

Juniper Green Community Council

(Serving Juniper Green and Baberton Mains)

Minutes of Meeting held in Juniper Green Village Hall (committee room) Wednesday 9th June 2010

Chairperson – Mrs Helen Ogg

Present – Robert Ogg, Maxine Mcgee, Richard Watt, Neil Ingram, Neil Wheelan, Norma McGeever, Ian Gilmour, Eric White
David McLetchie MSP, Cllr Alastair Paisley

Blacksmith Mr Lamphert arrived as we were starting, with the invoice for erecting the notice board at the foot of the steep path, and keys (one set to be retained by Eric).

1. Apologies from Professor Cliff Beevers, Vic Stewart, Karen Noble, Katrina Donaldson, Cllr Ricky Henderson.

2. Minutes of meeting of 14th April and matters arising – (These had already been signed by Cliff Beevers).

We can now go ahead with purchasing a laptop, using our own judgement. An Acer was currently recommended.

Parking in Baberton Mains Wynd – Norma read a letter from David Virgo (Customer Service Officer of SW Neighbourhood of CEC). A Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) is being processed to provide further yellow lines and a change to the current parking applying to a Wednesday, which will be changed to a Friday. Any objections to the TRO will have the effect of delaying its implementation by up to a year. On the question of inconsiderate and illegal parking, the Parking Operations Manager will carry out close monitoring aided by Parking Attendants. Maxine commented on the possible effects of the change in the distance threshold of children's bus passes.

David McLetchie asked about the possible reinstatement of the Post Office, and whether there is much interest from residents. He was assured that there is, and efforts being made were described. He offered to contact Royal Mail to find out the current position, which was accepted. Vic and Neil Wheelan will meet Mark, the tenant of the old Post Office, in the near future to discuss financial matters.

3.1 Secretary – No licensing applications had been received.

3.2 Treasurer - £4100 remains after expenditure on the Hustings. We understand we have six months in which to spend the money given under the Community Engagement Fund. A second newsletter may be put out in around 6 months time. (approx. £500 in total).

3.3 Planning –

1) In the May applications – Neil Ingram drew attention to 22 Baberton Mains Loan, whose extension has now received permission. Neil is writing to the Planning Department for clarification of their letter regarding the wall at 16A Belmont Road.

2) In the June applications he noted that permission had been refused for an extension at 42 Baberton Mains Place on the grounds of reducing light for the neighbours. An application for 4 Baberton Mains Row has been re-submitted.

A Draft Management Plan has appeared for the Water of Leith, on www.waterofleith.org.uk for public consultation with a deadline on 18th June, consisting of 126 pages plus plans. Neil Ingram and Richard Watt will look at it and consider whether to respond.

Eric White pointed out that as planning applications appear weekly, the last date for accepting objections for those of the first week could be past by the time of our next monthly meeting. Neil Ingram agreed to look at applications weekly and to send in an objection if applicable, which the Community Council could withdraw later if they consider this desirable. This practice had been followed by Archie Clark and Currie CC.

3.4 Meetings/Walkabouts

3.4.1 PNP Business Meeting on 12th May – A brief report already circulated by Helen Ogg was looked at. One comment was that the public don't understand what the PNP does. Maxine Mcgee asked whether the Mark Wright Project was funded, which it was, and expressed concern that applications will recur. Helen assured Maxine that this point had been put forward at the PNP Funding meeting.

Helen gave a quick verbal report on the PNP Partnership Review meeting held the previous evening on 8 June. The work of the PNP over the past year was presented and reviewed and votes were taken on how well the audience considered the PNP was working for the community. Communications was considered to be a weak spot, with the general public not knowing what the PNP was, or did. It was agreed that CCs should make clear where NP money was being spent, and also that the NPs had funding for projects.

3.4.2 PNP Health, Community and Employment Group meeting on 10th May – Reported on by Robert Ogg, whose report was circulated earlier. The meeting was mainly concerned with measures to discourage smoking in the young. Maxine Magee expects a National Smile Day in October, and offered to liaise. It could involve school activities and competitions, and possibly the churches. Some funding may be needed. This is its first year, and it should produce positive publicity for JGCC.

