

# **Grange Prestonfield Community Council**

**Wednesday, 19th November, 2008  
Cameron House Community Education Centre**

## **Present:**

Kate Arnott (chairman), Sue Tritton (Vice Chair), David Stevenson, Eric Davidson ,Alastair Pugh, Barbara Robertson, Myra Reid, John Palmer, Mike Hunter, Tony Harris, Andreas Grothey, Graham Brown, Mansour Ahmadian.

## **In attendance:**

Alan Stewart, Susan Bruce Andrew Sikes (Edinburgh Council), Constable Neil Sinclair (Lothian and Borders Police), Cliff Barrowclough (Edinburgh University), Councillor Steve Burgess

## **Apologies:**

Douglas Fisher, Joe Henderson, Jim Bryce, Mike Pringle MSP,

## **Members of The Public: 10**

### **Edinburgh University Kings Buildings Master Plan**

The meeting had been held a half hour earlier for display of the master plans for the proposed ongoing development of Edinburgh University King's Buildings. She introduced Andrew Sikes, Senior Planner in Policy of Edinburgh City Development, Edinburgh Council. Mr Sikes gave an informative and detailed outline of the proposed twenty year plan. He emphasised that his department has continues dialogue with Edinburgh University regarding the framework for future planning. He spoke of the proof for consultation process requires that comments would be considered before 12<sup>th</sup> December,2008. The planning committee will consider the plan in mid-February, 2009. He spoke about the pressure of on street car parking around the site, parking within the campus, cycling to the site and transport to the University. He gave details of how the public realm within the site could be improved, access to the site, car parking within the campus. There were at present 1024 spaces available and this would not be increased. The plan was to consolidate car parking around the campus and encourage students to park within the University rather than off street. The height of buildings, better use of space, a new library and extensions to individual schools within the campus, were fully discussed . There followed a question and answer session where topics about the policy document which was a framework to enhance the site rather than an expansion. Mr Barraclough, KB Estates Department,reported that there were at present 4,000 undergraduates, 1500 staff and 1300 post-graduate students. He commented on aspects such as access to the site, security, sustainability and how the plan fits into proposals with the implications of the wider impact on the boundary, . Details of the proposed future plans could be seen at King's Buildings, (Weir Building), The University at Potterrow, Edinburgh Council (Waverley Court) and the Council Web Site

### **Minutes of the last meeting:**

The minutes had been circulated and were a true record of the meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> October,2008. This was proposed by David Stevenson and seconded by Sue Tritton.

### **Matters arising not covered by agenda:**

There were no matters arising.

### **Control Parking Zone Feedback from public meetings:**

The chairman at this point handed over to John Palmer who had compiled a report regarding two public meetings held at Reid Hall and Mayfield Church Hall. He spoke at length about the two meetings and how they were both 'lively'. There had been about 150 members of the public at

both venues and a response to the consultation had been written and circulated . In view of the many topics covered by the consultation document, this discussion was restricted to the council members only. Topics included the extension of CPZ to S6 areas, disabled bays, safety concerns, yellow lines over driveways, a greater use of modern technology to restrict parking. The main consensus of the council members was that whilst there was support of the parking zone, there were several important points that the members considered should be carried out by the council before the implementation of the scheme. John Palmer intimated that these points would be highlighted by him in the final submission to the council. This would take the form of wording ` that we objected to the introduction of the S6 Controlled Parking Zone Proposal unless our particular reservations are met in full`

The chairman also intimated that members of the public can submit any suggestions about the proposal to Tony Palmer by this weekend.

Councillor Steve Burgess stated that the consultation paper would be considered by all four councillors for the area and the points covered would be treated seriously.

### **Police Report:**

Constable Neil Sinclair spoke and give copies of the monthly newsletter which he and his colleagues issue. A good communication tool to contact the officers was by E mail and he asked that they use this . He spoke about initiatives which were being carried out in the run up to the Festive period. There were instances of housebreakings by people leaving their front doors open and he asked that people take every precaution to minimise this risk. The misuse of alcohol and theft of bicycles were also covered. At this point Susan Bruce spoke of her role and the working partnership she had with the police and other agencies to make the community a safer place for everybody.

