

Tollcross Community Council Notice of Meeting and Agenda

February 24th 2016

7pm Tollcross Community centre
Room 4

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Tollcross Community Council

Agenda February 24th 2016 7pm

Tollcross Community Education Centre 117 Fountainbridge

1. **Welcome & apologies** – Additional Agenda items.
2. **Police matters** – With local community Police Officers.
3. **Minutes 27th January 2015** – Acceptance & Matters arising.
4. **TCAN** - Introduction to Tollcross Action Network - **Pamela Lyall**.
5. **Local Matters.**
 - a. **Edinburgh CCTV** – City wide CCTV upgrade – **DL**.
 - b. **Nari Kalyan Shangho** - funding – **AW**.
 - c. **Recycling Bins** – Issues and problems – **IB**.
 - d. **Spring Fling** – Having a Stall at the event for over 50's – **LS**.
 - e. **South Central Decides** – Participatory Budgeting – **AB**.
 - f. **Meadows Festival** – Funding options – **LS**.
 - g. **MABLAG** – Change of Remit – **AB**.
 - h. **Communications sub group** – Report and projects options – **TP**.
 - i. **Representation on South Central Active Living Action Group** – **RC**.
6. **Councillors' Comments & Questions.**
7. **Planning** – **PB**.
8. **Licensing** – **RC**.
9. **Reports in addition to those written.**
10. **AOCB**

Next meeting: March 30th 2016 7pm at Tollcross Community Centre

Tollcross Community Council

Minutes of Meeting on Wednesday 27 January 2016 at 7pm
Tollcross Community Education Centre, 117 Fountainbridge

1. Welcome and Apologies

Present: Paul Beswick (Chair), Andrew Brough (Secretary), Tim Puntis (Treasurer), Iain Black, Roger Colkett, Andy Devenport, Heather Goodare, Michael Lister, Chris McGregor, Liz Summerfield, Ann Wigglesworth. **Police:** PC Jamie Baillie. **CEC Councillors:** Gavin Corbett, Joanna Mowat. **Members of the public:** Simon Byrom, Wendy Hebard, David Liddle, Mary Neilson, Sheila Nicol, Tom Nicol, Maggie Scobbie, Neil Simpson. **Apologies:** Richard Allen, Nick Munro, Chris Wigglesworth. Cllrs Burns, Howatt, Key, Main, Rankin. PC Sacha Ponniah, St Leonards, PC Simon Wotton, Oxfangs. Sarah Boyack, MSP

Paul Beswick welcomed everyone to the first meeting of 2016 and asked for any additional items for the Agenda.

- a. David Liddle – CCTV
- b. Ann Wigglesworth – South Asian Women’s Group
- c. Iain Black – recycling bins

2. Police matters –

PC Jamie Baillie from the Wester Hailes office introduced himself and gave a break-down of crime figures from 1st December 2015. He explained that in relation to other areas in the city, the figures were not a cause for pessimism. There had been 8 shoplifting offences, 1 detected, 7 outstanding; 18 reports of thefts; 1 allegation of rape (falsely alleged); 11 reports of house break-ins, with 1 having been detected; 1 account of fraud; 7 bail offences; several thefts of push-bikes, concerning which he was of the view that the resurrection of the Bike Register would help recovery and identification; 4 sexual offences relating to the internet/social media which were now in the court system. He also mentioned public order issues surrounding licensed premises in the area, where there continued to be assaults linked to alcohol consumption, and that licenses were constantly under scrutiny by the police.

In response to questions about alcohol and driving offences, PC Baillie said that there had been no recorded incidents over the Christmas period in the immediate area; on the question of the monitoring of the new 20MPH system particularly at night, PC Baillie explained that resources were insufficient to allow this to be monitored.

3. Minutes of Meeting of 25 November 2015 – Acceptance & Matters arising – the minutes of the meeting of 25 November were accepted, subject to one correction:

“Item 8 – Licensing – Roger Colkett reported that there were no substantive new applications, but only applications relating to change in off-licence opening hours to allow access for children to such premises” to read: **“Licensing –** Roger Colkett reported that there were no substantive new applications, but only applications relating to change in off-licence opening hours or to allow access for children to such premises.”

4. Car Parking – the presentation by Alan Cran on CEC changes to Sunday/evening parking charges had to be postponed.

There followed a general discussion on the consultation process and the perceived lack of publicity surrounding the consultation; it was felt that the proposed changes were mean and punitive, especially on Sundays, and constituted a niggardly tax.

Cllr Mowat explained that the report of the consultation will be presented to the Transport and Environment Committee in mid-March, and that any changes will be subject to a statutory consultation process.

ACTION: Cllr Mowat to email all Community Councils with further information about this, once it becomes available.

5: Local matters

a. Funding application to SCNP – Andrew Brough explained that the application had been turned down. Following a brief discussion, it was decided to submit a re-positioned application.

ACTION: Paul Beswick and Andy Devenport to liaise over a fresh application for submission prior to the 14 March meeting of SCNP.

b. Future of Edinburgh Canal Society – Andy Devenport outlined the current situation in which the ECS found itself and the uncertain future it faces.

ACTION: Gavin Corbett and Andy Devenport to arrange a meeting to discuss the issues and options, with the possible involvement of FCI.

c. Closure of Lauriston Fire Museum – Liz Summerfield summarised her report (see her previously circulated email of 26 January 2016). Following discussion of various issues, it was decided that the Chair and Secretary should write to the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service and to the City of Edinburgh Council to express the concern of the TXCC about the future of the Museum.

