

Minutes

Petitions Committee

2pm, Thursday, 6 November 2014

Present

Councillors Chapman, Dixon, Edie, Gardner, R Henderson (substituting for Councillor Redpath), Keil, Key, Paterson.

Also in attendance

Councillor Bill Henderson and Councillor Dominic Heslop

1. Minute

Decision

To approve the minute of the Committee meeting of 4 September 2014 as a correct record.

2. Petitions Committee Business Bulletin 6 November 2014

The Petitions Business Bulletin for 6 November 2014 was presented.

Decision

To note the Business Bulletin.

(Reference – Business Bulletin 6 November 2014, submitted.)

3. Petitions for Consideration: Overview Report

The Committee was asked to consider one petition.

A valid petition entitled 'Ratho Surgery Capacity' had been received.

The petition received 562 signatures both online and in paper format. Of these 562 signatures, 491 were considered valid and 71 were considered invalid signatures for reasons including the signatory was not registered on the electoral roll in Edinburgh.

Mr Matt Tildesley, the principal petitioner, was unable to attend the Petitions Committee to speak on behalf of the petition. However Mr Tildesley submitted a statement in which he highlighted that the surgery at Ratho had not increased in size or capacity to meet the expanding population of Ratho and the surrounding area.

Councillor Dominic Heslop, as a Ward Councillor of the area, fully supported the petitioners argument and highlighted the number of housing applications for the area, should they be granted, would only exacerbate the situation with regards to healthcare in Ratho.

Councillor Ricky Henderson, as a Ward Councillor of the area, stated that there is frustration locally at the state of disrepair of the surgery and the lack of adequate healthcare provision. Councillor Henderson was optimistic that progress has been made in identifying a suitable site for a new doctor’s surgery in Ratho.

A proposed timeline for the redevelopment of the surgery at Ratho was submitted by NHS Lothian (see appendix 1 to this minute).

Decision

- 1) To note the petition entitled ‘Ratho Surgery Capacity’
- 2) To note the commitment of NHS Lothian, in consultation with the City of Edinburgh Council, to work on the proposed business plan to open a new surgery in Ratho.
- 3) To request that the Petitions Committee and the Pentlands Neighbourhood Partnership are kept informed of the progress made against the timeline.

(Reference – report by the Director of Corporate Governance, submitted.)

4. Petitions for Consideration: Overview Report

The Committee was asked to note that two invalid petitions had been received and there is currently one petition open for signatures on the Council website

Decision

- 1) To note that there is currently one ongoing petition “Bike Hire Scheme’ open for signature on the Council website.
- 2) To note that two petitions had been received which did not meet the petitions criteria as detailed below.

Petition Name	Details
Petition to remove the new changes to George Street	To note that the petition was invalid as the individual submitting the petition was not on the electoral register in Edinburgh.

Petition Name	Details
Road Safety at South Morningside Primary School	Invalid in terms of paragraph 1 (2) of the petitions criteria as it relates to a matter already being considered or scheduled to be considered by the Council or a committee.

(Reference – report by the Director of Corporate Governance, submitted.)

Appendix 1

Ratho Medical Practice– Statement for Petitions Committee Thursday 6th November

2011	Identified in Premises Strategy as requiring replacement
2012	Business case drawn up for Wilkinson Road Exploration of temporary solution at Ratho Station
2013	<u>February</u> – NHS Finance & Resources committee approved Standard Business Case.
2014	<u>Jan 2014</u> Landlord withdrew. NHS Lothian Continued discussions informally. List size relatively steady at 2200 Worked with CEC to develop new option. Exploration of temporary accommodation e.g. car park/school/local shop premises.
Population	Estimated additional population over next planning period: c1600 Building sized for practice list size of 4000
Business Case progress	Oct 2014 – NHS Lothian Capital Investment Group – supported 12 th November 2014 – NHS Lothian Finance and Performance <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Formal NHS Lothian Committee required to provide advice and scrutiny to all higher resourcing decisions. - Composed of both NHSL Directors and non-executives. - Director of Health and Social Care will present case for Ratho Medical Practice Dec '14 – Sept '15 Detailed planning, commissioning, legal and financial agreements (Full Business Case) October 2015 – potential start on site Spring 2016 – Indicative target for building completion Summer 2016 – Indicative target for occupation
Public Engagement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Member of community council on Ratho Project Group - Public meeting scheduled for 4th December 2014
Clinical team development	2200/1.2 Drs/ 5 nursing sessions. 3000/ 2.0 Drs. 7 nursing sessions. 4000/2.6 Drs/3.0 with extended/enhanced services. Full time practice nurse. Ratho Station/Newbridge patients important to achieve this