3.4.3 Walkabouts – There has been no significant progress in the cleaning-up of Curriemuirend by CEC.

There is still dumped vegetation on Baberton Mains View. A tree was cleared from the road sign by BEAR (the company responsible for managing and maintaining this trunk road (A702)), but there is already new growth in front of the sign. It is considered that BEAR usually respond rapidly and efficiently and Helen said she would ask Mr Deans again about progress.

3.4.4 Underpass Meeting on 1st June in Wester Hailes Library which formed part of the consultation in response to Councillor Henderson's motion to the PNP under which it had been agreed to undertake a health and safety audit. Eric, Helen and Robert attended. Main points from the meeting were:

- The lady who was assaulted is adamant that the underpass should be closed and presented a petition to that effect to SW area officials
- Traffic and pedestrian survey shows no high demand for crossing on surface and there is no case to provide a crossing
- Police survey shows on 2 crimes in underpass from Sep 09 – Feb 10 – one of which was this serious assault. Recommendations are to upgrade lighting, cut back vegetation, remove rubbish and smarten underpass. Longer term CCTV could be considered.
- Stuart Farquhar intimated that he had estimates for cutting back and thinning of vegetation on the Baberton side – to be completed by the autumn.

A further meeting will be held with a wider section of the community.

Discussion was moved by Alastair Paisley to the “10-acre site” at Harvester’s Way, due to be developed by Prospect Community Housing to include social housing and the new NHS Healthy Living Centre. As part of that development Alastair had proposed a Section 75 crossing be provided on Wester Hailes Road. If carried through this may solve the problem of the underpass, but it may depend on the exact siting of the crossing.

3.4.5 A Presentation on “Grantnet” at Oxgangs Library on 21st May was attended by Helen and Robert Ogg, organised by George Williamson of Community Learning and Development (CLD). The facility is being investigated by CEC, and should be very useful if the weblink is posted on the CEC site for use by all Edinburgh residents.

Alastair Paisley emphasised that any grant applications should be made in “Council-speak”. David McLetchie had said at Colinton that those who speak loudest get the money. A tip would be to add any management costs on to that of any project money being applied for.

3.4.6 Representative on Joint CC Meeting – Norma McGeever agreed to act for us and Helen would accompany her.

4.1 Police. It was regretted the Police had been to only two meetings, and they are not routinely sending reports. It was felt both they and we would benefit from feedback. Helen will contact Inspector Murray Dykes. Neil Ingram suggested we formally invite the police representatives to attend on 8 September. This was agreed.

4.2 Bridge between Baberton and Westburn – There have reputedly been nine break-ins recently around the area of Baberton Mains Gardens, though only two were reported. Youths misbehaving in Currie have been making their getaway along Donkey Lane, coming into Baberton Mains and using the footbridge to make their way across to Wester Hailes. According to Neil Wheelan youths are hanging around the bottom of Baberton Mains Gardens, drinking and carousing late at night. These incidents have, he understands been reported to the police. There is a proposal to close the footbridge and some residents appear to have been surveyed. However it was pointed out that this path provides access and egress for those on foot, pushchairs, wheelchairs etc and also for bus passengers. Neil Wheelan reported 12-year-olds on fast mini-motorcycles without helmets, driving up and down Baberton Mains Drive as accidents waiting to happen. Robert Ogg reported a trials bike in Curriemuirend Park, going at speed and also a mini motorbike (broken).

4.3 Curriemuirend

Inspector Dykes had sent an email regarding the fire-raising in Curriemuirend Park and confirmed extra patrols had been provided – but without any success at catching the culprits..

