



Tollcross Community Council Notice of Meeting and Agenda

August 31st 2016

7pm Tollcross Community centre
Room 4

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Tollcross Community Council

Agenda 31st August 2016 7pm

Tollcross Community Education Centre 117 Fountainbridge

1. **Welcome & apologies** – Additional Agenda items.
2. **Police matters** – With local community officers.
3. **Minutes 29th June 2016** – Acceptance & Matters arising.
4. **Local Matters.**
 - a. **Community Council Election** - AB
 - b. **Banking Resolution** – PB
 - c. **Graffiti** - AW
5. **Councillors' Comments & Questions.**
 - a. **Recycling Bin issues** – LS.
6. **Planning** – PB.
7. **Licensing** – RC.
8. **Reports in addition to those written.**
9. **AOCB**

**Next Meeting: 28th September 2016 7.00pm,
Tollcross Community Centre.**

Tollcross Community Council

**Minutes of Meeting of Wednesday 29 June 2016 at 7pm
Tollcross Community Education Centre, 117 Fountainbridge**

1. Welcome and Apologies –

Present: Paul Beswick (Chair), Andrew Brough (Secretary), Richard Allen, Iain Black, Roger Colkett, Andy Devenport, Michael Lister, Chris McGregor, Liz Summerfield, Ann Wigglesworth.

Police: PC Pennycook (Oxgangs), PC Wotton (Oxgangs), PC Leavy (St Leonards). **Members of the public:** one member of the public. **Apologies:** David Liddle, Nick Munro, Tim Puntis; PC Ponniah (St Leonards); Cllr Andrew Burns.

Paul Beswick welcomed everyone to the meeting, reminding us that there would be no meeting in July, and asked for any additional items for the agenda. (See AOCB).

2. Police Matters – PC Pennycook presented a short report on crime statistics for the Tollcross end of Ward 9 for the month of May. The figures referred to violent crimes, house break-ins, minor assaults, thefts (including motor vehicles), and road safety issues. While there had been a total of 84 crimes recorded, this represented a decrease of 20% compared to the same period last year; crime was falling and solvency rates were increasing, and this downward trend was encouraging. In relation to recent instances of card snagging and capture devices discovered at local ATMs, PC Pennycook reminded members of the simple expedient of shielding one's pin number.

PC Leavy, substituting for PC Ponniah who had absconded to London, (Court 2, Wimbledon), reported that the crime figures for May (144 in total) were down by 11% compared to the same period in 2015. In relation to house break-ins, PC Leavy reported that patrolling and localised plain-clothes teams remained a priority to combat such crimes, and that a crime prevention campaign in relation to car thefts was ongoing. It was reported that the St Leonards office had provided the Meadows Festival with officers (including two from the mounted division) and that the event provided the Police with a great opportunity for community engagement; and that in response to the continuing issue of bicycle thefts in the area, the security marking scheme was still available to cyclists at Fettes.

PC Pennycook also mentioned the changing role of community policing across the city, the introduction of which would begin in September. These changes would prioritise community engagement and there would continue to be three officers for the immediate area.

There followed a discussion about the wider issue of centralisation and amalgamation of police response call centres, and it was suggested that any concerns about this should be raised with elected members, and that decision-makers might be invited to attend a future meeting of TXCC to discuss these and related issues.

PC Wotton also reminded the meeting of the current online survey at www.scotland.police.uk/yourviewcounts for the public to make their views known.

ACTION: Andy Devenport to raise his concerns with elected members, ie CEC councillors, MSPs and local MP.

3. Minutes and matter arising –

Correction: 4.c. Meadows Festival – 'Marchmont' should read 'Merchiston'

Matters arising:

5. Graffiti – this matter to be tabled for discussion at the August meeting.

ACTION: Ann Wigglesworth to contact Paul Baxter at SCNP about this matter.

7. Licensing – Roger Colkett reported that he had submitted an objection re Concorde.

4. Local matters –

a. Consultation on amplification in licensed premises

Paul Beswick spoke to the matter of this consultation and in particular the problems relating to the subjective definition of ‘nuisance’ and ‘disturbance’. There ensued a lively discussion on the need for the Council to adopt a sensible, measureable and enforceable framework.

ACTION: Paul Beswick to submit a response on behalf of TXCC.

All councillors to submit individual responses to this consultation by 22 July.