ACTION: Paul Beswick and Andrew Brought to write to SFRS and CEC.

d. Winterfest – Andrew Brough reported on the great success of the Winterfest which had attracted between 300-400 visitors and had been attended by all of the Community Councillors. As the site will not be available next Winter, it was wondered whether it would be better for TXCC to concentrate its efforts on the 2016 Meadows' Festival and/or the Canalside Festival (provisional date 18 June).

ACTION: to be discussed at a future meeting.

e. Street Audit – Roger Colkett reported that John Berry of CEC had not responded satisfactorily to the report submitted by David Hunter who had carried out the street audit on behalf of Living Streets. Cllr Mowat suggested that Roger write to both John Berry and to the new Director of Place, Paul Lawrence at CEC.

ACTION: Roger Colkett to write to John Berry and Paul Lawrence.

f. Sounding Board – it was noted that Richard Allen had circulated a paper about this initiative.

g. Edinburgh Equalities and Rights Network – Tim Puntis gave a short presentation about the network and its intersectional nature, and was nominated to represent TXCC at this forum.

6. Councillors' Comments & Questions – both Cllrs Corbett and Mowat reported briefly on planning and development matters on the various Fountainbridge sites, and there followed a lively, discussion on a range of concerns, including the mix (and absence of mix) of housing; the general questions of quality and uniformity of design; the hamstringing of the Council when faced with the guiding principle of the Scottish Government and its 'presumption in favour of development'; the current imbalance in the planning system; irresponsible landlord behaviour; the new management system as it relates to letting (as opposed to a new system of housing planning and development); the area masterplans which profess a commitment to the social end of things, but which never deliver; community empowerment and planning; and the importance of community councils to establish links to discuss planning issues in particular.

In response to the suggestion from Simon Byrom that community councils establish such links, Liz Summerfield pointed out that she had been making approaches to neighbouring community councils and other local groups to this end, but that difficulties had emerged where community councils may be interested in participating in joint discussions, this had not been translated into action.

7. Planning – Paul Beswick updated the meeting on the following:

a. Proposed students residence, Dundee Street (Victor Paris) – objection has been submitted on behalf of TXCC.

b. Sky Parks site at 150 Morrison Street (including Chuckie Pend and Festival Square, Application 09/01314/FUL) – permission granted.

c. Student Residences at Buccleuch Street – permission granted.

d. Railings/garden at 3 Panmure Place – a CEC decision about the application to convert the pavement into a garden is still to be made, but it is presumed that the Council will not approve this.

e. King's Stables Road (Application 15/05715/FUL) – the deadline for submitting objections has been extended to 8 February, and all community councillors have been urged to submit their objections via the CEC portal or to the official handling the application: elaine.watson@edinburgh.gov.uk – Objection to Planning (King's Stables Road) 15/05715/FUL. Members of the Old Town Community Council and the Old Town Development Trust spoke to the matters of this application and the implications for the local area were this application to be successful. Wendy Hebard asked for it to be minuted that she was very grateful to Paul Beswick for his draft letter of objection on behalf of TXCC and welcomed the support of TXCC.

f. Hotel at 194 Fountainbridge (Application 13/01405/FUL) – permission granted for this 181-bed hotel.

8. Licensing – nothing controversial to report.

9. Reports in addition to those written – none

10 AOCB –

Given the need to close the meeting by 9pm, it was agreed to hold over David Liddle's item on CCTV and Iain Black's item on recycling bins until the next meeting.

Ann Wigglesworth mentioned the impending withdrawal of CEC funding from the South Asian Women's Group and was advised by Cllr Corbett to write to the Council to ask if they might be able to provide the Group with some detailed information about their decision and to suggest other possible sources of funding.

ACTION: Ann Wigglesworth to liaise with Paul Beswick and Andrew Brough over the drafting of a letter to CEC.

Heather Goodare – following the intimation of Heather's decision to stand down as a community councillor, Paul Beswick took the opportunity to pay tribute to Heather for the important contributions that she has made to the TXCC over many years. In particular, he mentioned the work that Heather has done in relation to Health, the Meadows and to Environmental issues (not least including bicycles and bins!) and he held up Heather as a remarkably good example of local activism. Paul thanked Heather for her attendance at meetings and for her support as a community councillor, and looked forward to welcoming her at future community council meetings as a member of the public.

Heather graciously replied by thanking Paul for his kind words and reminding the meeting that the Edinburgh Health Forum, which she chairs, is looking for funding and the use of a room for their bi-monthly meetings, and that if anyone on the Community Council could assist with suggestions about these matters, then please to contact her.

The meeting closed at 9pm.

Date of next meeting: Wednesday 24 February 2016 at 7pm, Tollcross Community Centre

Reports

Participatory Budgeting SCNP
Licensing Forum
EACC Meeting
Council reply to Tollcross streets audit
MABLAG Minutes

South Centra£ Decides - participatory budgeting event meeting – 3rd February 2016

The second meeting of the PB group met to decide on many of the practical issues for the South Central Neighbourhood Partnership Participatory Budgeting event. The event was confirmed for **30th April in the Methodist Church Hall, 25 Nicolson Square**, between 11 am and 3pm. The papers and applications forms for grants, deadlines and how the voting day will work, are available on the SCNP website at:

<http://www.edinburghnp.org.uk/neighbourhood-partnerships/south-central/what's-on/south-centra£-decides-saturday,-30th-april/>

There are three pots of money, including **Community Grants, Housing Revenue Fund** and **Roads Capital**. All of which have slightly different rules to what can be applied for as grants, explained on the website. Also SCNP managed to get matched funding for the Community Grants pot from the Scottish Government so rather than £12,000 we now have £24,000 which is great!

