**In attendance:** Aonghas McIntosh (Chair), Ian Gilmour, Cliff Beevers, , Vic Stewart, , Alison Walker and Cllr Susan Webber, Cllr Ricky Henderson, Cllr Neil Gardiner, Gordon Lindhurst MSP.

**Visitors:** Neil Finlayson, Anthea Grierson and PC Oliver Ford.

1. **Apologies:** Archie Clark, Lynn Elliott, Russell Salton, Anne Wimberley, Lorraine McCafferty.
2. **Minutes of last meeting and actions arising**:

No changes made

**3. Police Report:**

PC Ford reported that going forward the report would cover the period between meetings rather than calendar months. As a result of this change the report covered the period from 1 March 2019 to 23 April 2019.

In this time there were

* No house break-ins
* 1 assault in Lanark Road (suspects known to each other)
* 2 traffic related offences (no insurance, failure to stop after a collision)
* 5 thefts from motor vehicles (2 Juniper Green, 3 Baberton Mains)
* 1 Drugs Warrant executed in Juniper Place
* 2 instances of vandalism

Regarding the thefts, relatively small amounts of money were stolen. PC Ford asked the CC to remind those in the community to ensure vehicles are locked and all items are removed from view.

Officers have conducted joint patrols around Juniper Green Primary School with Cllr Webber, where 3 drivers were warned about excessive speed.

**4. Reports and Recent Meetings:**

**4.1 School Notes**

Anthea raised four items that she would appreciate the CC’s support with:

Feedback from parents that there are no facilities for children in Baberton Mains and that perhaps improvements could be made to the grassed area in the centre of the estate. Aonghas said that he fully supported this and that through our strategic aim of improving park facilities in the locale, he expected this to be raised.

Anthea highlighted work that the school pupils had done on Bloomiehall Park and that they were considering how the accessibility of the play park could be improved.

The school would be showing a film on the impact of stressful and adverse situations in childhood on 1 May 7pm - 8.30pm.

The school’s work on Safer Routes to School was continuing to be successful and the focus was going to move from the Baberton side to the Juniper Green side. Building on the broad success Anthea described how a more tailored approach may be needed for those behaviours had not changed through the period.

Aonghas highlighted that the work the CC is hoping to do on traffic in Juniper Green should dovetail well with the Safer Routes to School initiative and that we would continue to work together.

**4.2. Secretary’s Report**

Aonghas shared Russell’s report in his absence.

JG&BMCC website development going well, there is now a test site available and the next step will be to flesh out some of the pages.

We had an email from Edinburgh Living Street Group, seeking feedback on areas where there was a particular problem with pavement clutter.

Further to our request, we received a number of comments on ways that traffic and our park facilities could be improved, which were included under item 6.

**4.3. Treasurer’s Report**

Number 1 (current account): balance of £8,312.87; no change in the period.

Number 2 (community account): £2,244.60; no change in the period.

Number 3 (PBF account): balance of £4,162.50; no change in the period.

**4.4. Local Planning Matters**

Nothing new to the update.

**4.5 Any other meetings**

Vic attended a Resilience conference which covered a number of areas of interest including cyber-crime.

**6. Councillor Corner**

**Ricky Henderson:**

Updated on various items including correspondence he had received regarding traffic in the area which would be addressed under item 6.

**Susan Webber:**

Updated on various items including the Flying fox replacement and the consultation on education provision within Wester Hailes.

**Neil Gardiner:**

Updated on various items including meetings he had with Heriot Watt University regarding the recent Wallace Land proposals.

**7. Community Council Focus for 2019**

Community Council Focus for 2019:

* The business case to support the Pentlands Community Space (PCS) was progressing. Current focus was on finalising the business case and understanding more accurately the cost of the materials required for the development.
* Traffic
  + The CC reviewed all of the suggestions that had been raised and considered the ease of implementation, the cost of the development and the impact on the strategic aims of improving traffic flow on the Lanark Road and improving road safety in Juniper Green. After significant discussion involving all in the room, it was agreed to focus on three items:
    - Introducing short term parking bays, to encourage parking in appropriate places and supporting local shops by improving parking availability
    - Changing a short section of Woodhall Terrace ahead of the junction with Baberton Avenue to be one way. This was suggested by PC Ford having observed the junction as per item 3. This would stop the use of FOulise Crescent and Woodhall Terrace as a ‘rat-run’ to avoid the Lanark Road and dis-incentivise those using Belmont Avenue to do the same. It would also make the junction easier for pedestrians to use.
    - Introduce a pelican crossing across Baberton Avenue in the section between Juniper Park Road and the junction with Belmont Road.

These were supported by Councillors Webber and Gardiner (Cllr Henderson had to leave before this item) and next steps were to raise the proposals with Council officials for initial feedback.

* Curriemuirend Park (CMEP) – Cllr Gardiner said he would update Aonghas outside of the meeting in the interests of time as the meeting was running late
* JG&BMCC website – progressing (see Point 5.2).
* Provision of facilities in the 3 local parks – a review of options was carried forward to the next meeting given that Lynn was unable to attend.

**8. Any Other Competent Business**

Cliff highlighted challenges he had faced as a result of bins not being placed properly once they had been emptied. Furthermore, despite Cliff following appropriate protocols those emptying the bins had not helped him when he had needed it. He has contacted Council officials and asked whether those working in this area had been trained appropriately and mentioned that the Guide Dogs for the Blind would be happy to provide training if asked

**Next Meeting –** Wednesday 22nd May 2019 at 7.00pm in Juniper Green Village Hall.