5 Reports from Sub-Committees

5.1 Publicity – Richard Watt referred to his report on the meeting of 27th May. It is hoped the website will be available by September. The meeting agreed to proceed with the contractor recommended by Cliff Beevers. Apart from an annual hosting cost of under £100 per year, we should maintain it, and there should be no other running charges. Helen mentioned that Cliff had put forward the question of the domain name. It was agreed that a name containing the full “Juniper Green” would be preferable to “jgcc”. Searching using “Baberton Mains” should lead to it. Eric offered the photo already used on a poster, and a panorama of the junction between Baberton Avenue and the Lanark Road, which was passed round and seemed to meet with approval. Other photographs are evidently available.

5.2 Health – no report.

6 Wider Issues

6.1 Bloomiehall Park Goalposts – Richard reported a satisfactory meeting. The cheapest solution is for a blacksmith to make two pairs of goalposts. The proposed siting near the east end was agreeable to the two youngsters who were present. Craig Dunlop will have the work carried out.

6.2 Allotments – The feasibility of having allotments in Curriemuirend Park was discussed. Eric as a retired forester would regret the loss of some of the trees. Alastair Paisley pointed out they had cost money. Helen felt the space is wasted. Alastair said the City had produced an Allotments Strategy document, and had researched possible sites. Eric replied that these only provided for the number of allotments demanded at present, whereas the demand in people wanting them is increasing ever more rapidly. Alastair said a proposal for allotments in Dovecot Park (opposite Kingsknowe) brought stiff opposition. Eric claimed some 60 allotments could be set up at Curriemuirend.

Eric agreed to set up a sub-committee, with Helen Ogg and Neil Ingram to carry this forward, Alastair pointing out the City has no money. Evidently Balerno waited 20 years for the money for the present improvements to the Main Street.

6.3 Farmers’ Market – Richard Watt reported that exploratory discussions on the feasibility of a farmers’ market in Juniper Green are continuing.

7 Events

7.1 Issues from AGM – No litter bin has yet been replaced beside the steep path. Official thanks for those leading the walks was recorded.

Helena Speirs (who has been active in JG300) has offered to run a Summer Ceilidh in the village, hiring a band at minimal cost. It was welcomed as a good idea, but may not be suitable for this summer. This may have to wait for another year or perhaps until later in the year..

7.2 Environmental Clean-up – Richard Watt reported this had been well supported with much enthusiasm from schoolchildren. Areas cleaned up were beside the steep path, in the east end of the Golf Club grounds, the wooded triangle, and Bloomiehall Park. Maxine was thanked for dealing with broken glass. Craig Dunlop produced and collected kits. This helped to raise the profile of JGCC.

7.3 Programme speakers –

September 8th – Joanna Carrie from Transition Towns (Edinburgh South). It is hoped this will be in the school premises, costing £30 for three hours.

October – Gordon Drysdale (Roads) and Craig Dunlop (Parks)

7.4 A Village Day – This had come up at the Village Halls AGM. JGCC will be happy to support it.

8 A.O.C.B. – It was thought by several people the Hustings were not well advertised but equally there was the opposite view. Cliff has prepared a reply to the letter from a lady from Shandon in C&B News. The reply has been agreed by all 3 Community Councils.

The Report on the Colinton Amenity Association AGM, already sent out by Eric was mentioned. Their main concern is the application to build on the polo field. A copy of their newsletter is being circulated. Eric suggested we should send them a copy of ours (they have the first issue). It was noted that theirs’ carries advertisements, whereas we decided against this policy.

Eric reported restrictions on his Wanadoo/Orange account to 100 Mb stored and each email not to exceed 10 Mb, leading to emails not being delivered. Richard thought his Hotmail account is virtually unrestricted.

9 Next meeting – At 7 pm on 8th September, in the Primary School hopefully.

Eric White

Signed by Helen Ogg

**JUNIPER GREEN COMMUNITY COUNCIL
REPORT ON PLANNING MATTERS ARISING OVER THE PAST MONTH
PREPARED BY THE PLANNING CONVENOR
DATE: May 4th 2010**

Planning Applications received between 12th April 2010 and 4th May 2010

10/01108/FUL 16 Woodhall Millbrae Edinburgh EH14 5BH Proposed white pvcu conservatory to property rear Submitted on 27/04/2010, due for determination by 26/06/2010.