<https://consultationhub.edinburgh.gov.uk/>

Responses to the consultation should be sent to liquor.licensing@edinburgh.gov.uk, or by post marked ‘Licensing Board Policy Consultation’ to – Licensing, 249 High Street, Edinburgh, EH1 1YJ by 22 July.

b. FoMBL – Andrew Brough spoke to this matter. It was noted how important it was to continue to have input to decision-making and to participate fully in the work of FoMBL. Various options were discussed and agreed, including applying for corporate membership of FoMBL in order to have a formal presence at their meetings; appointing Iain Black to represent the interests of TXCC at FoMBL meetings; liaising with those CCs which had been formerly represented on MABLAG; encouraging FoMBL to apply for representation on the Neighbourhood Partnership.

ACTION: Andrew Brough to progress these matters.

c.i. Trade waste guidance – Iain Black spoke to the matter of the guidelines vis-à-vis the 2016 changes and the numerous exemptions that these guidelines grant to businesses. (These guidelines had been previously circulated and were attached to the meeting papers.) There again ensued a lively discussion with suggestions about how to address these and related issues of street management.

ACTION – Iain Black to draft a letter for Paul Beswick to send to ward councillors highlighting the continuing problems and to seek definitive clarification about guidelines and exemptions and to ask them to take positive action to resolve these matters once and for all.

All community councillors to contact ward councillors individually to complain about the continuing problems regarding trade waste and bins and to resolve these matters.

c.ii. A-boards – on the equally vexed related issue of A-boards, free-standing advertising stands, plumes, bicycles chained to railings advertising local businesses, etc, etc, etc, it was suggested that in conjunction with Living Streets we petition the City of Edinburgh Council to implement a blanket ban on all advertising media on pavements.

ACTION: Andrew Brough to liaise with Living Streets.

d. Canalside Festival – it was agreed unanimously to make a payment of £50 to ‘Union Canal Boats’ as a token contribution towards costs.

It was pointed out that properly speaking the designation ‘Canalside Festival’ was incorrect and that it should be referred to as ‘Edinburgh Canal Festival’. The correct designation will be used in future.

5. Councillors' Comments – it was noted with great regret that there were no councillors present at the meeting and that none had submitted a written report in their absence.

6. Planning – Paul Beswick reported on various matters:

i. Dewar Place – there will be a further PAN exhibition announced in due course.

ii PAN exhibition for the Cycle way from Roseburn has been deferred until September.

iii Union Canal – change of use application from restaurant to office (no objection).

iv 3 Panmure Place – private garden approved, but a 'stopping-up' order is still required.

v alteration to retail unit at student block at Fountainbridge/West Approach Road – reversion to original application to provide six additional student bedrooms (no objection).

vi Horne Terrace – new flats (no objection).

vii King's Stables Road development – Paul Beswick will make a representation on behalf of TXCC at **City Chambers on Fri 1st July at 1pm** on this matter.

ACTION – as many community councillors as possible to attend this hearing on Fri 1st July.

7. Licensing – Roger Colkett reported that he had nothing to report in the period and had not received any new notifications from the relevant department of CEC.

8. Reports in addition to those written – there followed short verbal reports on the Edinburgh Canal Festival from Ann Wigglesworth and the Meadows Festival from Andy Devenport. Both events had been tremendously successful but nevertheless faced certain challenges in the future, particularly in terms of funding and volunteers.

A huge vote of thanks and congratulations were extended to those involved in the planning and running (and clearing up after) of both these events.

It was noted that it was essential to have a good and varied supply of TXCC information materials for display at such events, and that an inventory of and depository for such materials should be looked into.

ACTION: Ann Wigglesworth to attend to this.

9. AOCB –

Paul Beswick intimated that Tim Puntis was standing down as Treasurer with immediate effect and as a community councillor at the elections in September, due to ill health which was noted with regret.

Fire Museum – Liz Summerfield spoke to the matter of the Fire Museum and the need to involve parliamentary politicians in finding a solution.

ACTION: Roger Colkett to liaise with the Fire Museum before raising this constituency matter with Ruth Davidson, MSP.

ACTION: Andrew Brough to extend an invitation to Ruth Davidson to offer the opportunity to introduce herself to their constituents and to discuss their views on the role of Community Councils within the frameworks of local democracy and the underpinning principle of subsidiarity.

EHF – Chris McGregor presented a short report on her first meeting of the Edinburgh Health Forum, a patient and carer group that exists to discuss issues relating to the delivery of health and social care within the area, and described the positive contributions that this group can uniquely make to the community in a lobbying capacity.

