a larger number of officers on Response Teams to address operational demand and a smaller number of Community officers. We believe that this increase in Response officers should provide a degree of protection around call attendance allowing Community officers to better focus on their core role.

The review will continue and I look forward to hearing your thoughts over the next few weeks.

I would appreciate if you could email me your comments and I will pass them to the Divisional Command Team.

Regards

Liz

Insp Liz Duthie
Oxgangs Police Station
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