10/01033/FUL 10 Baberton Mains Court Edinburgh EH14 3ER Extend ground floor accommodation into existing car port below 1st floor bedrooms to form new kitchen. Submitted on 20/04/2010 due for determination by 22/06/2010.

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10/00469/FUL 23/02/2010 30 Woodhall Terrace Juniper Green EH14 5BR. Remove existing garage and conservatory, extend house to east side and south west corner, form new roof etc. **Permission granted 22/04/2010**

10/00394/FUL 22 Baberton Mains Loan Edinburgh EH14 3EP The alteration and extension of a house. Submitted on 16/02/2010, due for determination by 15/04/2010. Resubmission of previous application (**09/02666/FUL**) withdrawn on 30/12/2009. **9 objections submitted, mainly on grounds of over-development of site. Went to Committee on 7/04/2010, but not determined pending site visit. Permission subsequently granted 28/04/2010.**

10/00523/FUL 482 Lanark Road Edinburgh EH14 5DH Erect new garage/store, form new vehicle run-in/driveway, erect replacement boundary fence. **Permission granted 28/04/2010**

10/00588/FUL 75A Belmont Road Juniper Green EH14 5EB Retrospective planning permission to erect 1.8 metre brown timber slatted boundary fence. Submitted on 08/03/2010, due for determination by 07/05/2010. Response to enforcement **09/00744/EOPDEV (see below) Permission granted 30/04/2010**

09/03344/FUL 4 Baberton Mains Row Edinburgh. **Proposed** 2 storey extension to existing dwelling. Application received 24/12/2009, due for determination by 23/02/2010, **report from Transport Department requires the provision of an off-street parking space. Withdrawn 22/04/2010.**

Applications yet to be determined:

10/00733/FUL 71B Belmont Road Juniper Green EH14 5EB Single storey extension to rear of house. Submitted on 22/03/2010, due for determination by 21/05/2010.

10/00804/FUL 32 Baberton Mains Place Edinburgh EH14 3DE. Form new single storey extension to side of existing dwelling house. Submitted on 29/03/2010, due for determination by 28/05/2010.

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:

08/00301/ECOND 16A Belmont Road - The owner was granted permission on appeal in 2003 to erect a garage (**02/01236/FUL**), but in 2008 he demolished a rear wall without meeting conditions imposed by the consent. Enforcement action was started in June 2008. Councilor Paisley has written to CEC Planning Enforcement asking to look again at what further action they can take.. **Following discussion at our April meeting I am writing to the Planning Department asking for clarification of their recent letter.**

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 – **No progress!**

09/00744/EOPDEV 75A Belmont Road Juniper Green 24/09/2009 - Erection of boundary fence. **A retrospective planning application has now been successfully made (see above).**

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, and while much of the material has been removed, some broken asphalt remains.**

10/00096/ECOND 53 Belmont Road Juniper Green 01/03/2010. Alleged, non-compliance with conditions. **Pending Consideration**

10/00234/EOPDEV 6 Juniper Lane Edinburgh EH14 5EH 23/04/2010 Alleged breach of permitted development rights. **Pending Consideration**

Consultations

There is currently one consultations on planning issues under way in Edinburgh on Open Space Strategy.. The closing date is 21 May, and I will circulate draft comments for discussion. I have responded to the consultations on Landscaping and Development and Biodiversity which closed last month.

Neil Ingram
Planning Convenor

JUNIPER GREEN COMMUNITY COUNCIL REPORT ON PLANNING MATTERS ARISING OVER THE PAST MONTH PREPARED BY THE PLANNING CONVENOR DATE: June 7 2010

Planning Applications received between 4th May 2010 and 7th June 2010

10/01278/FUL 2 Baberton Mains Row Edinburgh EH14 3EH Single storey house extension to front and rear and 2 storey extension to gable side. Submitted on 10/05/2010, due for determination by 26/06/2010.

