

# Tollcross Community Council

**Minutes Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> March 2015 7 pm**

**Tollcross Community Education Centre 117 Fountainbridge**

**1.Present:**Paul Beswick (chair), Andrew Brough, Andy Iain Black, ChrisMcgregor, Mary Neilson, Roger Colkett, Heather Goodare, Ann Wigglesworth, Michael Lister **Public:** Andreas Wilhelm, Andrea Shaw, Gina Cameron, Fernando A. Miranda; Robb Turner (CEC Open Space Strategy)

**CEC Cllrs:** none **Police:** PC Parson & PC Wood W. End ; 3 Pl. clothes officers , St Leonards

**Apologies:** Roger Colkett, Nick Munro, Andy Devenport, Liz Summerfield

**Cllrs:** Burns, Key, Rankin, McInnes, Howat, Corbett, Main;

**Room 4**

**2 .Minutes** 11.02.15 TP asked for his apologies to be recorded. Minutes accepted as correct.

**Matters arising:** covered by the Agenda

**3. Police :** Officers in attendance from **St Leonards** (involved in Operation Cometos) relating to domestic break-ins. They reported that 359 calls had been received from the TX / M'mont area 11/2- 11/3. These were related to alarm calls & diary car appointments. 59 recorded crimes included break-ins to domestic & business premises, pedal cycle theft, drug seizures. A cycle worth £6K was retrieved.

**PC Parsons** ( West End station) reported a large spike in break-ins and a rise in problems relating to Legal Highs (NPSs – new psychoactive substances) being used particularly in Tenement stairs. He urged vigilance in keeping common stair doors locked and for members of the public to report any cases of drug use on the common stairs (**Tel: 101**) Ask for the information to be forwarded to PIP (Partnerships, Interventions, Preventions).

**PC Wood** ( Oxgangs ) stated that in the last month 280 calls had been received from the Tollcross area. These related to anti-social behaviour, domestic disputes, road traffic incidents and house break-ins (small number compared to other parts of the city which were . in answer to comments on the lack of regular beat officers with a knowledge of the Community, PC Parsons said the new system would be reviewed at the end of the year .

**Chuckie Pend:**PB asked if Officers were aware of drug use in this pend; a member of the Public had recently reported this. **Meadows** TP & AW reported groups of young adults drinking on the Meadows at night; can feel threatening to pass near them. **Police to patrol at night.**

#### **4. Waste & Recycling Containers: Robb Turner, CEC Open Space Department**

Tasked with dealing with Trade Waste (both commercial & CEC) he gave a detailed presentation on his work, referring to the legislative framework, the issues, challenges and associated problems. The aim is to clear the streets of the clutter of Bins which has developed over the last 3 years. He will deal with Commercial & CEC Trade Waste bins on public land.

The project will be rolled out across the city in phases from April 1. Phase 1- the City Centre Will include the area of TXCC which is included in the CCNP ( Grindlay, Spittal & Bread Sts., West Port etc (area 3 Light blue): and Thornybauk ( tip of Area 5 pink).

Lochrin Place etc will be included in Phase 2 which is planned to begin in December 2015.

**Map and papers for Phase 1** will be e-mailed out to all on the TXCC e-mail list and

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**AB :AW**

When asked about problems associated with domestic waste he advised that we continue to report any matters to the Environmental Wardens and in the case of containers blocking public thoroughfares, to contact the Roads Manager of the appropriate Neighbourhood Partnership. Bobb was thanked for his clear explanation of the project and wished well. He requested that any questions related to the project should be sent via Andrew Brough .

- 5. Planning:PB Student Residences 125A Fountainbridge (Mecca).** P. referred to the TXCC Objection 11.3.15 circulated to TXCC Cllrs. All appreciated his thorough work. But P. referred to the 60+ similar objections submitted over the past 6 years, stating That such representations have had little effect unless residents also made written objections.
- New Applications:**1. Café at Central Hall, formerly Second Hand shop: no objection  
2.47 Bread St. Restaurant applying for license to expand into 49 Bread st. no objection

**New Developments** prior information

**GVA Springside** Exhibition & Workshop; a further PAN to be produced responding to Some objections from residents.

**Quartermile Exhibition** of plans to develop the Main Hospital building as residential rather Than hotel accommodation.' A' listed building status to be retained. High-end rentals. HG had raised the question of public toilet facilities on Middle Meadow Walk , suggesting That Montague Evans should be asked to upgrade these toilets to allow disabled access. She also mentioned 2 access gates from North Meadow Walk which remain closed.

- 6. Councillors' Comments & Questions;** no Councillors present

- 7. Licensing** RC (AW) reported that the premises formerly trading without a License as Illegal Jacks, Lothian Rd. is now under new management. They are applying for a License.. No other applications this month.

- 8. Meadows & Bruntsfield Links.** HG

**Public Toilets-** CEC has been contacted but has not given an official response to date. Suggestion that Cllrs be asked for an update. Suggestion that if Montague Evans were to be involved in matters relating to these facilities, their involvement would result in good PR.

**Tendering Events on Meadows & BL:** She reminded the meeting that it is CEC policy to allow events in the City Parks to run for 15 days only (with the exception of Princes St Gardens & the Meadows. ) FoMBL hopes the 15 day limit will soon apply to the Meadows.

**New trees:** 134 new trees planted this Feb/march. TP Suggested that the Cherry tree walks should be checked for gaps or replacement due to age. TP

**Free Advertising Drums:** it is not clear that the Advertising Co. running these is fulfilling its part of the agreement to keep the area of 50m around these drums free of fly posting and graffiti , Note any evidence of this ALL

- 9. Reports:**

- **SCNP & Scnp community safety:** AB/AW. Safety on the Meadows discussed; CCTV around the Pavilion rejected on grounds of cost, siting & tree shadows. Improved lighting and additional police patrols supported

- 10. Events: Tree lights Event:** to be continued at next meeting  
**Meadows Festival June 6, 7; Canal Festival June 27<sup>th</sup>**

- 11. AOCB** none!

**Next Meeting of TXCC :Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> April 2015 at 7pm**  
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