

Council Elections 2012 – Meet the candidates – Elaine Aitken

✘ Elaine Aitken is the Conservative candidate for Colinton/Fairmilehead Ward.

Elaine told The Reporter:-“A lifelong citizen of Edinburgh, I’m married to Michael, a freelance writer and have a son, Nicholas. My political career began as the late Councillor Brian Meek’s agent for 2 years before being selected as the candidate for Fairmilehead in 2002.

Subsequently I have served as a Councillor for 9 years:

2003 – 2007 Fairmilehead

2007 – present Colinton/Fairmilehead Ward

I am currently the Group Secretary and, as an office bearer, I sit on the Group Executive.

Council Committees:

Culture & Leisure Committee

Health, Social Care & Housing

Personnel Appeals

Sub Committee for Education Standards (South West) which I chair

Director:

Festival City Theatre Trust

Oxgangs Care (Chair)

Trustee:

Robert Christie/John Wilson Bequest Fund

St Andrews First Aid Edinburgh Executive

I attend:

Fairmilehead Community Council

Firrhill Community Council

Colinton Amenity Association

Pentland Neighbourhood Partnership

PNP Community Safety Sub Group (chair)

Pentland Community Safety Panel (chair)

Area Walkabouts

Oxgangs Local Health Action Group

Pentland Community Centre Management Committee

Parent Councils:

Buckstone Primary School (Co-opted member)

Pentland Primary School

Colinton Primary School

Boroughmuir High School

Firrhill High School

I am working with the schools on road safety issues, school rolls, playground safety and many other issues.

Campaigns:

Currently, I am involved in three planning consultations:

Fairmilehead Water Board site

Greenbelt land behind Buckstone Grove

Greenbelt land at Morton Mains

I have made representations at Council Committees on the reductions of the 11 and 18 bus services, issues related to the speed reduction measures in Buckstone and many more important matters.

As a full time Councillor, I can make use of my previous work experience of the private sector and extensive knowledge of the voluntary sector.”

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