Planning Applications determined between 4th May 2010 and 7th June 2010

10/00733/FUL 71B Belmont Road Juniper Green EH14 5EB Single storey extension to rear of house. **Submitted on 22/03/2010, granted 19/05/2010.**

10/00804/FUL 32 Baberton Mains Place Edinburgh EH14 3DE. Form new single storey extension to side of existing dwelling house. **Submitted on 29/03/2010, granted 20/05/2010**

10/00958/FUL 42 Baberton Mains Wood Edinburgh EH14 3EZ Extend side and rear to provide a small garage with rear utility room and bedroom above to the side.
Submitted on 13/04/2010, refused on 02/06/2010 on grounds of reducing daylight to neighbouring property.

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10/01030/FUL 4 Baberton Mains Row Edinburgh. **Proposed** 2 storey extension to existing dwelling. Application received 20/04/2010, due for determination by 09/07/2010, **Report from Transport Department requires the provision of an off-street parking space. Withdrawn 22/04/2010, now resubmitted. Due for determination by 09/07/2010.**

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10/00096/ECOND 53 Belmont Road Juniper Green 01/03/2010. Alleged, non-compliance with conditions. **Pending Consideration**

10/00234/EOPDEV 6 Juniper Lane Edinburgh EH14 5EH 23/04/2010 Laying of hard standing in a conservation area. Further proposal to erect summer house. **Pending Consideration**

Consultations

There are currently no consultations on planning issues under way in Edinburgh. I responded as discussed to the Open Space Strategy consultation in May. I am now considering a draft management plan for the Water of Leith, which is out for consultation until 18 June.

Meetings attended

I attended a meeting of the Pentlands Neighbourhood Partnership's Transport & Environment Group on 4 May 2010. Among the issues discussed were the Open Space Strategy, Pedestrian Crossings, Public Toilets and local road repairs.

Neil Ingram
Planning Convenor

Presentation on Grantnet 21 May 10

Robert and I attended a presentation on "Grantnet" at Oxfangs Library organised by George Williamson of CLD.

It is:

- A "son of" the Grantline database which is used by CEC employees to find grants for certain purposes – Grantnet is a more cut-sown version
- It contains information about grants and monies available to business, community groups and social enterprises.
- The grants can be for revenue or capital.

- It is “geographic specific” ie the information would relate to the EH postcodes.
- The CEC would pay £1500/annum to obtain the weblink, which could then be placed on the CEC website and therefore made available to everyone living in the EH postcode

It looked as though it had the potential to be useful to community groups, providing there is a good database of grants applicable to our area. In times of financial stricture it would certainly be another avenue to be explored when groups need monies for projects.

The CEC will now investigate it further.

Helen Ogg

21 May 10



Report of the Publicity Sub-committee Meeting of 27/05/2010

Present: Cliff Beevers, Maxine Magee, Helen Ogg, Robert Ogg, Richard Watt.

1. **Report of the Last Meeting (25/03/2010):** the report was accepted as an accurate record.

2 Matters Arising:

2.1 **Website.** Despite repeated attempts Cliff had not been able to contact Dipsel who had offered to help with web design. It was agreed that further delay should be avoided and that Jelsim should be asked to proceed with the brief already given to them, particularly as it would be easy to keep in touch with them and they had undertaken to design a site that JGCC could maintain and update without professional intervention.

The maximum fee they could be offered was £1,000.00. **Action: Cliff**

Helen had already written a piece for the site on Health. Neil I. would produce text on Planning based on his Newsletter article, an electronic copy of which Helen agreed to email to Cliff. **Action: Helen.**

2.2 **Posters.** Helen was thanked for the work she had done on the posters for the AGM and the walks.

2.3 **Questionnaires.** Helen submitted a draft questionnaire. It was agreed that the questionnaire in its final form would be issued after the JGCC website had been posted on the internet so that it could appear there rather than on the Village Association site.

