

Grange Prestonfield Community Council
Cameron House Community Education Centre
Minutes 15th May 2013

Present: John Palmer (**JP**) (Chair), Tony Harris (**TH**) (Vice-Chair), Sue Tritton (**ST**) (Secretary), Andreas Grothey (**AG**) (Treasurer), Maureen Edwards (**ME**), Ray Footman (**RF**), Mike Hunter (**MH**), Janet Sidaway (**JS**), Pat Abel (**PA**), David Stevenson (**DS**), Allister Thom (**AT**), Bill Reid (**BR**), Graeme Muir (**GM**)

In Attendance: Cllr Cameron Rose (**CR**), PC Mark Dickson (**MD**), PC Lynsey Collins (**LC**), PC Janie Harman (**JH**)

Public (2): Sergey Gorobets, Hazel Dunn

Apologies: Alastair Pugh (**AP**), Doreen Allerton (**DA**), Gilly Dennis (**GD**), Alan Stewart (**AS**)

1. **Welcome - Introduction and Apologies**

JP welcomed everyone, especially GM and BR who had been unable to attend for some months.

2. **Declarations of Interest. None**

3. **Minutes of the Meeting of 17th April 2013**

These had been previously circulated and were approved; proposed by RF, seconded by ME.

4. **Matters Arising (not on the agenda)**

Craigmillar Park busstop. Uneven surface had been fixed. There are other problem areas of uneven surfaces. JP to suggest a walkabout in the area to note other problems. **JP**

5. **External Reports**

a) **Council Report:** No report due to the absence of AS.

b) **Police Report:** PCs Dickson and Collins reported the following:

- **Incidents in the Prestonfield area.** There had been 127 incidents reported – including 4 emergency calls and 43 crimes – 8 solved to date. These included 18 thefts (housebreakings) – 23 in same period in 2012.
- **Campaign against violence:** There are more officers on the streets when the city is busy.
- **Contact number:** Reminder that the contact number is now 101.
- **Rankin/Newington area:** 135 calls – 4 emergency, 26 crimes (9 solved to date) – including 1 housebreaking, 13 thefts, 1 vandalism, 2 assaults.
- **Lygon Road;** still unsolved.
- **Grange area:** 163 incidents, 1 emergency call (car crash on Oswald Road), 41 crimes (12 solved so far) including thefts (pedal cycles), vandalism, housebreakings.
- **Days of Action – Dumbiedykes and Newington):** Concentrated on violence and drugs. These had been successful.

In response to questions etc.:

- GM said there had been numerous armed robberies, arrest of illegal immigrants etc. – why were these not reported. MD said that as these are outside the GPCC area they won't be mentioned – but details are available on line.
- JP asked about the Oswald Road accident. LC said that there were minor injuries.
- JS commented that the Police had handled the hoax call about a hostage well.

JS reported that she had been working with PC Collins on the Sunday Church parking issue.

c) **Councillors Report:** Cllr Rose reported:

- **Priestfield RPP consultation:** Results will be reported to the next TIE committee. There had been a 29% response from 570 homes (149 in favour and 39 opposed) – a very high return rate and mainly from the Kirkhill end. There will then be formal consultation – proposed bays will be tailored to areas with high response rate. Possible introduction in Summer 2014.
- GM asked if Pollock Halls had been consulted – they can respond to the formal consultation. SG commented on the empty spaces in CPZ “S1” – CR said he is aware of these. JP said that GPCC will note the views of residents and visitors during the formal consultation.
- **20mph pilot:** Report expected at the end of the summer – then there will be a decision about whether to continue with the scheme and/or whether to extend to other areas. Rubber tubes on streets are monitoring speed and volume of traffic.

6. **Reports of Interest Groups**

a) **Planning:** A report had been circulated. Points

- **12 St Thomas Road:** Applicants are seeking to overturn a condition in the planning consent (that a contract for the new build should be in place before demolition). GPCC agreed to support the retention of this condition.
- **PAN for REH:** This is outwith our area but we have been consulted as a neighbouring CC. Formal consultation with CCs is on Thursday June 6th.
- **Local Development Plan:** TH is arranging a meeting with local associations (29th May) to consider the proposals. Views to be submitted to TH. Responses have to be submitted by June 14th. GPCC response to be drafted by TH and circulated to committee before submitting.
- **Planning Concordat:** This has resulted from work done by the Cockburn and the EACC Planning subgroup. Only relates to major applications (probably won't affect GPCC). However, GPCC agreed to support the draft Concordat and will communicate this to CEC.

JP congratulated TH on his work with the EACC and encouraged members to respond to the LDP consultation.

b) **Roads and Transport:** Mostly dealt with in 5(c) above

GM commented that there had been a lot of shoddy work done in Newington. CR said much work had to be redone.

c) **AAH reorganisation:** Nothing to report.

d) **Licensing.** No applications in our area. AG noted that the Harley Davidson garage in West Savile Terrace is very noisy and asked if anything could be done about this. Suggested complain to CEC Noise team. AT said that the noise reduced after he made a complaint about 3 years ago. CR said that no-one had approached him about this matter.

7. **Community Gardens**

- **Rose Garden.** See Secretary's report. Need to arrange a meeting on site with perhaps 6 interested local residents. CEC will support but proposals should be community led.
- **Newington Cemetery.** TH (with JS and ME) met Stuart Fagan (CEC) and a colleague on site on May 14th. Highlighted difficulties and restrictions of the site – bought (compulsory purchase) in 1992 and has to be kept as a biodiversity area. Information boards desirable (check records at Mortonhall etc.). Publicise on website and in newsletter to make community aware of this wonderful resource. Noted that access from Ventnor Terrace not supported due to objections from residents there.

8. Local Development Plan. See 6(a)

9. Summer Newsletter.

See also Chair's report. This needs to be delivered by the end of August (to publicise CC elections in September and encourage residents to apply). JP still to contact Kenny Kemp. Need to get full costings of design, printing, delivery etc. by June meeting. Budget of £850 agreed. Contents to include a map of GPCC area.

10. Office Bearers Reports

a) Chair's Report: Circulated.

- **Dalkeith Road Flooding:** TH had contacted Bill Eliot - CCTV survey has been done. Noted water leak outside derelict shop – team there today. BR said no-one is sure who is responsible for pipe – this leads to disputes and leak goes on for weeks.
- **Community Council Scheme - consultation:** Main issue is role Local Interest Groups and nominated members. GPCC agreed that:
 1. CC should be notified of application to be a LIG
 2. Nominated member should reside within CC area.
 3. Max no of CCs for a LIG should be 3.
 4. LIG should be disqualified if member (or sub) doesn't attend for 6 months.

JP agreed to respond on these lines.

JP

- **Dalkeith Road Pharmacy:** AT said we must protest in strongest terms about the refusal to grant a licence (mainly because of objections from pharmacy groups like Boots and Omnicare) – when there is so much local support. JP said we should contact Jim Eadie as this is a Scottish Parliament issue.

b) Treasurer's Report: Balance to spend is £929.47. CEC grant (approx. £800) to come.

c) Secretary's Report: Circulated.

11. Neighbourhood Partnership matters.

Review of NPs - report complicated and included options difficult to find.

12. EACC Matters

Elections postponed until autumn (following CC elections)

13. Date of next meeting – Wednesday 19th June 2013

14. AOCB – nothing raised.

The meeting closed at 9.20pm