We are looking for people to get the word out at various meetings or to groups people know in the South Centre area. Participatory Budgeting works by locals applying for money and local deciding who gets that money effectively – *Voice your choice*. It is also great for small groups in the area to apply for funding out of the Community Grants, which can support small projects with funds of up to £2,500. We are looking for **volunteers** to help on day, and more details will be coming soon.

Andrew Brough

Licensing Forum 19th January 2016

Present: Rosaleen Harley (RH) (Convenor), John Loudon (JL) (Former Convenor), John Lee, Norman Tinlin, Peter Swanston (PS), John Murphy, Chris Wigglesworth (CW), Dennis Williams (DW), Jim Sherval, Penny Richardson (PR), Bridget Stevens (BS), Graeme Arnott, Marshall Bain, Kenneth Fairgrieve (KF), Urte Macikene (UM). **In attendance:** Nicholas Fraser (NF), Isla Burton (IB), Cllr Chas Booth (CB), Sgt John Young (JY) **Apologies:** Sam Piacentini, Robin Morris, Alison Magill, James Nicholson, Inspector Dianne Bruce.

Agenda

1. **Apologies** - Please see above. Forum also noted that Alison Magill has tendered her resignation to the Forum. The Forum expressed its thanks and best wishes for the future.
2. **Minutes of Last Meeting** – PR raised issues with wording of previous minutes, in particular that the New Town & Broughton CC do not oppose live music but ask that it be implemented properly. PR wanted to raise the low number of noise complaints with LSOs to report on figures. BS asked whether the MIA working group could be formed. CB stated that his proposal of a working group was to bring CCs and MIA group together. JL recommended waiting until Board issue consultation, with NF confirming that Board will consult if a change to policy is proposed.

NF also stated that there was no guarantee how wide Board consultation would be. JL confirmed that Board would have to explain itself if no consultation occurs.

3. **Appointment of Convenor** – JL explained that his tenure as Convenor had finished and asked not to be considered for re-election as he wished to withdraw from Forum. JL will however make himself available if required by Andrew Mitchell. JL recommended RH as Convenor. RH gave description of her background and experience on Forum. DW seconded and appointment was agreed.
4. **Re-appointment to Forum** – PR explained that she knows of interested parties in available positions West & East CCs. Will be considered in the coming year. PR to send details of interested party to IB.
5. **Matters Arising** – Andrew Mitchell to consider how changes to locality plans will affect representation.
6. **Standing Item – Report from Licensing Inspector continued from last meeting** – JY gave an update on police report on behalf of Inspector Bruce. JY also intimated that he would be able to get any further information as and when required.
7. **Thoughts for what the Forum might consider in 2016** – JY asked Forum to consider meeting the Community Alcohol Partnership from Portobello, which was agreed. DW asked Forum to look at over provision. CW seconded this and also asked Forum to look at Areas of Special Concern and off-sales. JS asked when Forum will need input from NHS regarding over provision. RH stated policy is due to be reviewed this November, however noted that new Air Weapons & Licensing (Scotland) Act commencement orders may affect this. NF confirmed this. UM asked Forum to consider sexual harassment in licensed premises. PS asked that Forum consider over provision and issue of BYOB premises. JL stated that this would be difficult and would have to approach local MSP. JS stated H&S Partnership can look at issue. NT raised issue of Board minutes not being up-to date. NF confirmed he would ask for this to be sorted. JS raised issues of over provision, alcohol impact on Edinburgh and protection of children – will liaise with IB. PR asked for Forum to have a review of its work in 2015 and construction of over provision maps which show complaints and emergency services calls. PR asked for number of applications, how many were on & off sales and how many are approved to be put on website. NF confirmed this was being addressed. PR asked for copies of applications to be placed online. NF confirmed this was being considered but certain issues would need to be addressed. BS asked for over-provision to be considered. MB asked for Forum to consider off sales and in particular off sales from supermarket chains. JL said that he had been impressed with the Safezone Bus and hoped that more could be done to support it.
8. **AOCB** – NF reported on number of Occasional applications over festive period. 67 granted with 6 late and late reasons explained. NF also summarised conditions that were attached to grant of a licence.
9. **DONM** – Wednesday, 13th April 2016 at 10am (Diamond Jubilee Room, City Chambers).

Council Minute of the meeting

EACC Meeting - 11th February 2016 -7pm in the European Room, City Chambers

The main item on the agenda was a talk on an integrated approach to development planning by Paul Lawrence, City of Edinburgh Council, Executive Director of Place. However, his main points were:

- The Executive Director of Place is one of three executive directors and his remit was to manage areas like planning, roads, infrastructure etc. The other 2 directors were for finance and social (education, social care etc.). i.e. 3 areas – things, finance and people. He explained his remit and the difficult financial situation.
- He was new to the job and still learning about Edinburgh.
- He explained a bit about planning; community planning and the new council strategy to organise services within 4 localities (the new localities model).

A short talk was given about the South Queensferry model of community planning.

Some discussion followed but could hardly be described as lively.

Further items on the agenda were:

- The format of future meetings vs the format of past meetings and what topics we should have for possible Saturday meetings.
- Approving the minutes (which were not available) of the last meeting.
- The next meeting is 28.4 16.

Paul Beswick

Communications sub-group Friday 12th February.