The order of the first two questions under 'Community Resources' and 'Environment and Green Space' was reversed to make it more logical and to start on a positive note in each case. Under 'Community Safety' a new question was introduced asking if residents feel safe living in Juniper Green and Baberton Mains. The draft questions under 'Health', 'Transport' and 'Planning' were accepted without alteration. In the 'Comments' section respondents would be asked for an email address. The amended questionnaire would be submitted to the full committee at the June 9th meeting and finalised by the September meeting. **Action: Helen**

3. Newsletter. Helen reported that the lessons learned, especially with reference to meeting the deadline and printers' requirements, had been valuable and the experience gained would make production of the next Newsletter easier. All copy had been received on time and had been edited well in advance. The Newsletter seemed to have been well received by the public. There had been some gaps in distribution, but a resident of the Woodhall Millbrae flats had volunteered to take 50 copies in future to deliver to all her neighbours. Some houses in Baberton Mains had also been missed. However, there were still copies in the shops. Next time a print run of 2,000 should prove sufficient. The school would be given a deadline two weeks earlier than the distribution date in future to allow adequate time for a combined delivery with their Green magazine. It was agreed that December would be soon enough for the next Newsletter if enough copy of interest, e.g. about a possible farmers' market, were to be generated and that there was no point in adhering exactly to a six monthly interval if there was not enough newsworthy material to justify the expense of production and distribution.

4. Implications of a possible Farmers' Market in terms of regular publicity. Richard said that a monthly Farmers' Market in Juniper Green would need constant ongoing publicity to keep it in the public eye with consequent costs to be met by JGCC. Cliff pointed out that it was hoped that the market would produce enough profit to cover such costs which might be minimised by offering the publicity and advertising as a project to Napier University students, as had been done very successfully in 2007 for Juniper 300. This would also remove an additional task from the councillors. Nick Paul, who had made a very good impression at an exploratory meeting, might manage the market for a monthly fee, using his own stalls. Cliff had started to talk to other shopkeepers about the possibility of a monthly market but meetings between Nick and the landlord/landlady at the Kinleith would need to be organised. **Action: Cliff/Richard**

5. 'Your Edinburgh' website. Richard reported that the JGCC contact details were now on the 'Your Edinburgh' site and proposed there should also be a link to the JGCC website once it was ready.

6. VOiCE. Richard had spoken to Eileen Hewitt who had said that the proposed introduction to VOiCE would take place soon and that she would let JGCC know the date once it was finalised.

7. Expenditure on publicity so far and meeting future costs. Printing and distribution of the Newsletter had cost £500.00. Other costs such as posters, printing ink, postage and so on had been met from council members' pockets. While no one had any complaints about this, Richard felt that in principle no one should be expected to help finance the council's work since it might deter less well off people from standing for election. It was agreed to raise the issue at the meeting of June 9th and to devise a mechanism for claiming expenses.

8. **AOB.** None.

9. **Date of Next Meeting.** It was agreed to set a provisional date of Thursday 29th July, depending on website progress.

DRAFT QUESTIONNAIRE

INTRODUCTION

Community Councils are groups of people who care about their community and want to make their area a better place in which to live. They are apolitical (ie do not have any declared allegiance to any political party) and their role is representative. They are asked to put forward the views of local people to the local authority, NHS Lothian and the police. Your new Community Council serving Juniper Green and Baberton Mains aims to be your voice in local matters. To do so, we would like to know what your priorities are for the area. It would be helpful if you would complete and return this questionnaire to us.

This is the first of an occasional series of questionnaires designed to let us know what your priorities and issues are for the area in which you live.

JUNIPER GREEN AND BABERTON MAINS

We would be very grateful if you would take just a little time to let us know what your priorities are in the coming year. This form is available electronically – either by accessing Juniper Green Community Council’s website [insert hyperlink] or by using this paper form.

Community Resources

Are our community resources (health centres, libraries, community centres, village hall) sufficient for our needs? If not, what would your priority be?

What facilities would you like to see which are not there at the moment?

Would you like to see events such as gala days, or other events to bring the community together, and if so what might they be?

Environment and Green Space

What pleases you about living in Juniper Green or Baberton Mains?

What concerns do you have about our environment?

Do you have any suggestions about parks, play spaces, and facilities for children and young people?

Are there any sites which need extra bins (litter or grit) and if so where?