SWNP – Andy Devenport, who had been unable to attend the 7 June meeting, said he would send papers to the Secretary for circulation.

Planning Concordat – Paul Beswick reminded the meeting that he had prepared and revised a draft response to the Planning Concordat, commenting particularly on the Council's and the Scottish Government's noble key policies of 'public engagement' and 'public consultation', which in the current climate and without additional resources are unrealistic and unachievable.

Edinburgh Compact – Richard Allen circulated 'Compact Voice', a report of Edinburgh's Third Sector, 2015/16.

Thornybark and Gym Equipment – Ann Wigglesworth reported on matters relating to Thornybark and that she had contacted Paul Baxter in relation to this. On the question of gym equipment for Meadows West, this matter needed more discussion.

The meeting closed at 9.03pm.

Date of next meeting: Wednesday 31 August 2016 at 7pm, Tollcross Community Centre

Banking Resolution
Scaffolding update
Living Streets Letter regarding A-boards
Circus Hub Review
FoMBL Meeting
Personal Safety Action group

Banking Resolution

1. It was resolved that:

- The Co-operative Bank p.l.c. ("the Bank") shall continue as our bankers in accordance with our original application
 - the Bank shall be authorised to accept instructions (including written instructions sent by facsimile and electronic instructions through the use of digital signatures and/or identification numbers or passwords) from us in connection with the account(s) and the service, provided that the instructions are given and/or signed in accordance with the signing authority listed in the account signatories Section 4b. Instructions shall mean: cheques, bills of exchange, promissory notes or other orders for payment drawn, made or accepted on our behalf (even if the payments cause the account(s) to be overdrawn) and requests or instructions in writing concerning the account(s), our affairs or property (including the opening of the new account(s), the arranging of facilities and creation of security)
 - the Bank shall be authorised to honour all cheques and all other documents made or accepted on our behalf even if such payment causes any accounts to be overdrawn or increase any existing overdraft, provided that such documents are signed in accordance with the specimen signatures shown in the account signatories Section 4b
 - the Bank shall act on all specimen signatures in accordance with instruction, notice, request or other document in writing concerning our account (including the opening of new accounts), affairs or property, as shown in the account signatories Section 4b
 - the Bank shall be sent a copy of any future resolutions which affect the terms of these resolutions
 - the Bank shall be sent a copy of any changes in our Memorandum and Articles of Association/Regulations, constitution, rule book or byelaws
 - the Bank shall be notified in writing of any change of Directors, Trustees, Members or Officials, where applicable some charities are also registered as Ltd, so will need to include full list
 - the Bank shall be notified in writing of any change of official authorised to sign on our behalf
 - the Bank shall otherwise continue to operate our account(s) in accordance with the business account mandate
 - the Bank shall be notified in writing of any overall change of control in the organisation
 - all signatories to the account are aged 18 or over
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- in the case of joint account holders, we agree that on application by one of us for an overdraft on the account the Bank may provide oral pre-contractual information to one of us only prior to the overdraft being agreed. In this case any overdraft terms will be sent to multiple account holders after the overdraft is agreed and available to use.

2.

We authorise and request that until you receive written notice from us to the contrary to treat and consider additional signatories listed in Section 3b as fully empowered by us and on our behalf:

- to draw, sign and endorse cheques and other orders for payment on our account(s) with you
- to draw, sign, accept and endorse bills of exchange and promissory notices on our account(s) with you
- to receive cheques, statements and other vouchers relating to our account(s) with you
- to withdraw all or any of my/our securities, documents, or other property or anything else held by you by way of security or for safe custody collection or any other purpose whatsoever on our account(s)
- to arrange terms with you for the negotiation or discount of any documents
- to negotiate with you for and take advances whether by way of loan, overdraft discount or otherwise with or without security
- to charge, pledge and deposit with you any of our property upon such terms as you may require to secure the payment or discharge to you on demand of all monies and liabilities which shall for the time being (and whether on or at time after such demand) be due owing or incurred to you by us whether actually or contingently and whether solely or jointly with any other person and whether as principal or surety including interest discount commission and other banking charges
- generally to act on our behalf in all transactions and matters of business with you and to comply fully with any account terms and conditions and security requirements you may operate in connection with our account(s) with you now or in the future
- to act on the above instructions and in particular to pay and honour all such cheques, orders, bills, notes or requests as above mentioned notwithstanding that any such payment may cause our said account(s) to be overdrawn or may increase any existing overdraft.