Attendees: LS, TP (Chair), AB, AD,

Agenda: There was no formal agenda at the start of the meeting, however topics covered were-

Flag Banners: Failed application to NP for funds for a display banner and Newsletter for TXCC

The production of flag banners, already agreed by full TXCC, is now at the point where the final production can be sought. TP agreed to go ahead with that.

The rejection of an application for funding for a large display banner by the Neighborhood Partnership was noted. AD will seek further information about this, but it was implicit we would not apply for funding via the Neighborhood Partnership for this display banner again.

LS agreed to produce a 'mock-up' of a 2 x A4 sheet newsletter for TXCC, and indicated that it would be ready in March. The meeting expressed the hope that this effort would be good experience for gauging future plans for a regular newsletter for TXCC.

No date has been agreed on for the next meeting, but would be before the next TXCC meeting in March.

Tim Puntis.

Edinburgh Active Citizenship Group – Seminar Wednesday 17th Feb. 2016

Who owns Scotland? Who owns Edinburgh? Why Land Reform Matters.

This was a lively and very well-attended event (on my estimation about 100 people). After a twenty-minute talk by Andy Wightman we were split into small groups to discuss the subject and then a representative of each group summarised the main thoughts and questions raised. Andy Wightman responded to the comments and questions and this gave rise to further comments and discussion.

It was a stimulating experience for me and seemingly for everybody else there. The main message I took away from the evening was that we need to interrogate the upcoming Scottish election candidates (both constituency and list) regarding their views on land reform, transparency of land ownership, tenants' security of tenure and rent controls. And, no I'm not a member of the Scottish Greens.

Roger Colkett. (Roger attends Edinburgh Active Citizenship Group, but does not represent TXCC on it).

JAWBONE WALK AND CORONATION WALK - 17 February 2016

As many of you will be aware the Jawbone structure was removed from the Meadows site in April 2015 to allow for remedial works to be undertaken. During that time Jawbone Walk was closed for safety reasons.

Since that time the bones have undertaken treatment works to allow for them to be constructed once again. The bones are nearing the point where they can once again be placed back onto the well known landmark within Edinburgh's Largest Premier Park.

Before this can happen there is to be, through the additional £50K Capital allocation provided to each Electoral Ward and selected by the community, a reconstruction of the footway area from the start of the Jawbone Walk at Melville Drive to the junction split at Coronation Walk. This will enhance the Jawbones structure area as ground lighting is also to be added to this.

Further as part of this project, the footway of Coronation Walk will be re-laid in its entirety to the junction where it meets North Meadow Walk.

In conjunction with this project the entrance area fence line at Jawbone Walk will be realigned to provide an enhanced feature to the Jawbones. As part of this and following inspection of the tree by the Forestry Manager one old cherry trees will be removed from within the garden area and replaced with two new ones placed at strategic points within the garden area. The tree is showing signs of disease and decay and to save any damage in the future it was agreed to remove this.

I can confirm that over several meetings with the Edinburgh World Heritage Trust, the Council's, Forestry Manager, Parks Officials, Roads Officials and our intended contractors, all aspects of the construction phase have been considered, in ensuring minimum disruption to current tree stocks and roots, cabling and lighting, utility services, construction methods and ground damage limitation. However, It should be noted that during this construction phase there will be times when certain areas of both the Jawbone Walk and Coronation Walk footways will be closed to the public.

Diversion routes through the park will signposted and information will be posted on the site explaining the reason for the construction works.

The start of these works will take place from Monday **22 February 2016** and will last for around 4-6 weeks.

There is no specific date yet for the construction of the bones and this will be provided once it is known, but should follow soon after the construction works are completed.

I trust this information provides some reassurance that all aspects of the works being undertaken have been covered as best possible.

David Doig, South Neighbourhood Service Manager – Environment

Sarah Burns South Partnership Manager SCNP replies to the **Tollcross Street Audit**

Many thanks for your report dated October 2015 which provides a constructive and insightful view of improvements that could be delivered in the Tollcross area to improve the walking environment. As Neighbourhood Manager for the South Neighbourhood I have been asked to respond on behalf of the Council.

May I firstly offer my most sincere apologies for the delay in responding to your report. I know that you had a walkabout on site with a number of Council officers on 27 October 2015 which I hope you found constructive, indeed my local Neighbourhood team took part in that walkabout represented by Kathy Evans, our local Community Safety Manager.

Your report highlights a wide range of issues and makes many recommendations, some of which are specific actions which can be taken forward in isolation, but most of which I'm sure you will agree requires a more strategic and comprehensive approach which would also include taking cognisance of relevant strategies and plans such as the Active Travel Action Plan and the Edinburgh Street Design Guidance, as referenced in your report.

There is capital funding identified for the Tollcross area in 16/17 to provide footway and carriageway improvements and we anticipate that we will be able to address some of the issues raised in your report through delivery of those improvements. I would be happy for our team to share more detail with you on this when we are in the early stages of planning this work.

With regards to the Tollcross junction, it is generally accepted that this would benefit from a major review of its layout and infrastructure. This would require significant investment, and unfortunately at this time there is no funds identified to deliver this. We will however continue to seek ways that improvements can be delivered through the funds and resources that are available.

I have attached a note which lists all of your recommendations with our initial comments noted against each. I appreciate many of these require further discussion and I'd be happy to organise a meeting with relevant officers from Transport, Planning and our local Roads team to have a wider discussion about the findings and recommendations in your report if that would be helpful.