Community Safety

Do you feel safe in Juniper Green/Baberton Mains (delete as appropriate)? Yes/No Please say why.

Health

What health facilities would you like to see in our area?

Transport

What concerns (if any) do you have about transport – public or otherwise?
In Juniper Green?

In Baberton Mains?

Planning

There are new planning procedures in place and your Community Council is a statutory consultee in planning matters.

Are there any planning issues you would wish your Community Council to be aware of and if so what are they?

Comments

Please feel free to let us know of any further issues.

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Keeping in Touch

If you would like to be kept in touch with issues being raised at the Community Council and with events, we would be happy to email you. Please give us your email address if you would like us to do this.

Email:

Returning your questionnaire

You can return your questionnaire in the following ways:

Paper copies –
In Juniper Green to

Scott's Village Shop
Iceland
Old Post Office

In Baberton Mains to

40 Baberton Mains Drive
8 Baberton Mains Place

OR electronically by visiting

Juniper Green Village Association Website – (insert web address)

Pentlands Neighbourhood Partnership
Business Meeting, 12 May Dunedin Room, City Chambers

Minutes of meeting on 3 March were approved.

1. Reports:

- **NHS Lothian - ECHP Management Arrangements**
The Chief Nurse was not available to speak to this paper. It involves the re-organisation of the LHPs into north and south Edinburgh to mirror CHP organisation – and is for information only. Mr Tinlin will contact her to see if there needs to be further discussion.
- **PNP Environment & Transport – Allotment Strategy, Sub Group comments**
A 7 point letter had been drafted, covering the widening of the scope of the proposed sites, contamination of sites, suitable time frames, quality scoring etc

2. Subgroup reports:

- a. **Funding Panel** – Christine Doherty/ Scott Neill
Proposed awards of £4850 to the Mark Wright Project, £2000 (partial award) to Girlguiding (Harlaw Division), £4200 (partial award) to Clovenstone Amateur Boxing Club, £3500 to Redhall Walled Garden SAMH. Also some discussion of dates for future meetings – which are dependant on CEC meetings.
- b. **Environment & Transport Group** – David Bewsey/ Scott Neill
- c. **Health & Employment** - Norman Tinlin (see Robert Ogg's summary)
- d. **Community Safety** – Veronica Wright
The first meeting has been postponed until 15 June
- e. **Area Board** – Scott Neill
8 projects in the pipeline

Helen Ogg
12 May 10

**PENTLANDS NEIGHBOURHOOD PARTNERSHIP
HEALTH, COMMUNITY AND EMPLOYMENT GROUP**

NOTES ON MEETING 10 MAY 2010

PRESENT N. TINLIN(ch), M. BONE, R. OGG, G WILLIAMSON, H. LEVY, S. McALLISTER, E. CRAWSHAW, N. McGEEVER(sub m. magee)

APOLOGIES S. NEILL, M. MAGEE

OPENING PRESENTATION BY EC ON Y-STEP an anti-smoking initiative in Lothian aimed at people 10-24 years old. Intends to deter young people from starting to smoke and is in conjunction with "Smoking Prevention Lothian", the "Smoke Free Homes" initiative. It follows the Tobacco Primary Services Bill and the Scottish Action Plan.

The work in schools shows that the young are aware of the health risks of smoking but have an optimistic bias - "it will not affect me". They also do not consider the global effects of tobacco - the child labour involved and the lack of anti smoking information and legislation abroad.

The message is not getting across to 10-24 year olds. Instruction packs are available in 6 libraries across Edinburgh for youth workers along with the report on sexual health. Training is on offer to staff of youth agencies.

The scheme works with the Smoking Cessation across Lothian and is funded by government through NHS Lothian until March 2012. A report will be issued to help develop policies and will concentrate on deprived backgrounds. Four blocks of training are available in Craigmillar for use by childcare staff in Sure Start Projects. The youth services are overstretched.

HL noted that Carers Information Strategy from the Action Plan was to receive funding from the Mental Health and Carers Services. This was not forthcoming as the needs were not able to be mapped. Information was awaited from SN on other areas. At Firhill Karen Dirren(?) was the lead on Youth Mental Health. A Smile Day follow-up was also awaited.

