

Tollcross Community Council

Meeting 13th August 2014 6.45pm

Tollcross Community Education Centre, 117 Fountainbridge

Minutes

1. Present: Paul Beswick (Chair), Andrew Brough, Roger Colkett, Heather Goodare, Angela Hull, Chris McGregor, Nick Munro, Ann Wigglesworth (Sec); PCs Harman, Mackay; Cllrs Doran, Main. **Public,** Andreas Wilhelm, Shirley Sime. **Apologies:** Chris Wigglesworth, Iain Black, Michael Lister, Tim puntis, Andy Devenport, Mary Neilson, Liz Summerfield. Cllrs: Rankin, Corbett, Burns, Key, Godzik, Mowat, Sarah Boyack MSP.

Paul Beswick thanked Angela Hull who is moving away from the area, for her contribution to TXCC in her secretarial and planning advice work over the last 6 years. Much appreciated by all.

2. Minutes & Matters arising. There were no corrections.

PB gave an update on item 8 Brandfield St. CEC legal team have informed the planning department that they would not succeed with a retrospective planning application for the StayCity short lets. **Cllr Doran agreed to speak to Cllr Burns** (ward councillor) to check whether the council action to mitigate the Grove St short lets could be a solution for StayCity. HG brought along a hard copy of the petition to support the reduction of the length of events on the Meadows and Bruntsfield Links for anyone to sign. There is a copy on the FMBL website www.fombl.org.uk/. Petition to be sent to CEC on 26th August.

3 Police Matters.

PC Harman (St Leonards): reported that June and July have been a very busy time with the Commonwealth Games and now the Festival. There has been a rise in mobile phones and bags stolen. There was an early morning attack in the Meadows which is still being investigated. In June and July there were a number of break ins in commercial premises by youths under 18. A youth has been apprehended.

RC asked if police patrols on the Meadows were coordinated with the park wardens. PC Harman said that this was not the case although the neighbourhood wardens support the police at weekends. Cllr Main said that the environmental wardens do patrol the Meadows. In answer to HG's question he said the Police do fine cyclists seen riding on the pavement.

4. Licensing

RC reported on the civic license for up to 50 market stalls over the next year for one day a week in High Riggs. RC has asked for more information from the council but no further information has been given. Cllrs Main and Doran said that the applicant will have supplied information on the street plan for the stalls. **Cllr Doran agreed to follow this up.**

RC will be attending the CEC meeting on Wednesday 20th August to discuss over provision and zoning of licensed premises. TXCC support the Council's policy on over-provision but wish that they would implement it.

Cllr Main suggested that the council should consider the number of adjacent residents in their zoning policy. TXCC would like the Licensing Board to take on the good practice from the planning system and to consider the amenity of local residents when making decisions including zoning policy. Cllr Doran suggested that the Licensing Board should notify neighbours of any licensing applications. RC would like the Licensing Board to provide more information to enable TXCC to come to an informed decision on applications, such as a map of the licensing zoning policy.

The Licensing Forum has asked community organisations if they would like the Forum to ask any particular questions on their behalf at the next meeting of the Licensing Board in October. RC circulated two questions in advance to TXCC members. TXCC supported these questions

on the process of decision making for applications in areas of overprovision and what specific criteria they would use to make their decision.

5. Councillors Comments & Questions

Cllr Doran mentioned an illegal building operation to a **local sauna** which she is investigating. This has health and safety issues.

Cllr Main suggested that we should ask for an update to the **Southern Arc proposals**. She has identified a development that has successfully rescinded their section 75 proposal including funding for the Tollcross public realm. TXCC councillors have asked for a report on this which will be a public document going to committee. **She advised TXCC to ask questions about this and the funding for paving in Home St.**

AW asked Cllr Doran about the continued **scaffolding** over the Salvation Army shop. She replied that it would be there for much longer due to need for basic repairs. Unfortunately these were not considered to be emergency repairs.

AW asked Cllr Main about the repairs to the junction near the King's theatre. Because of the cycling works Cllr Main reported that this would not happen to the next financial year. **Cllr Main agreed to find out more information on road repairs in the TXCC area.**

AW asked Cllr Main about **Thornybark** developments regarding the bins and NM mentioned the nightclub taking over the pavement in the evening. AW and MM will both write to Kathy Evans.

6. Planning

PB reported on the following applications:

- Use and change of position of the big screen in Festival square was turned down.
- Demolition of Sky Parks car park; the developer has submitted a PAN which will be exhibited on 20th August 12 -7pm in the foyer at the conference centre.
- 55 Lothian Rd has successfully got permission for a hot food takeaway. TXCC appealed against this.
- Arnold Clark site: second part of the site application is now in.
- Change of use of Picture House to a Wetherspoons pub. PB has objected for TXCC and suggested that individual representations will be more effective. TXCC will ask our city councillors whether it would be appropriate to have a webcam hearing of the application.
- Brewery application site. TXCC is supportive but has some concerns which will be sent to planning

7. Edinburgh Health Forum

HG has recently responded to the NHS Lothian Draft Strategic Plan (2014-2024) entitled 'Our Health, Our Care, Our Future' on behalf of the Edinburgh Health Forum. She has written to Prof McMahon to request how consultation on the document will be carried out now that the statutory mechanisms for consulting with patients have been abolished. There is a meeting of the Older Persons group on the 22nd September.

8. Reports

Tree Lights Event: AW reported that this will be held on Tuesday 2nd December. AW is looking for members to participate in planning this event

**Next Meeting of TXCC
Wednesday September 10th 2014 at 6.45pm
Tollcross Community Centre, Fountainbridge**

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