

# Juniper Green Community Council

(Serving Juniper Green and Baberton Mains)

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## Minutes of Meeting held in Juniper Green Village Hall – Second Draft

Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> February 2010

**Chairperson** – Professor Cliff Beevers

**Present** – Richard Watt, Neil Ingram, Ian Gilmour, Norma McGeever, Vic Stewart, Helen Ogg, Robert Ogg, Maxine Gagee, Eric White, Cllr Ricky Henderson, Cllr Alastair Paisley, Mike Smith and Dave Smith (Lothian and Borders Police, Balerno) Mike Collins (member of the public).

1. **Apologies** – Neil Wheelan.

2. **Minutes** of previous meeting (13<sup>th</sup> January) were approved.

### 2.1 Matters Arising –

2.1.1 The flower tub saga has progressed and Craig Dunlop has written to Leslie Hannaford saying “I acknowledge the improvement the tubs have made to the local amenity.

I was a little presumptuous that DCRA had liability responsibility for the planters, in fact they had liability for the period when the planters were being installed. The advice from our legal team is that liability arising from a member of the public injuring themselves on a planter is only likely to arise if the planter has not been maintained to a reasonable standard, or is located in such a way as to present an obstacle or hazard. I suggest a twice yearly check from myself and the local Roads Inspector in addition to monthly checks from the Community Council would ensure we are minimizing any risk. Should there be any deterioration of the tubs then we would have the right to either remove or refurbish.”

2.1.3 The monument unveiling ceremony is fixed for March 7<sup>th</sup> at 2pm. An event proforma has been returned to CEC for risk assessment. Thanks to members of this committee for their offers of help towards the event.

4.3 Neil confirmed he had invited Mary Clark to attend the next meeting and discuss planning issues with the committee. She will need a screen for a short presentation and Richard thought he might have one.

5.2.6 Cliff reported he has completed the review of the email list.

6.1e Maxine and Cliff visited Currie Community High School on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> February and met teachers Dr Andrew Watson and Rachel Avery. Discussions included JGCC’s request for representatives from the pupils to join our committee, offers of help to the school on issues like problems with the bus service, an advert for the unveiling event on March 7<sup>th</sup> and encouraged the school to think of some environmental project in the Juniper Green CC catchment area.

6.2 The committee were offered a further chance to note any other issues relating to the weather conditions over the last month. Cliff pointed out that members of the public had queried the non-gritting of the path beside the school. Ricky said that CEC are to review the provision of services over the bad weather period and he would report back when the report became available. It is hoped that problem areas like the pathway can be added to any priority list for action in bad weather conditions.

6.4 Neil explained that from February 15 the number 45 bus service would operate a different schedule based on a journey from town to Heriot-Watt University. The service would remain at an interval of 30 minutes.

Both Helen and Vic have now gained places on the CC Planning Training at Dalkeith on February 13<sup>th</sup>

**3.1 Secretary's report** – No licensing Report was received.

**3.2 Treasurer's report (in his absence)** - Funds have now been received from CEC. It was noted that rent had not yet been paid for the room in the Village Hall.

**3.3 Planning.** Alastair Paisley reported that a 17<sup>th</sup> skylight window had been added at 14 Foulis Crescent when permission had only been given for six. It was felt time the CEC Planning department exercised its powers.

Alastair reported that permission has been given for the Golf Club developments today, with conditions. One developer has pulled out, and another will be sought.

Norma and Maxine expressed concern over the hazards of traffic emerging from the Golf Club for children, together with the amount of traffic while delivering/collecting children at the school from the Baberton Wynd side where the main school entrance is, for the Policemen present. The Police will look into these issues and discuss them with the school.

Neil Ingram reported four new planning applications for small alterations. It is hoped the Post-Deliverers' Box will be twinned by 7<sup>th</sup> March, and it should be placed near Jack Emslie's house.

Caledonian Heritable have been asked to remove dumped material.

A wall carrying a preservation order beyond the tennis courts is to be restored.

Mary Clark from CEC Planning Department is to speak at our next meeting.

**3.4 Meetings.** A walkabout took place on 22<sup>nd</sup> January (report not attached), focussing on poor condition of pavements, pedestrian ramps breaking up, and a speed hump preventing water flow in the gutter.

Maxine Magee and Robert Ogg attended a Neighbourhood Partnership Health and employment meeting today and will report later. Maxine is replacing Helen Ogg on this committee.

Maxine Magee will ask the Central Library to advertise the Unveiling Ceremony on their "Your Edinburgh" website.

Maxine reported that the Currie Cemetery is running out of space. When this happens it is suggested that people would use the new Little France cemetery for burials.

#### **4. Reports from Sub-Committees –**

**4.1 Finance** – A bid has been prepared for £5,300 from City funds, and will be taken to (?) this weekend by Neil Wheelan.

**4.2 Health** – The Sub-Committee met on Thursday. Helen Ogg produced a Palliative Care report (attached). She has been researching statistics, and reports that the district is a healthy place to live, but there is a curiously high incident of emergency admissions to hospitals from the bottom end of Baberton Mains. The cause is not so far apparent. She has had a reply from the Scottish Government Public Partnership Forum – Health Board – Medical Services. One system has been removed, so South Edinburgh has no voice. Representations are expected to resolve this in the autumn.