Kind regards

Sarah Burns

MABLAG Minutes 16th November DRAFT

Present:

Chris Wigglesworth	(CW)	Tollcross CC (Chair)	CW
Mike Shields	(MS)	South Community Parks Officer	MS
Alex Mann	(AM)	Friends of the Meadows	AM
Gareth Thomas	(GT)	ESDO (Minutes)	GT
Jim Orr	(JO)	Local Councillor	JO
Alison Service	(AS)	Marchmont Sciennes Community Council	AS
Melanie Main	(MM)	Local Councillor	MM
Bridget Stevens	(BS)	Merchiston Community Council	BS
David Doig	(DD)	Service Manager – Environment (South)	DD
Bob Hodgart	(BP)	Southside Association (Southside CC)	BH

Apologies:

Linda Hendry	Southside Association
Robin Morris	Merchiston CC
Heather Goodare	Friends of the Meadows
Melanie Main	Local Councillor

Item	Detail	Action
0	Chris Wigglesworth welcomed everyone to the meeting.	
1	Apologies from meeting – 22 February 2016 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Apologies were noted 	
2&3	Minutes/Actions from 16 November 2015 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Minutes agreed as accurate by group. <p>AOB: F) Responsible BBQ Notices/Leaflets ‘No BBQ’ signs are currently being manufactured and will be available for installation in early 2016. Will be installed around Bruntsfield Links, Short Hole Golf Course.</p> <p>Potential Closure of toilets within M&BL No updates at present. Will be circulated as information becomes available.</p>	MS
AOB	Edinburgh Leisure Edinburgh Leisure attended meeting on request of MABLAG. Meadows Cricket Pavilion and Café Falls within the Sports Pitches section and the Tennis Courts and Café are managed by Craiglochart Tennis Courts section.	

	<p>Although the Cricket Pavilion is owned by CEC, the maintenance is undertaken by Edinburgh Leisure. A schedule of works is in place to ensure it is wind and watertight.</p> <p>It was highlighted that Edinburgh Leisure have a maintenance budget, however there is no additional money available for enhancements to the pavilion. It was requested that MABLAG get sight of the maintenance schedule for the Pavilion. This could be provided next time Edinburgh Leisure attends. In reference to maintenance; Wire was recently removed from the roof and intruder alarms have been fitted. Plumbing and drainage works have also been recently undertaken.</p> <p>The small area of standing water outside the pavilion is being addressed by CEC. Additional logs will also be placed to restrict vehicle movement and parking beside the pavilion.</p>	<p>MS</p>
<p>4</p>	<p>Future Remit of MABLAG (Review)</p> <p>Proposed Members</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community Council x 4 (MCC, MSCC, TXCC, SCC) • Friends Group x 1 (FOMBL) • Councillors x 2 (Rotated) • CEC Officers x 3 (Local Parks, Admin, Service Manager) <p>Parent council/School Board, Edinburgh University, Edinburgh Leisure and Environment (Parks) will be invited as required.</p> <p>Focus of Group:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Local Management Plan Development • Local Community Engagement • Meadows and Bruntsfield Links Events <p>Management Plan:</p> <p>Agreed that a reviewed and trimmed down version of the Meadows and Bruntsfield Links Management Plan could be used help focus group. Will be distributed at next meeting.</p> <p>Local Community Engagement:</p> <p>Initial contact to be made with Edinburgh University.</p> <p>Advisory Group:</p> <p>It was suggested that some local decisions could be made through this group. Examples could include; Location of any new trees, Addition of amenities (Outdoor Gym). Group may be able to apply for funding for community projects. It was suggested that Greenspace Scotland (Shopping Bag Fund) could be a possibility as it has an approximate fund of £9m.</p>	<p>MS</p> <p>DD</p>

	<p>A report will be presented to the next SCNP with outline of the new remit of the group and once agreed the new remit will be in place for future meeting of the group.</p>	
5	<p>Event Site Condition</p> <p>Pre-works were undertaken, including scarification and growth retardant. Following festival event further scarification and seeding was undertaken within a short timeframe and was followed with further treatment. Area recovered very quickly and process is regarded as a success.</p> <p>It was noted that a section went bald following the event, however it was highlighted that weather conditions and time of year can cause a delay in full recovery.</p> <p>The event site has a different soil type to the rest of M&BL (Sand and Loam) which sits on top of the new drainage. It was also noted that this area is used all year round for sports, training and recreation.</p>	
6	<p>Voluntary Project Work – Update and Future plans</p> <p>It was highlighted by the group that CEC welcomes all volunteer work in M&BL and recognises Heather Goodare for her work and producing the Volunteer Briefing documents.</p> <p>It was raised that there is possibly not enough recognition in official document for the work FOMBL undertake within M&BL. MS will meet with Heather Goodare to discuss how Park’s Quality Assessments are carried out.</p> <p>Appreciation of how the Parks and Green areas are maintained was voiced.</p> <p>AM – Leaf Clearance will be the main task for volunteers and noted that some areas are getting quick thick with leaves.</p> <p>MS – A large proportion of leaf fall is mulched and approx 35% of waste from the park is recycled.</p> <p>It was raised that not enough notification is given when free soil is available through the Recycling Team. It was highlighted that concerns should be raised through Waste Services FAO Justine Taylor, Waste Development Officer.</p>	
8	<p>A.O.B</p> <p>A) Tree Planting & Watering of Trees Current climate has been beneficial to newly planted trees. *A list of all new trees being planted has been requested and will be passed to group. List to be passed to Brian Harris when available. [*Awaiting progress]</p> <p>B) Bamboobelly No additional information.</p> <p>C) Outdoor Gym Opportunity for local community groups to gain fund grant through SCNP or other body.</p> <p>D) Cricket Pavilion Maintenance of Pavilion.</p>	DD, MS