NT The Capital City Plan contained Social Inclusion News and was available on the CEC website.

The SEPPF had not been formally discussed at the Neighbourhood Partnership - it was noted that all meetings had been pre-planned and set for 1200 hrs - 14.30 hrs.

A sub group restructuring was suggested to form Health and Employment sub groups overseen by the H&S group. A strategic meeting to be held every 3 months with separate Health and Employment meetings held on alternate months.

AOCB NT intimated that research from Essex showed that 5 minutes exercise in green space worked wonders for sedentary workers. Further information was available on the ECHP Management Arrangements.

GW Informed all of a presentation of the Grant Net system at Oxgangs library on 21 May 12.45 'til 1400 hrs.

HL would introduce the new Firhill rep at the next PNP HC&E meeting

NMcG indicated that money was available for projects connected to healthy living from the Olympic (Commonwealth) Games Big Lottery Fund.

Report on AGM of Colinton Amenity Association on 26th May 2010
At Colinton Cottage Homes, Thornburn Road
Attended by Eric White

1. I attended this meeting as invited representative of JGCC. Juniper Green has a debt of gratitude to Sharon and Peter Gray and no doubt others in CAA for their successful work leading up to and at the time of the Splash Bathrooms appeal in January 2008, when Sharon was the secretary and co-ordinator. At the time Boyak Homes put up a website showing proposed developments on the Green Belt between Bonaly, Torphin quarry and running up to Currie. Fortunately that was removed some three days later. We must hope this threat has gone away, but we can never be entirely sure. At least the regulations give us a five-year break. This gives JGCC, CAA and Currie CC a continuing mutual concern.
2. The meeting was chaired by Alex Stewart with Sharon Gray as secretary (both continuing in office). The main points were:
3. David McLetchie MSP spoke, expecting cuts of about 20% (£50m) in the City budget during the coming year. He advised that money will go to those who put up a good case and who shout the loudest.
4. The CAA has a membership of 528, each paying a subscription of £5. They currently have funds of approx £21,000. During the year they received a grant from the City for communications of £3813. A free magazine is produced with three issues per year and a print run of 3000. A noticeboard recently cost £431. The year ending 31 March 2010 showed a deficit of £2,398.
5. Under the Discretionary Roads and Footpaths Scheme, various works listed by Gordon Drysdale have been completed costing £88,000. Those selected for this year will cost £17,000. Possible later ones should cost £37,500.
6. David Bewsey reported on Planning. Carillion have substantially completed flood defences around the Braidburn near Tesco in Colinton Mains.
7. Discussions are in progress on development of the old NAAFI site which carries a retail license.
8. Negotiations continue over the Polo Field (Grid Ref NT 220682), currently designated as agricultural land, which is visualised as part of a Grand Plan for the City, taking a green corridor from the Pentlands down the Braidburn. It is owned by the MoD and CAA has recently obtained access to the terms of its lease to Miller Homes. This struggle has been going on for ten years. It was pointed out that the Braidburn would make a longer pathway than the Water of Leith.

9. Signage in Redford Road was discussed. Two requirements were identified, to mark the village, and to show visitors where to go.
 10. On the way out I discussed two concerns with Archie Clark. The first was that, with Planning Applications appearing weekly, the date by which objections could be sent in for those in the first week could be past by the time of our next monthly meeting. The method of dealing with this at Currie was that he was empowered to send in an objection if he thought it appropriate, which could be withdrawn later. I suggest we empower Neil Ingram to do the same for the JGCC.
 11. My second concern was whether he thought we were being too elaborate in our minutes and attached Planning Applications and reports. He thought not, advising that they provide a useful historical reference should it be required.
 12. I passed a copy of our first newsletter to Sharon Gray.
 13. I suggest we invite a representative from CAA, Currie CC and Balerno CC to our future AGMs.
 14. Sharon Gray will forward a copy of their magazine to me to pass round (now received)
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