

CURRIE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING OF 13 OCTOBER 2003

Present:

G Dane (Chair), D Bertram, G Browne, A Clark, D Henderson, B McGovern, J McCreath, Sergeant M McIvor, T McLean, Councillor A Paisley, Gavin Lee, Jemma Ward and David Copland.

Apologies:

E Melvin and N Wright.

The Minutes of the September meeting were approved. The Chair welcomed a further pupil from Currie Community High School David Copland who was co-opted to serve on the Council.

1. Police Report:

The area has been relatively quiet this month with regards to youth disorder. A few calls were received about groups of children causing problems in the Forthview area.

Car crime continues to be a problem. A male has been charged with a number of offences. Murdo pointed out that it is not an offence to park on a pavement provided it was not causing an obstruction.

2. Young Peoples Issues:

Gavin Lee and David Copland recently took part in a mock mini trial acting as prosecution and defence lawyers, both of them enjoyed the experience and gave them an insight into the justice system.

Jemma Ward and Gavin are to attend the Commonwealth Youth Summit to be held in Edinburgh.

3. Chair Report:

*Consultation on Freedom of Information to be actioned by Brenda McGovern.

*A response has been received from The City of Edinburgh Council on our objection to their flood prevention proposals for the Water of Leith. The Chair to contact "Friends of the Earth" for their opinion on this topic and to investigate alternatives. It was thought that environmental advantages could be obtained.

*The Chair to respond to letter from Ardrossan CC re anti-social behaviour.

*Brenda McGovern to attend "Friends of the Pentlands Society" Meeting on Wednesday 19 November 7.30 pm in Merchiston Castle School.

*Gordon Browne to attend "Affordable Warmth Summit" on Tuesday 18 November.

*A discussion took place on the draft position statement on city centre congestion by Balerno CC. There was a division of opinion and it was thought that the statement needed to be sharpened up. The Chair along with Archie Clark, Jim McCreath and Brenda McGovern to action modification and report back.

4. Convenor's Reports:

Education. D Henderson reported he had received a letter from The City of Edinburgh Council on common opportunities.

Environment. B McGovern tabled a report (attached) and gave a summary of its contents. It was decided she contact the Territorial Army at Slateford to see if they could help in restoring the vandalised bridge at Glenburn.

If Currie guides EEP grant application is successful it was decided they could apply to Currie CC for match funding. Arthur Hilton has now retired and spends some time litter picking.

Planning. Archie Clark tabled a report (attached) and gave a summary of its content.

Flower Tubs. Nothing to report.

Transport. Jim McCreath provided a written report (attached) and gave a summary of its contents.

Health. Gordon Brown attended South West Edinburgh Health meeting.

5. Finance:

A statement of accounts to date was tabled. Funds available £916.76.

6. Councillor's Report:

Councillor A Paisley covered most points for his attention during the meeting. In addition he informed the Council that litter tickets are now being issued (£40 penalty) in our area with the shops to be targeted.

The bus stop at the top of Dolphin Road has been moved eastwards to the old stone area.

He agreed to report the burst water main in Nether Currie Road and check who owned the walkway to Blinkbonny.

7. Date of Next Meeting:

Monday 10 November 2003 at 7.30 pm - venue Kirk House.