



**Confirmed minutes of Colinton Amenity Association (CAA) Executive Committee Meeting,  
March 2026 in Colinton Bowling Club.**

**3<sup>rd</sup>**

**Present:** Tim Lawson (Chair); Gillian Battison (Treasurer); Wendy Evans (Secretary); Ewan Campbell; Simon Lloyd; Paula McClements; Andrew Paterson; Stephen Wallis; Siobhán Watts.

**1. Apologies for Absence:** John Barry; Iain Gotts (Vice Chair/Planning Convenor); Alex Robertson; Tolibjon Tursunov.

**2. Approval of Minutes of the previous meetings on 20<sup>th</sup> January 2026**

Minutes had been circulated prior to the meeting and were taken as a true record. **Action:**  
**Wendy Evans.**

**2.1 Matters Arising not covered in today's agenda**

- Gillian Battison confirmed that settlement had been made with Chris Rutterford in connection with the final invoice for the artwork on Cuddies Lane.
- Stephen Wallis advised that the fencing on the private road to Spylaw Farm, as discussed at the previous meeting, was robust and fit for purpose should any members of the public venture down what is erroneously assumed to be a public footpath.
- Wendy had diarised that the CAA Constitution be discussed at a meeting prior to the AGM.
- The plaques on the Gateway Mural will be discussed with Iain Gotts at the next meeting.

**3. Projects**

**3.1 The Duncan Campbell Memorial Stone.** Cllr Jason Rust has agreed to unveil the stone on the wall of the Drovers Path at 3pm on Monday, 6<sup>th</sup> April 2026. Invitations to attend the unveiling will be shortly be sent to local people with whom Duncan worked. The function room of Colinton Inn had been booked with a light buffet and hot drinks being available for the attendees. **Action: Wendy Evans.**

**3.2 Communication with CVE over the continuance of the Colinton Gateway Art Project**

Tim met with Lorraine O'Shea and Pam Wardell to discuss their desire to have CVE's presence visible within the artwork. Their immediate priority is to the development of the Shed but Tim reminded them that this is a CAA project and must progress at reasonable speed too. Other suggestions received from the public have still to be considered. The Scouts would also like to participate in the project by having artwork on their own building by the drive down into Spylaw Park. Gillian advised that CEC Planning should be consulted before any broad decisions are made. Wendy will try to find a suitable contact within CEC. **Action Tim Lawson; Wendy Evans.**

**3.3 CAA Centenary Planning for 2027.** Having proposed a list of suggestions for centenary celebrations at the previous meeting, Siobhán provided an update. She and Wendy had visited Tiphereth to learn about their printing and pottery workshops, meeting rooms, their interaction with the public to raise awareness and funds, and how they could work with CAA. Siobhán also had further discussions with Shona Harrower of both Friends of Campbell Park (FCP) and Colinton Garden Club. Siobhán had shared with Shona details of Tiphereth's sensory garden and their open day as these could work for both organisations advantage. FCP have suggested several suggestions of events that could be held in tandem with CAA. Consideration will be given to using Tiphereth's professional services to print a centenary calendar, etc. The Colinton & Merchiston Choir would like to participate with an evening of Robert Louis Stevenson repertoire. Iain Gotts will participate in this conversation. At this early planning stage, Siobhán



has plans to meet with several other organisations. Tim thanked Siobhán for the work that she has put into the project to date and explained to the committee that the plan was to facilitate ideas for other organisations to instigate, i.e. planting a memorial tree; bat boxes. It might be fruitful if we can combine several of Siobhán's suggestions into one event. With the centenary being that of CAA, rather than Colinton as a whole, the events would not require the high-profile involvement of anything like the Colinton 900 events.

Further suggestions from the committee this evening included weekend guided walks, updating the *Preserve and Enhance* booklet about the history of CAA, previously published in 1985, and a presentation about CAA being given at a Colinton Local History Society evening. Tim suggested that a traditional Highland Ball could be a possibility for a major local social evening and will make enquiries to that end.

A budget for the event will be discussed at a future meeting and a sub-committee set up to work with Siobhán. **Action: Siobhán Watts; Tim Lawson; Iain Gotts.**

#### **4. Conveners' Reports**

**i Communications** - CAA's Digital Presence. Tim Lawson has forwarded over two hundred photographs of Colinton to the Secretary's email address for storage. As the photos were all taken by Tim, we have permission to use whichever suit the CAA website in the future. Paula McClements and Siobhán Watts will work with Wendy on developing the website before the next meeting. **Action: Wendy Evans; Tim Lawson; Paula McClements; Siobhán Watts.**

**ii Heritage** – Simon Lloyd advised that the Phoebe Traquair railings may need a small repair before being handed over to the owners. Also, that the base of the Timeline Railings on Woodhall Road, due to a manufacturer's error, appear to need painting at their base. However, Hammerite® paint will not suffice, and a plastic coating will be required. **Action: Simon Lloyd.**

**iii Environment** – No report.

**iv Planning** – No report.

**v Roads and Transport** – Concern was raised over the size of potholes developing on the major roads around Colinton. The recent repair to a drain cover on Bonaly Road has resulted in a big pothole in a newly repaired road. Wendy reported this fault to City of Edinburgh Council (CEC) on 5<sup>th</sup> March. Andrew pointed out that speed bumps throughout Bonaly are worn where they attach to the road causing more friction than originally would have been planned.

**vi CAA Membership Update** – Andrew advised that the only task requiring action in March is to remind new members to set up standing orders.

**vii Treasurer's Report** – Gillian reminded everyone that OSCR will, from June 2026, publish the names of trustees on the relevant webpage. New CAA committee members will have to be added to the list as trustees. With a view to obtaining the most competitive rates, Gillian will approach the Charities Aid Foundation and Lockton for insurance quotes within twenty-eight days of the due date. Sustrans and CEC gave grants towards the Colinton Gateway Mural. Gillian must shortly provide them with progress reports as to how their funds were spent. All but one outstanding invoice for Colinton Magazine adverts have now been paid.



## **6. Any Other Competent Business**

- It was noted that, sadly, ex CAA Executive Committee Members Bill Alexander and Ronnie Seiler had died in recent weeks.
- Andrew advised that he and Wendy had visited Luke Smithson at the National Portrait Gallery to view the glass plate of Robert Louis Stevenson currently held on loan to them by CAA. The plate had been found in Dreghorn Loan Hall and given to CAA in 1978. We have renewed the loan for three more years, the standard renewal period used by the gallery.

**Next meeting:** Wednesday, 6th May 2026 in The Old Library, Merchiston Castle School.