	<p>Edinburgh Leisure has the responsibility to ensure properties are wind and water tight. Pavilion considered as being at that standard.</p> <p>E) Jawbone It has been proposed that the Jawbones be installed in early 2016 but will be weather dependant. This work could include an interpretation panel and up-lighting.</p> <p>F) Responsible BBQ Notices/Leaflets</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - It was raised that there is a desire for current Responsible Barbecue Signs (CoreX) to be reviewed. - 'No BBQ Area' signs on order and should be in place by early 2016. - Discussion has taken place between CEC and Fire Service. BBQ disposal bins will remain on site but lids will be removed and water will be added to retard the potential of fire. Currently two on site with plans to add additional frames with stencil signage. <p>G) Public Safety Street lighting demonstration has been organised for 26 November 2015. Will be re-scheduled if necessary.</p> <p>H) Festival Advertising Festival Advertising is managed through City Centre Team</p> <p>I) Future Events Gung Ho! – 5K run utilising large inflatable structures. 3 day site access, 1 day event. Artic Lorry will require access to site (16 June 2016).</p> <p>Meeting Closed: 4pm Next meeting Monday 22 February 2016, 2 - 4pm – Green Meeting Room 4.31 Provisional Dates: 2-4pm – Green Meeting Room 4.31 <i>16 May 2016 2pm</i></p>	<p>MABLAG MS</p>

Correspondences

Letter to Scottish Fire and Rescue Service re Museum of Fire
Reply from Scottish Fire and Rescue Service to above letter
Kings Stables Representation 15_05715_FUL
Letter regarding Nari Kalyan Shango

Letter to Scottish Fire and Rescue Service

Dear Alasdair Hay, Chief Officer, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service.

Tollcross Community Council and many local residents are concerned at the proposed sale of the historic Fire Station at Lauriston Place. This landmark museum is a source of pride for the people of Tollcross, and indeed, for the whole of Scotland, who would regret the loss of continuity of the fire station and now the museum.

The Museum of Fire holds a unique collection of historic fire engines and firefighting equipment, charting the history of Edinburgh's fire brigade by pioneer James Braidwood.

The Lauriston Place fire station, home of the museum, was built in 1900 and is an architectural gem of historical importance on its own. The fire station and the museum go hand in hand. Without the fire station, the collection is likely to be broken up and we would lose not only access to a beautiful fire station, but also to the collection being available to the public in one place. The fire station is also in close proximity to the original fire station in West Port.

While we all understand the pressures of reduced budgets for public services at this time, we believe that SFRS are being short sighted in selling the building, which would end the home of the Museum of Fire at the same time. The Museum of Fire, currently under-used and under-promoted as a historic and cultural focus, could be made into a major Edinburgh attraction with proper funding and with accreditation from Museums and Galleries Scotland. The museum is always a popular attraction during the weekend of Edinburgh Doors Open Days, an annual event that is well publicised, and in 2015 attracted over a thousand visitors each day to the Museum of Fire.

This would suggest that if the museum was more widely known through a sustainable source of funding for publicity and expansion of the museum, then the Museum of Fire could become a world-class museum, telling the story of James Braidwood, and would become a firm favourite on the Edinburgh museum scene. We should be proud of the fact that the world's first municipal fire service was started here in Edinburgh. Securing the future of the building and Museum of Fire together is of utmost importance at the moment and there is so little time left to bring alternative ideas to the table. As the local Community Council, we are asking SFRS for a brief pause in the timetable of the proposed sale, so that a meeting with all interested parties can be held to try and get an alternative plan together that would save the building and the museum for future generations and allow the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service to maintain its strategic goals.

We would appreciate your contacting us so that a dialogue can take place.

Yours sincerely,

Andrew Brough Secretary, Tollcross Community Council.

Reply from Scottish Fire and Rescue Service to above letter



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Dear Mr Brough

MUSEUM OF FIRE

Thank you for taking the time to write to me about the Museum of Fire in Edinburgh.

Our proud history and heritage has helped shape the very service that continues to ensure the safety of communities across Scotland. The contents of the museum exemplify that history and we are committed to retaining the assets within the city of Edinburgh – the acknowledged birthplace of Scotland's fire and rescue service.

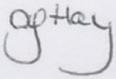
As true today as it was in 1824, when James Braidwood formed the first municipal fire service, our primary commitment must be to serve the people of Scotland. As part of our move to establish a modern, fit for purpose service we need to take considered decisions on the best use of the resources available to us. Following an extensive review, we will be releasing the building at Lauriston from our portfolio and moving to a purpose-built facility in Newbridge in the West of Edinburgh.

In conjunction with this decision, we have commenced a project which will manage the museum's relocation within Edinburgh. We are working closely with Scottish Government and City of Edinburgh Council to identify a suitable venue that will enhance the museum's legacy, and provide visitors with an engaging and enjoyable insight to our Fire Heritage.

The Scottish Fire and Rescue Service appreciates the work and dedication of our museum volunteers and we would welcome their involvement as we work towards identifying and developing the future home of the museum.

We will communicate our progress through a variety of channels, but be assured that the museum assets will remain an important part of both Edinburgh and the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service's history for years to come.