### **Licensing:**

Sue Tritton (Vice Chairman) spoke that they had required a volunteer to look at the licensing lists issued by Edinburgh Council. As a result of Douglas Stewart resigning from the council there was a vacancy on the Community Council, and Mat Lopez had intimated that he wished to be considered to be co-opted onto the Council. There was a vote at the meeting and he was elected onto the council until the new elections in 2009. He also intimated that he would check the licensing lists for premises within the community council area.

Mike Hunter reported to the council that he had as a resident objected to the extension of hours of premises, Fenwicks, Salisbury Place within the council area. The chairman said she understood the new proprietors were the owners of the New Bell, Duncan Street and that they had a good reputation. It was decided that the CC would only be involved if there were problems.

### **CEC Report:**

Alan Stewart gave the members and public present details of a manhole cover which had now been repaired. He also spoke of efforts to contact Scottish Water and the use of `feedback forms` when a problem arose. There was also details given on the role of co-ordinating road repairs and how these were vital, however he emphasised that in cases of emergency there will be some instances where roads would be dug-up at short notice. Andeas Grothey also spoke about the difficulty in crossing the road at road works at West Mains Road and Langton Road..

### **Office bearers' Reports :**

Chairman: Kate Arnott, had, prior to the meeting, submitted a written report of her activity since the last meeting. She had chaired two public meetings in conjunction with the Highways department. She and the other officers involved had been thanked at the end of each meeting and subsequently received intimation by mail and E mail for running such interesting and informative meetings.

**TREASURER:** ANDREAS GROTHEY REPORTED THAT THE FUNDS HELD BY THE COMMUNITY COUNCIL STOOD AT £766 45P AND THAT THE CHEQUE FOR THE NEWSLETTER HAD BEEN CASHED.

**SECRETARY:** SUE TRITTON SPOKE OF THE NEIGHBOURHOOD PARTNERSHIP MEETING ON 15<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER AND APPLICATIONS FOR THE ROADS CAPITAL PROGRAMME, WHICH IS DUE TO BE DISCUSSED AT THE END OF JANUARY, 2009. SHE ASKED THAT IF THERE WERE ANY AREAS WITHIN THE COMMUNITY COUNCIL AREA THAT COULD BENEFIT FROM WORK BEING CARRIED OUT, PLEASE FORWARDED THEM TO THE COMMITTEE BEFORE THE END OF JANUARY, 2009.

## **INTEREST GROUPS**

### **PLANNING**

TONY HARRIS HAD SUBMITTED A WRITTEN REPORT WHICH HAD BEEN CIRCULATED AND GAVE DETAILS OF KING'S BUILDING CAMPUS, MANAGEMENT HANDBOOK (TRANSPORT), EDINBURGH CITY LOCAL PLAN-INQUIRY AND A TRAINING EVENT HELD ON 1<sup>ST</sup> NOVEMBER, 2008.

### **ROADS AND TRANSPORT:**

JOHN PALMER SPOKE OF THE WRITTEN REPORT HE HAD SUBMITTED ON BEHALF OF THE COMMUNITY COUNCIL IN RESPECT OF THE PROPOSED CONTROLLED PARKING ZONE. HE ALSO INTIMATED THAT THERE WAS IN HIS OPINION A NEED FOR NEIGHBOURHOOD PARTNERSHIPS TO LOOK AT OTHER STREAMS OF FUNDING TO FACILITATE THE UPGRADING OF ROADS.

He, also commented that other NPs had applied their roads funding allocation in more imaginative projects for example Greener Leith, a local voluntary organisation were allocated £50k as match funding for a major 'active travel proposal they have submitted to the Climate challenge fund .

### **Environment and Communications:**

There was nothing to report from these two interest groups. Sue Tritton said that the meeting of Forum 2 would be on November 26<sup>th</sup> in Reid Memorial Hall, Nicolson Square at 7pm and was open to the public to take part.

### **Meeting dates for 2009:**

There was a brief discussion about the dates for the 2009. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> , January, 2009 at 7pm Cameron House Community Centre. A committee member intimated that if at all possible he would prefer a new day rather than the Wednesday and all views would be taken at the New Year meeting.

### **AOCB and Open Forum:**

A member of the public asked about the non-inclusion of residents from Lady Road in the Grange Prestonfield Community Council area. Susan Bruce replied to the question. She had written to all the residents in Lady Road about the current position. Lady Road would be included in this CC area in October 2009 , at the time of the elections to Community Councils

**The chairman thanked all those present for attending and wished everybody a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year in 2009.**