It is certified that these resolutions have been recorded in the minute book and that the specimen signatures shown in the account signatories Section 4b are correct.

Scaffolding on Earl Grey Street.

The project was originally due for completion in December this year. However, once on site the scale of the work has substantially increased. The stonework has found to be in a great deal poorer condition than was envisaged. In fact, the front stonework is now being completely replaced.

With regards to the back stonework, again there is substantial stone in need of replacement. Additionally, in a previous refurbishment some of the stone has been replaced with brick inserts and rendered. The brick has not been adequately tied into the original structure and will have to be removed. Also all the chimneys have had to be demolished and rebuilt.

You will therefore appreciate that the original completion date is no longer realistic and it is likely that we are now talking about April 2017.

Finally, the costs for the work are very substantial, so to try and reduce the impact on the owners we are trying to obtain advertising revenue for the scaffold. This is at Planning stage presently, but we are hoping that this is a financial opportunity.

Stuart Pendreich, **Dunedin Canmore**.

Living Streets Letter regarding A-boards

Dear Cllr,

You may remember that a street audit in Tollcross by Living Streets Edinburgh last year * called for a fundamental review of policy with regard to the use of 'A-boards' in the city. Council officials advised us in February that this idea would be considered; however, we have been unable to find out from Council staff what, if anything, is happening to this proposal. I am now asking for your support to request that **officials bring forward a formal report to the Transport and Environment Committee** on the subject. Feedback from our supporters – including 60 people who attended our recent public meeting and Tollcross Community Council (a key partner in the street audit) – shows that:

- there is widespread public dislike of A-boards
- the consequently narrowed walking spaces on pavements often contravene the Council's own Street Design Guidance
- A-boards cause obstructions and sometimes hazards, for example for visually impaired people, with Equality Act implications.

In terms of Council policy and process associated with A-boards:

- there appears to be no formal policy over what is allowed where on the Council's website, although we have received the attached policy which we understand was agreed administratively
- our experience is that enforcement of this policy is wholly ineffective
- we understand that the last time that this issue was considered by a council committee was *ten years ago*.

In Living Streets Edinburgh, we are open to the idea that some objects which are supposedly banned under current policy (such as seats, or fruit and veg) might be permitted under some circumstances, and we would like to encourage retailers to adopt more imaginative and positive ways of advertising their services. We therefore would like to see a **wholesale formal review of policy and – crucially – its enforcement**. Such a review would cover what should be allowed on which type of street and would ensure that there is a practical way that any revised policy can be delivered on the ground. The issue has wider implications of course - on the quality of public space in the city, the vitality of businesses and the potential for a better, more joined-up and visible approach to Council management of streets.

We will also be contacting a number of other stakeholders, as well as our supporters, encouraging them to identify problems with A-boards and similar clutter in their local areas, both to tackle specific trouble spots and also to build further evidence on the scale of the problem.

Many thanks

David Hunter, Living Streets Edinburgh Group

Circus Hub Review 15 August 2016

A large group of the four Community Councils covering the meadows, four elected Councillors and Friends of the Meadows and Bruntsfield Links (FoMBL) members were invited at the halfway stage to review how the Circus Hub venue on the Meadow had been going, with one of Underbelly's directors Charlie Wood.

Of the assembled crowd no one had received any complaints regarding the venue, music, noise or such like, including any of the elected members' present at the meeting.

Fombl was concerned regarding the grass condition under the venue tents, but Mike Shield (Community Parks Officer) said they had treated the grass this year and it was likely to be in use sooner this year because of the treatment.

Concern was raised that for the Underbelly the period allowed on the Meadows wasn't sufficient to be economically viable, and it was likely that next year they would not tender for the space on the Meadows.

This was met with a discussion about what good neighbours they had been, including sending letters around 3,000 local residents to tell them what was going on, and offering half price tickets. Mike Shield suggested that Parks would have no objection to looking at having the event for the full Festival Fringe length, as with new techniques and treatments, the grass would recover in a timely fashion, given any exceptional weather.

Andrew Brough

Friends of the Meadows and Bruntsfield Links Meeting

Following the decision to disband MABLAG at the 13 June meeting of the SCNP, FOMBL held a discussion on 1st August to examine the way forward for FOMBL following this decision.

Present were representatives from FOMBL, Tollcross, Marchmont and Sciennes, and Merchiston Community Councils as well as Cllrs Main and Orr and other interested parties.

