

Tollcross Community Council AGM 2015

Minutes of Meeting AGM on Wednesday 13 May 2015 at 7pm

Tollcross Community Education Centre 117 Fountainbridge

1. Welcome by Chair: **Paul Beswick**

2. Present & apologies for absence: Present: Paul Beswick (chair), Andrew Brough, Andy Devenport, Iain Black, Chris McGregor, Mary Neilson, Roger Colkett, Heather Goodare, Tim Puntis (Treasurer), Liz Summerfield, Ann Wigglesworth (Sec.), Michael Lister.

Public: Richard Allen, Andreas Wilhelm, Jane Grey, Kit Russell, **Apologies:** Nick Munro,

3. Minutes of the AGM 11.6. 2014. Acceptance & Matters arising

The minutes were accepted as correct with the change from almond to cherry trees (item 5). The meeting notes that the donation for replacement Cherry Trees was not needed as these had been replaced together with 120+ trees of various species.

4. Chair's Survey 2014 – 2015 (attached) Paul Beswick presented a record of the TXCC involvements for the last year. He noted that we had worked on many Planning issues but it was hard to have any effect on the Plans for large Developments, as the Fountainbridge Brewery site, when they had the approval of the CEC Planning Department. He thanked all Community Councillors for having worked hard to oppose certain planning proposals which were passed in spite of being against the CEC's own development guide lines. He also thanked Roger Colkett for bringing Licence Applications before TXCC for discussion and lodging any objections at the due time.

5. Treasurer's Report & Accounts 2014-15: Tim Puntis issued the spreadsheet for Income & Expenditure 23.5.14 – 2.4.15. **Balance 2.4.15 £2850.56**

It was agreed that the account would be formally written up, presented to Richard Allen for Inspection and returned to TXCC June meeting for discussion & acceptance.

6. Election of Office Bearers: Current Office bearers resigned as required by the constitution. Tim Puntis took the chair for the election of the Chair.

Chair: Paul Beswick agreed to stand again; proposed by Andy Devenport; seconded by Mary Neilson. No other nominations. **Paul Beswick** re-elected unanimously

Secretary: Ann Wigglesworth said she wished to resign. There was 1 nomination. **Andrew Brough** proposed by Michael Lister, seconded by Andy Devenport: elected unanimously

Treasurer: Tim Puntis agreed to stand again: proposed by Ann Wigglesworth; seconded by Chris McGregor. No other Nominations. **Tim Puntis** elected unanimously.

7. Representatives of Local Interest Groups: **Richard Allen** was co-opted to represent Fountainbridge Canal Initiative at TXCC. Some groups were willing to be associated with TXCC but do not wish to have a representative e.g. Barclay Viewforth Church, Central Hall, Lister Housing, Brandfield Residents Association.

8. Special Responsibilities:

Planning: Paul Beswick, Nick Munro **Licensing:** Roger Colkett **Webmaster:** Andrew Brough
Media: Liz Summerfield

9. TXCC reps on other bodies:

- **Neighbourhood Partnerships**
- **CCNP** Mary Neilson, Roger Colkett,
- **SCNP** Ann Wigglesworth
- **SWNP** Liz Summerfield, Andy Devenport
- **MABLAG** Chris Wigglesworth
- **Canal Steering group** Paul Beswick

Safer Neighbourhood Teams: **SC** Community Action Group: *Ann Wigglesworth, Heather Goodare.* **CC** Safer Neighbourhood Team: *Mary Neilson, Roger Colkett* **SW** Safer Neighbourhood Team: *Liz Summerfield, Andy Devenport.*

Edinburgh Association of Community Councils (EACC): *Andrew Brough; Roger Colkett*

Interest groups: **Active Living Action Group:** *Heather Goodare, Michael Lister* **HMOs:** *Paul Beswick, Chris McGregor* **Friends of the Meadows & Bruntsfield links:** *Heather Goodare & 6 other members* **Fountainbridge Canal Initiative:** *Liz Summerfield, Andy Devenport & others.*

We also welcome new Community Councillor **Iain Black**. **Michael Lister** was co-opted to represent health for TXCC, both of them elected earlier in the year.

10. Monthly meetings: Location, Time & Frequency: No suitable alternatives in the area. Fire station Board room could only be in day time. The meeting undertook to look at changing the meeting to the last Wednesday of the month at the June meeting, but for now Agreed to continue with the Second Wednesday of the month, except for July, 7- 9pm at the Community Centre 117 Fountainbridge.

11. AOCB none taken.

Report from the Chair, TXCC 2014-2015 The year at a glance. PB 13.05.15

We should be proud of what we have managed in 11 months since the last AGM with the small group that we are. As chairman, I would like to thank all our members for their hard work. I won't give the details but just summarise some of our activities.

1. Representing Tollcross on;

SCNP, SWNP, CCNP

Health and Wellbeing (SCNP sub group)

Edinburgh Health Forum

Alcohol Focus Scotland

Meadows & Bruntsfield Links Advisory Group (MBLAG)

Safer Neighbourhood Teams

HMO subgroup (SCNP sub group)

TX Community Centre Management Committee

EACC

Planning Democracy meetings

Short let properties; incl party flats

Meetings on local economy

2. We have also been involved in consultations on the Strategic Development Plan, The City Centre Southern Arc Area Development Framework, New Council Planning Guidance, cycling routes, meadows activities, Public Toilets, 20mph, police priorities, planning management, CEC budget consultation, Overprovision and zoning of licensed premises, Student residences in the city, Fountainbridge Green, PANs on Bingo Hall, Quartermile, New flats at Springside, Canal developments- EDI., Skyparks.

3. We have engaged with the Police, Environmental wardens, our Councillors, CEC on: Road Repairs; especially potholes; Trade Waste Bins; Street Lighting; the Neighbourhood Partnership Teams, EUSA, Gardner's Crescent Residents Association, Brandfield St. Residents, West Tollcross Residents, Developers, local churches, Fountainbridge Canalside Initiative, various concerned members of the public.

4. We organised the Christmas Tree Lights Event, and had an input to the Canal and/Meadows Festivals

5. Planning and Licensing: We have been active in Planning and Licensing matters, seeing the new planning regime introduced and making representations on planning applications – some large, like the master plan, Boroughmuir School, Student Flats, Lothian House, Wetherspoons, and some small, like more hot food shops. We have seen some lively debates on licensing issues.

7. Some of the issues that have exercised us have been short stay flats/hen nights graffiti, barbecues, HMOs, TX retail, the Thornybauk Recycling site, trees, recycling, statutory repairs,

road & pavement repairs, street cleaning, Long Events on the Meadows, Licensing and Planning covered in 5 &6.

8. We identified a need for greater public recognition of & involvement with TXCC and we now have a successful website and twitter account and will soon have our own notice board.

9. Our finances are on a sound footing.

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