

WEST PILTON / WEST GRANTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Day/Date of Meeting **Tuesday 6th December 2016 7pm**

Venue **West Pilton Neighbourhood Centre**

1 Attendance Willie Black, Barbara Robertson, Geri McDonnell, Audrey Coltart, Piotr Wojcik, Johura Ahmed, PC Sarah Hall, Inspector Stephen Sutherland, Betty McVay.

Apologies – Frances Durie, Deidre Brock MP, Ben Macpherson MSP, Cllr. Cammy Day, Karen Simpson,

2Welcome and introductions Interim Chair welcomed all to the meeting and those who attended introduced themselves.

3Minutes and Matters Arising

Proposed as true record of meeting Geri McDonnell seconded by Audrey Coltart.

Willie Black confirmed as Chair and Barbara Robertson as Secretary.

Treasurer – Karen to meet with Linda Chandler in the New Year to hand over the books and to be added to the CEC records and Bank signatories.

No Police were at the last meeting due to heavy police presence being required around Bonfire Night.

Geri and Karen happy to give members of the CC training on the use of facebook in the New Year. To be arranged.

Volunteers are needed to help in the Thrift shop (PCA).

Congratulations to Karen for becoming a Granny!

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4Correspondence

Policing Survey.

Spartans event.

Youthwork jobs at Drylaw CC

Local Development Plan for NW Edinburgh consultation

5Police Report

Inspector Stephen Sutherland updated the meeting on Stronger North. The Silver level meetings have restarted and will now be held once a month on a Wednesday morning. It can be followed at #stronger north on Twitter.

The new Chief Constable has stated that his methods are community oriented so Stephen Sutherland is able to grow his community team who will be visible on the streets. There will be no 'no-go' areas. Intelligence from locals is vital and Crimestoppers phone number is free. There has been a plain clothes team since July.

Police do dynamic risk assessment on motorbike crime, no high viz or fast cars but many charged. There is a need to change the punishment as probably the same youths are involved in housebreaking and car stealing. Lots more drugs activity. Police do talks to school students with 'Just stop it!' campaign.

Police priorities are influenced by public responses to their survey on-line and to drop-in at the North Office 12-2pm every Friday. It is possible to email Sarah or Tony for a house visit.

6Council update; None

7MSP's MP's and Councillor's updates. None

8Chair's report

The Council have deleted the post of Community Learning and Development worker, have split the management of the centres into 3 departments and are now looking to volunteers to co-ordinate and run community centres. There will be serious funding issues. There have been some discussions with Hibs football club about their possible involvement with the West Pilton Neighbourhood Centre.

The meeting agreed that the CEC cuts to youth provision in the area would have a further disruptive effect. There was previously a Detached Youth Worker service on the streets and known to the youth

The meeting agreed that people have to understand what is happening to their community. Communication could be improved for those who do not have computers

etc by reinstating the NEN community newspaper or using noticeboards effectively.

Finance Report None

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It was agreed to write to the Neighbourhood Partnership to add the traffic problem at West Granton Road/West Granton Access to the NEP Roads programme.

It was agreed that Piotre would also send details of the parking/safety issues at Pirniehall and St Davids schools.

Betty asked for some forethought on the roads management around the proposed new housing at West Pilton Grove.

We will invite Planning/ Neighbourhood Partnership to speak to this.

The NP has agreed to allocate money to reinstate the backgreen at Ferry Rd Ave. which was completed with no regard to the stated wishes of the tenants. The issue of gate keys still to be resolved.

Community Police contact details

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Date of Next Meeting

Tuesday 7th February West Pilton Neighbourhood Centre. 7pm.