Initially there was much disquiet expressed by some about the disbanding of MABLAG but it was recognised that while the issues that concern the management and use of the Meadows and Bruntsfield Links continue to be important, the nature of any short life working party is by definition short. MABLAG had existed since 2009.

There seemed to be on the part of some the misapprehension that FOMBL would assume the entire remit of MABLAG. This appears not to be the case, and it is hoped that the minutes of the June meeting of the SCNP will confirm this, when they are published in due course.

There was discussion of other matters including the proposed content of the presentation to the T and E Committee on 30 August regarding the disputed allocation of monies from the hire of the Meadows during the Fringe.

Iain Black

SCNP - Personal Safety Action group - 9 August 2016

1. Begging Review: Kathy Evans (Community Safety Manager)

This is being carried out as Morningside CC reported an increase in begging in that area. It appears that there are less Romanians begging but a significant number of young ex-servicemen suffering from Post-Traumatic Stress. Average age appears to be younger. The Review is still ongoing and may extend to other areas if concern is reported.

2. Hate Crime: Sgt Stewart Fraser, Scottish Police

To date there is no increase in hate crimes, as reported elsewhere since Brexit. However, there is concern that such crimes, especially if verbal, are not reported. We are asked to encourage the reporting of such crimes to the Police. e.g. Asian shops Sample of report form issued. (available TXCC 31.8.16)

3. Fire & Rescue: Alex Hume Tollcross Station Manager

Less BBQ fires this year probably on account of the poor weather but the signage has also been better displayed and provision of fire proof containers for barbecue remains has been better.

Ann Wigglesworth

P.S. - Future of this group is unsure due to the massive reduction of CEC staff and the many changes in staff deployment. The group meets 4 times / year. Next meeting **15th November 2016.**

CITY CENTRE

NEIGHBOURHOOD
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City Centre Neighbourhood Partnership

Meets 6.30 pm 1 September at City Chambers, High Street.

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Forms will be available to download from the Community Council section of Edinburgh Council website.

Timetable:

Monday 5 Sept Notice of Election

Monday 26 Sept Close of Registration (forms to Community Council Liaison Officer)

Thursday 6 October Notice of Poll (If required)

Thursday 27 Oct Polling Day (If required)

Nominated Representatives:

Monday 5 Sept Notice of Election

Monday 26 Sept Close of Registration (forms to Community Council Liaison Officer)

TBA Meeting of registered Local Interest Groups to elect Nominated Members (if necessary)

SOUTH CENTRAL

NEIGHBOURHOOD
PARTNERSHIP



South Central Neighbourhood Partnership

Meets 6.00 pm 5th September at City Chambers, High Street.

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

Tollcross Community Council Responsibilities: Paul Beswick **Chair/Planning/Treasurer**, Iain Black **FoMBL**, Andrew Brough **Secretary/EACC/Website/SCNP**, Roger Colkett **Licensing/EACC/CCNP/CCSNT**, Andrew Davenport **SWNP/FoMBL/SWSNT**, Chris McGregor – **Health**, Liz Summerfield **Media Monitoring/Meadows Festival**, Ann Wigglesworth **TCCA/FCSB/SCSNT**.

Co-Opted Members: Richard Allen **FCI/FSG**, Michael Lister **Built Environment/OTDT**.

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** Ruth Davidson (Con). **Lothian Regional List** Jeremy Balfour (Con), Miles Briggs (Con), Kezia Dugdale (Lab), Neil Findlay (Lab), Alison Johnstone (Green), Gordon Lindhurst (Con), Andy Wightman (Green).

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

Abbreviations: **CCNP** – City Centre Neighbourhood Partnership. **CCSNT** – City Centre Safer Neighbourhood Team. **EACC** – Edinburgh Association of Community Councils. **EaRN** – Equality and Rights Network **FCI** – Fountainbridge Canal Initiative. **FCSB** - Fountainbridge Canalside Sounding Board. **FoMBL** – Friends of the Meadows and Bruntsfield Links. **FSG** - Fountainbridge Steering Group. **OTDT** – Old Town Development Trust. **MP** – Member of Parliament **MSP** – Member of the Scottish Parliament **SCNP** – South Central Neighbourhood Partnership. **SCSNT** - South Central Safer Neighbourhood Team. **SWNP** – South West Neighbourhood Partnership. **SWSNT** - South West Safer Neighbourhood Team. **TCCA** - Tollcross Community Centre Association.

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