**4.3 Publicity** – The wording of the proposed website was discussed. Eric White thought a list of nine churches showed bias. Richard Watt preferred a broadening-out rather than a reduction, and this seemed generally acceptable. Buddhists, Muslims and Humanists were mentioned.

Eric hopes to make progress with the Logo shortly.  
Roadsigns for Juniper Green have been approved.

**5. Police Report** – Mike Smith asked what we want from them, and a number of issues came up. They will send an email to us reporting on incidents as they happen. They attend meetings of Currie CC monthly, and can do the same for us. Dave Smith now covers Baberton Mains. Regarding the recent incident of cannabis-growing in Foulis Crescent, a number of neighbours had said afterwards that they had thought something odd was going on, but none had come forward earlier. Mike pointed out that anonymous calls are given high priority and are sanitized, so that the caller is truly anonymous.

#### **6. Community Matters –**

**6.1 Environment and other issues** - Richard Watt reported on looking into a possible **clean-up** in early spring, maybe in conjunction with the Water-of-Leith Trust. Currie High School is active in clean-ups. Volunteer organisations may provide help. Alastair Paisley asked whether the Criminal Justice Department could be used. It was noted that BTCV make a charge (some £240 for a day's work with a dozen volunteers).

Eric White will ask Craig Dunlop for his expected timetable for work in **Curriemuirend Park**.

Alastair Paisley reported that one wheelchair user is having difficulties negotiating corners on the steep footpath. He will ask whether the railings can be separated out more.

Several members had looked at presentations on **Transition Towns** by Rob Hopkins. After some discussion Eric White agreed to attend a meeting of a local group.

Alastair Paisley reported that **battery collection facilities**, for disposal, are now compulsory at larger stores. These are to be found at Tesco, Morrisons, Ikea, and Sighthill where there is a collection point for Fluorescent tubes and long-life bulbs. The list will appear on our website. A possible TRO may be set up for the junction of Juniper Avenue and Lanark Road, providing a double yellow line round the corner and up to 15m from it. It is clearly needed for safety, but would remove a number of spaces where cars park.

Alastair Paisley said that Edinburgh is setting up large **food waste digesters**. These will be sealed units making methane, and will have no smell. They should be situated at Newbridge and Miller Hill, and possibly a third one.

**6.2 Events in the run-up to our AGM on 6<sup>th</sup> May** (on Thursday at the Golf Club) – The possibility of running a hustings was suggested by Cliff beavers, and is being considered, possibly in conjunction with Balerno and Currie, at Currie High School. The Juniper Green Church only holds 300, but its bookings would be more flexible.

A speaker on Health is being sought. Possible venues are the Bowling Club, the Tennis Club, St Margaret's Court and the Junior School.

Maxine provided a list of events from the Edinburgh Equalities Network. One is on Equality Impact Assessment (26<sup>th</sup> Jan), one on Hate Crime (17<sup>th</sup> Feb), and a Health and Carers Seminar (18<sup>th</sup> Mar). There is also Forum Interactive with actors demonstrating benefits of working together (27<sup>th</sup> Jan, 9<sup>th</sup> Feb, and 11<sup>th</sup> Mar).

**6.3 “Your Edinburgh”**, the Website proposed by the Central Library. Richard Watt will provide them with details.

The meeting closed at 9 pm. Our next meeting will be on 10<sup>th</sup> March.

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**JUNIPER GREEN COMMUNITY COUNCIL  
REPORT ON PLANNING MATTERS ARISING OVER THE PAST MONTH  
PREPARED BY THE PLANNING CONVENOR  
DATE: February 8th 2010**

**Planning Applications** received between 12th January 2010 and 8<sup>th</sup> February 2010.

**None.**

**Planning Applications** determined between 12th January 2010 and 8<sup>th</sup> February 2010.

**09/02953/FUL** - Amendment to original planning consent increasing roof height and additional Velux windows at Site 24 Metres West Of 12 Foulis Crescent Edinburgh. This application is in response to a recent enforcement action in relation to development at this site not complying with submitted plans (original application 08/02021/FUL approved 17/07/2008). The roof height has been raised by 600mm but at the original pitch. **Subcommittee report recommends that permission be granted as new roof height is lower than that in a previously granted application. Decision delayed awaiting Committee visit, and granted on 27 January 2010**

**Applications yet to be determined:**

**Baberton Golf Club** - The club was granted outline permission for a new clubhouse and redevelopment of the existing clubhouse site in March 2004. **(03/00603/OUT)**

An application for full consent, resolving outstanding matters from the outline consent, was made in December 2004 **(04/04637/REM)**, and 11 objections were received, including one from the JG Village Association.

In response to renotification in February 2008, a further 5 objections were received.

The application will be heard at Planning Committee on Wednesday 10 February. The report to the committee recommends approval subject to several conditions.