Yours sincerely



A G Hay
Chief Officer

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1 February 2016

World Heritage Site Old Town Conservation Area

Mixed use development comprising flats, student accommodation, hotel, arts facility and class 1, 2 and 3 uses, involving the erection of new buildings, alteration of existing buildings, partial demolition and change of use of ground floor of existing tenement building at 6, 8, 13, 15, 18-20, 21, 28 King's Stables Road 2 Lady Wynd Edinburgh EH1 2JY

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Dear Sir/ Madam,

Members of Tollcross Community Council would like to make the following comments on the proposal. We accept that this site is ripe for development but there are three major issues we would like to comment on; the mix of uses, the deviation from the development brief and the sensitivity of the site to overdevelopment and design criteria.

1. Mix of uses

The LDP has the central area zoned for mixed use which we support. This designation was presumably based upon its current and envisaged future mix of uses. A good central city area requires a wide variety of uses, including settled housing, for a healthy community. Unfortunately, developers only bring forward proposals which are the most profitable at the time. For some time now this profitability has been in developments for transient populations, such as student residences, hotels and apart-hotels. When only certain developments take place then the character and cohesion of the area will change. We were involved in the preparation of the development brief some years ago and a clear message at that time was that the development should have a large component of housing as there is an obvious need for housing and affordable housing in particular. This proposed development is for a large student

residence and a large hotel with a derisory number of housing units (28). Of these, half are single rooms which would probably end up as holiday lets.

We also bought into the idea that central Edinburgh and the World Heritage Site were enhanced by communities living and working within it rather than it being a theme park. Many recent developments and applications in our area have been for hotels, aparthotels and student residences. These uses make no contribution to a settled community for the area.

We feel that there is now an over concentration of student residences in this area. In fact there are fourteen residences and one pending application in our area with a total of 4156 places. All the applications stress the nearness of Edinburgh University (Art College) but most of Edinburgh's students study at some considerable distance away and residences should be nearer to where students' classes are. In fact, there are far more students living in this city centre locality than there are students studying in it. Most of the major campuses are a considerable distance away. It is disingenuous of developers to keep citing the same few university premises as a justification for more residences.

The proposal stresses community use and the provision of artisan studios and exhibition space. This gives an improved mix to the proposal, from the developer's view. However the same has been proposed in many major developments in our area and none has ever been delivered. There appears to be no mechanism to enforce the delivery of this type of facility and it must be clear by now to the development subcommittee, that these facilities are never delivered. A mechanism should be put in place to enforce their delivery.

The mix of uses on this site should be revised with the removal of student residences, a reduction in hotel space and the inclusion of much more housing.

2. The West Port/King's Stables Planning Brief

This is another example of where a planning brief would be abrogated by piecemeal developments. The brief was for a larger area than this development and suggested a boutique hotel and some student residences along with a good measure of housing. The owners of Argyll House appear to be interested in new offices. This proposal for a large hotel and student residence is moving the housing into the future. A series of developers in the city have employed this tactic so that housing, or affordable housing, in a development brief or master plan, is not delivered at all. It is essential that this development makes the proper contribution to housing need as envisaged in the Brief.

3. Sensitivity of the site

Not only is the site part of the World Heritage Site but it is adjacent to and very visible from what is probably Scotland's most important National Monument. Hindsight tells us that the ugly Argyle House should never have been built in this situation, so any reference to its scale and massing should not be considered. There is only one important neighbouring building and that is the castle. The scale and massing of the proposal are both too large for the site where views from the castle should look down on lesser buildings. And of course, the materials to be used must be sensitively chosen for this site. One attraction of the views that millions look down on from the castle is the Old Town skyline which is relatively low rise. This current skyline is formed with steep slate roofs with chimneys and stone gables. This form should be replicated and the proposal for very angular buildings with flat roofs is wholly inappropriate. The development should address the tenements and not overwhelm them. Blocky buildings of up to eight storeys will dominate the view. The relatively new housing on West Port was built to fit in with the Old Town skyline in both texture and shape. This development should do the same.

It may be that some of the buildings on the site are in poor condition. However, there are some historically important buildings and walls which fit in with the Old Town's heritage. These should be

examined with the possibility of incorporating them into the development, rather than simply demolishing them.

The King's Bridge which is A listed is also an important local landmark. Views of and through it should not be dominated by the largest building on the proposed development which dominates the setting of the bridge and blocks much of the skyline when looking through the bridge. Much more thought should be given to the setting and views of this bridge.

We ask that this proposal be rejected and hope that you will take our concerns seriously in considering this proposal.

Paul Beswick

Letter regarding Nari Kalyan Shango

07 February 2016

Dear Councillor Godzik,

We are writing about our concern at the abrupt withdrawal of council funding for the Nari Kalyan Shangho(NKS) facility in our area. This organisation runs the only minority ethnic project in the southwest of the city. It has had a major impact on helping to integrate south Asian communities and particularly women into the wider community. Furthermore it has done sterling work in integrating the different south Asian communities. Its work in childcare and health promotion has been well recognised and it has won charity and empowerment awards. Its activities and aims are exactly what we are being told relate to important government policies.

Such abrupt funding cessation will cause such a perturbation to its activities that many would have to cease. As a community, we value the work done by NKS and would seriously regret any disruption to its continuance.

We note that the third party grants were determined by paperwork alone and not a consideration of past knowledge and experience. It may be that seeking further information in this case is appropriate. We do understand the severe pressures on local councils but feel that considering costs and benefits, there is a strong case to continue funding, or at least negotiate some transitional funding to help the work continue. We hope that these concerns can be considered when the committee makes its decision.

