

Tollcross Community Council

Minutes of Meeting on Wednesday 13 May 2015 at 7.45pm

Tollcross Community Education Centre 117 Fountainbridge

1. Welcome and Apologies: Present: Paul Beswick (Chair), Andrew Brough (Secretary), Tim Puntis (Treasurer), Mary Neilson, Ann Wigglesworth, Heather Goodare, Chris McGregor, Roger Colkett, Liz Summerfield, Andrew Devenport, Richard Allen (co-opted from AGM); Iain Black, Michael Lister. **City of Edinburgh Councillors:** none. **MSPs:** none. **Police:** PC Leon Malinowski. **Public:** Andreas Wilhelm, Jane Gray, Kit Russell.

Apologies: Nick Munro. Cllrs Rankin, Key, Mowat, Burns.

2. Minutes of Meeting on 8 April 2015: The Minutes were accepted as correct.

2.1 Matters arising: Public Conveniences: HG stated that as those at the top of MMW are not accessible to wheel chairs, CEC may close these. CEC states fall in user numbers but this would be caused by the closure for repairs etc. AW confirmed that the original Planning permission was given provided the Developers maintained these.

Lauriston Place Road re-surfacing: Cllr Mowat (e-mail) replied that it was difficult to find a time that could suit everyone. She sympathised with residents who had been disturbed for so long.

3. Police matters: PB welcomed PC Malinowski, who reported that **house-breakings** in certain districts were on the increase with car-keys being stolen from within properties. The cars stolen were generally recovered in other parts of the city. In order to advise the public on security matters, the police are holding security events on social media, eg Twitter.

PC Malinowski reported that the use of new psycho-active substances was continuing to cause concern; that there was a temporary banning order on some of the substances, and that users were gaining access to tenements through broken front doors.

CMcG and AD asked if PC Malinowski could circulate a notice around Tollcross highlighting these security issues.

PC Malinowski also reported that a new cycle path is opening from the Meadows to St Leonards and beyond, and that resources permitting, the police would be using this facility more often.

ACTION: PC MALINOWSKI TO CIRCULATE A NOTICE

4. Planning: PB referred to the proposed development at **King's Stables Road**, and advised there would be public exhibitions on 17 and June at 8 – 20 King's Stables Road from 3pm-8pm, and again during week commencing 5 October. **Central Hall Cafe** (on corner of the property) application for change of use. Dependant on provision of facilities for cafe use. **The Picture House, Lothian Rd:** planning permission given for change of use; application for Alcohol Licence still to be made.

ACTION: ALL COMMUNITY COUNCILLORS ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND THESE PUBLIC EXHIBITIONS

5. Councillors' Comments and Questions: There being no Councillors present, Roger Colkett reported on the unsatisfactory response he had from council officials about the roadworks at

Lauriston Place and which seemed to confirm that the arrangement did put contractors' interests before those of residents.

6. Licensing: RC asked Licensing about the application for second hand dealer's licence at 72 West Port and they replied that it was for second hand books (as we had assumed); so no need to object. RC also commented on two liquor licence applications that was circulated to TXCC on 6th May and the meeting confirmed my assumption that, nobody having expressed any reason for objecting, TXCC would not be objecting.

Regarding the two displayed late hours catering licence applications (One at Concorde Fish Bar and Anatolian) RC noted that he had emailed Licensing for clarification.

7. Events

7.1 Tree Lights: this matter was discussed briefly, and it was resolved to set up a sub-committee to proceed with this.

ACTION: SUB-GROUP TO BE SET UP, CONSISTING OF AB, AD, AW, IB AND ML

7.2 Publicity sub-group: AD presented an update to his paper on TXCC Publicity with a sub-group to be formed to take forward these ideas to commission and purchase various publicity items.

ACTION: A COMMUNICATIONS SUB-GROUP WAS SET UP TO MEET ON 19/05, CONSISTING OF AD, MN, AB, TP, LS AND AW. TP TO CHAIR

7.3 Meadows Festival Stall: Volunteers were requested to staff the TXCC Stall. AB, Chris McG, MN, RC, AW volunteered with the rota to be circulated via email.

7.4 Canal Festival Stall: Event to be discussed at the June meeting

8. Minutes Secretary: Further to Andrew Brough's paper and Paul Beswick's written response to it, Ann Wigglesworth reported that she had contacted the Volunteer Centre. It is hoped that a paid or volunteer minute secretary will be in post in time for the August meeting.

9. AOCB: TP reported that Lower Gilmore Place is a much used Road with very poor pavements. Wheel chair users, cyclists, pedestrians, prams, young children & cars are all using the road due to the bad state of the pavements. This is not a safe situation. TP to report to SWNP/Roads department.

Roger Colkett mentioned the Mobility-Mood-Place research project set up for the over-65s. Roger also mentioned the Planning Democracy workshop day in Glasgow that he and Paul Beswick attended.

Date of next meeting: Wednesday 10 June 2015 at 7pm, Tollcross Community Centre