**09/03369/FUL** . Existing porch to be altered with new roof, door and windows. Install new upvc patio doors and windows at 9 Belmont Road Juniper Green Edinburgh. Application received 30/12/2009, due for determination by 27/02/2010.

**09/03344/FUL** Proposed 2 storey extension to existing dwelling at 4 Baberton Mains Row Edinburgh. Application received 24/12/2009, due for determination by 23/02/2010.

**09/02681/FUL** Remove existing roof, form new pitched roof with dormer windows to front side and rear at 18 Foulis Crescent Edinburgh. Application validated 19/10/2009. Revised drawing submitted 29 January 2010. Still pending consideration.

**09/01637/FUL** Attic conversion with new velux rooflights to front and rear elevations at 7 Belmont Road Juniper Green. Application validated 1/07/2009 but deemed incomplete.

#### **Progress on Enforcement Cases:**

**09/00711/EOPDEV** Belmont Road Juniper Green 10/09/2009 - Alleged, unauthorised erection of posting pouch in conservation area - second red pouch will be relocated next to existing grey one by Post Office.

**09/00765/ENCOMP** 14 Foulis Crescent Edinburgh 01/10/2009 - Non Compliance with Approved Drawings – amendment to existing planning consent granted on 27 January 2010.

**09/00926/ECOU** Baberton Loan Juniper Green Edinburgh 03/12/2009 - Unauthorised Change of Use Development –relates to previous enforcement case **07/00819/ECOU** concerning dumping of construction materials from another site on open Brownfield land. The landowners, Caledonian Heritable, have been instructed to remove the dumped material.

**09/00939/EOPDEV** 12 Juniper Park Road Edinburgh 10/12/2009 - Replacement windows- now closed.

**10/00035/EOPDEV** 32 Baberton Mains Dell Edinburgh EH14 3DQ - Alleged, unauthorised erection of extension. New case.

**10/00066/EOPDEV** 71 Belmont Road Juniper Green EH14 5EB - Unauthorised Development. New case.

**Neil Ingram**  
**Planning Convenor**

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## **Report of Health Sub-Committee 4 Feb 2010**

Present: Maxine Magee, Norma McGeever, Helen Ogg, Robert Ogg

### **1. Living and Dying Well in Lothian**

In view of the short timescale to respond to the NHS consultation, we considered responses to the questions. Maxine explained the background to the paper as she had attended a consultation event on the proposals – which were basically that Lothian wanted to improve the experience of those suffering from any terminal condition. Currently 57% of deaths occur in hospital, 21% of people die at home, 14% in a care home and 8% in a hospice. As ever

there are financial constraints and it was reported that there will be no more new money for re-arranging the system.

Our response to the questions is attached. It was clear from our discussions that our own experience of services differ widely – both professionally and personally and those experiences are both good and not so good. And we recognise how difficult it will be for the NHS Lothian and Social Care to even out budgets based on need.

**Action – Write up response – Maxine - completed**

## **2. Statistics on Baberton Mains and Juniper Green SO2000340**

Helen had run off some reports from the current Scottish Neighbourhood statistics covering health, crime, population, benefits claimed etc. Discussion of this item was held over until the next meeting as there was not time to cover it in any depth. It is clear however that for most of the parameters we are fortunate to live in an area where the Index of Deprivation (taking account of all parameters) shows we are in the top 20% of areas in Scotland – a couple of our districts in the top 5%.

**Action – All next meeting of Health sub-committee**

## **3. Reply from Scottish Government re a South Edinburgh Public Partnership Forum (SEPPF).**

The reply from the Scottish Government (attached) gives some comfort that an SEPPF will provide an opportunity to include individual members of the public. More disappointingly this is unlikely to happen in early course. Autumn 2010 may be the earliest opportunity for the public to comment.

**Action – Check on progress in September - Helen**

## **4. Communications from NHS Lothian**

NHS Lothian sent copies of “Health Link - Winter” to Richard Watt. Copies are distributed in GP surgeries and some other venues. We noted the article on the new Healthy Living Centre bring together services at Wester Hailes. Spare copies for members at the meeting.

## **5. Custody Visiting Scheme**

Richard had already circulated details. Unfortunately no member of the health sub-committee is in a position to take this further.

## **6. Possible Speakers**

Helen mentioned that 2 possibilities sprang to mind, the first being Sarah Sinclair, Head of Patient Focus and Public Involvement, NHS Lothian, and possibly also the Chair of the Edinburgh Community Health Partnership (CHP), Bob Anderson. Both of these could explain the current agenda on involving patients/public in local decision making – although the CHP deals only with primary care matters. Helen also recalled that Vic Stewart had a possible nomination and she would check on the name of the person.

There was some discussion around the likelihood that having a speaker may generate interest from some members of the public and it may be more prudent to invite a speaker to a venue other than the Village Hall Committee room. Before any possible speakers are approached it would be sensible to discuss with other members of the Community Council.

**Action – All CC to discuss venues when speakers are involved**

**Date of Next Meeting**  
Thursday 18 March

Helen Ogg  
4 Feb 2010