Paul Beswick on behalf of Tollcross Community Council

Cc

Councillor Catherine Fullerton (Vice-Convener)

Councillor Elaine Aitken

Councillor Robert Aldridge

Councillor Norma Austin Hart

Councillor Mike Bridgman

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Councillor Alex Lunn

Councillor Melanie Main

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Councillor Vicki Redpath

Councillor Keith Robson

Councillor Jason Rust

Councillor Stefan Tymkewycz

Councillor Andrew Burns (ex officio)

Councillor Sandy Howat (ex officio)



Civic Forum Meeting - The next meeting of the Forum will be held on Tuesday 8 March 2016 at 4.30 – 6.30 pm in the Business Centre at the City Chambers

Dates for this year's meetings: 8 March 4.30 – 6.30pm, 7 June 6.00 pm, 6 September 6.00 pm, 6 December 4.00 pm

For more general information on the civic forum:
<http://www.cockburnassociation.org.uk/about-us/edinburgh-civic-forum/>



South Central £ Decides is an opportunity for local people to vote for projects that they want to see funded from local money. Those living in the South Central Neighbourhood Partnership area can vote and decide how three pots of money get distributed. These include:

1. Community Grants

This fund is available to any community or voluntary sector group – everything from the local Mother & Toddlers to a local Pipe Band (and everything else in between). A number of groups have applied for a grant and we need you to *Voice Your Choice* and tell us the projects you'd want funded. There is also still time if your group would like to apply for a grant – deadline: Friday March 25th. Ultimately, applications have to be for the benefit of South Central residents.

2. Roads Money

Several major roads and environmental improvement projects have been identified in the Neighbourhood Partnership area. We now need you to come along and *Voice Your Choice* and tell us which projects should be taken forward in the coming year.

3. Housing Money

A number of environmental improvements and landscaping projects have been identified in the South Central area. Examples include new fencing, installation of picnic areas, soft landscaping, civic art etc. We need you to *Voice Your Choice* and tell us the projects you want to see happen.

WHERE & WHEN:

**Methodist Church Hall
25 Nicolson Square, EH8 9BX
Saturday, 30th April 2016 from 11.00 am until 3.00 pm**

(Buses: 2, 3, 5, 7, 8, 14, 33, 37, 47, 48, 49)

**People from the projects will be there on the day to tell you more about themselves!
It will be great fun – so come along and *Voice Your Choice*!**

Information on all the projects will be placed on our website in advance of the event so that you can have a look but we really need you to turn up on the day and *Voice Your Choice*.

For further information, check out our website. <http://www.edinburghnp.org.uk/neighbourhood-partnerships/south-central/> or email margaret.campbell@edinburgh.gov.uk Tel: 0131-529 7182



South Central £ Decides

We have a deadline of 25th March for any community applications – after that it's about encouraging people to attend.

We have c£200,000 to allocate on the day, ie three separate funding streams, which is a first for the city and by far the largest amount that Edinburgh has distributed using a Participatory Budgeting approach.

We really need people to turn out on the day and vote so would appreciate your help in informing local people that this is their chance to have a say in how local money is spent.

More info here:

<http://www.edinburghnp.org.uk/neighbourhood-partnerships/south-central/what's-on/south-central-£-decides-saturday,-30th-april/>



Neighbourhood Partnership Meetings

CCNP – 3rd March 18.30 City Chambers
SCNP – 14th March 18.00 City Chambers

Tollcross Community Council Councillors: Paul Beswick, Iain Black, Andrew Brough, Roger Colkett, Andrew Devenport, Chris McGregor, Nick Munro, Tim Puntis, Liz Summerfield, Ann Wigglesworth.

Tollcross Community Council Office Bearers: Paul Beswick **Chair/Planning**, Andrew Brough **Secretary/EACC**, Roger Colkett **Licensing/EACC/CCNP**, Andrew Davenport **SWNP**, Nick Munro **Planning**, Tim Puntis **Treasurer/EARN**, Liz Summerfield **SWNP/Media Monitoring**, Ann Wigglesworth **SCNP**.

Co-Opted Members: Richard Allen **FCI**, Michael Lister **EHF**, Chris Wigglesworth **MABLAG**

Tollcross Councillors: **Ward 9 Fountainbridge/Craiglockhart** Andrew Burns (Lab) Gavin Corbett (Green) David Key (SNP) **Ward 10 Meadows/Morningside** Paul Godzik (Lab) Sandy Howat (SNP) Mark Mcinnes (Con) Melanie Main (Green) **Ward 11 City Centre** Karen Doren (Lab) Jonna Mowat (Con) Alasdair Rankin (SNP).

Tollcross MSP's: **Edinburgh Central** Marco Biagi (SNP) **Lothian Regional List** Sarah Boyack (Lab) **Lothian Regional List** Gavin Brown (Con) **Lothian Regional List** Cameron Buchanan (Con) **Lothian Regional List** Kezia Dugdale (Lab) **Lothian Regional List** Neil Findlay (Lab) **Lothian Regional List** Alison Johnstone (Green)

Tollcross MP's: **Edinburgh East** Tommy Sheppard (SNP) **Edinburgh South West** Joanna Cherry (SNP)

Abbreviations: **CCNP** – City Centre Neighbourhood Partnership. **EACC** – Edinburgh Association of Community Councils. **EHF** – Edinburgh Health Forum **EARN** – Equality and Rights Network **FCI** – Fountainbridge Canal Initiative. **MABLAG** – Meadows and Bruntsfield Links Advisory Group. **MP** – Member of Parliament **MSP** – Member of the Scottish Parliament **SCNP** – South Central Neighbourhood Partnership. **SWNP** – South West Neighbourhood Partnership.

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