

Tollcross Community Council Notice of Meeting and Agenda

September 28th 2016

7pm Tollcross Community centre
Room 4

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Tollcross Community Council

Agenda 28th September 2016 7pm

Tollcross Community Education Centre 117 Fountainbridge

1. **Welcome & apologies** – Additional Agenda items.
2. **Police matters** – With local community officers.
3. **Cllr. Melanie Main will chair the first part of the meeting.**
 - a. **Election of Community Councillors** - Returning Officer, Cllr. Main will Chair to establish an Executive, and other positions of the new Tollcross Community Council.
4. **Minutes 31st August 2016** – Acceptance & Matters arising.
5. **Local Matters.**
 - a. **Fire Museum update** – Update on sale - **LS**
 - b. **Banking** – Removal of Angela Hull and Ann Wigglesworth (by name) as signatories. - **AB**
6. **Councillors' Comments & Questions.**
7. **Planning** – **PB.**
8. **Licensing** – **RC.**
 - a. **Music is Audible** – **RC**
9. **Reports in addition to those written.**
10. **AOCB**

Next Meeting: 26th October 2016 7.00pm,

Tollcross Community Centre.

Tollcross Community Council

**Minutes of Meeting of Wednesday 31 August 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, Liz Summerfield, Ann Wigglesworth. **CEC Councillors:** Cllr Andrew Burns. **Police:** PC John Pennycook (Craiglockhart/Fountainbridge), PC Jodie Brownless. **Members of the public:** Fiona Allen, David Liddle, Rachel Thomas, Andreas Wilhelm. **Apologies:** Chris McGregor, Nick Munro, Tim Puntis; PC Ponniah (St Leonards); Cllrs Corbett, Doran, Key, Main, Mowat, Rankin; Gordon Lindhurst MSP.

Paul Beswick welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked for any additional items for the agenda. (See AOCB.)

2. Police Matters – PC Pennycook presented a short report on figures for the Tollcross end of Ward 9 for the summer period, explaining that the new reporting system was still bedding in. The main focus of attention had been on anti-social behaviour during the school holidays, now greatly reduced since the return to school.

There had been two house break-ins during the period; no serious assaults; eight reported minor assaults, four of which had been solved; seven bicycle thefts; two recorded hate incidents; and ongoing drug-related issues at Fountainpark.

In relation to all crimes, but drug issues in particular, PC Pennycook reminded the meeting that Police Scotland relied on the public to provide information about their concerns to Crimestoppers, an independent, confidential intelligence-gathering service that communicates ‘sanitised information’ to the Police. **Crimestoppers – 0800 555 111.**

PC Pennycook also updated the meeting about the changing role of community policing across the city. The introduction of the new community policing model has been put back from September to October.

There followed a discussion about loud motorbikes and ‘construction and use offences’ and guidelines about exhaust and emissions, and the introduction of the 20PMH in the city centre. It was noted that signage about the 20MPH was not always clear.

PC Pennycook advised that a visibility and education programme, especially around primary school locations, including information about ‘smart and safe parking’, was being introduced to assist the public prior to the enforcement phase. In relation to cycle security, he also advised cyclists to secure their bikes in two places, and not just on one wheel.

3. Minutes and matter arising from minutes of meeting of 29 June –

Correction:

4.d. Canalside Festival – ‘Union’ should read ‘Re-Union’

Matters arising:

2. Police Matters – Action point – Andy Devenport was not aware that he had agreed to raise concerns with elected members, i.e. CEC Councillors, MSPs and local MP.

4. a. Amplification of music in licensed premises – Paul Beswick advised that while the consultation was closed, discussion was ongoing.

4.c. i. Trade waste guidance – Iain Black reported that he was in the process of drafting a letter for the Chair to send to ward councillors.

4.c. ii. A-boards – Cllr Burns advised that a review of CEC policy is to be considered.

8. Reports in addition to those written – TXCC publicity materials – Ann Wigglesworth queried the action point attributed to her in relation to TXCC publicity materials.

Paul Beswick suggested that members holding any materials to send a note of what they have to Andrew Brough.

9. Fire Museum – Roger Colkett advised the meeting that he had written to Ruth Davidson MSP, but had had no reply from her directly. In relation to the current situation, Cllr Andrew Burns provided a brief update, regarding the sale of the building.

4. Local matters –

a. Community Council Elections 2016 – Andrew Brough spoke to this matter, explaining the procedure, the dates of the nomination period (5 September – 26 September), where nomination forms were available (via CEC website), what the residence requirements were, who the returning officer is (Cllr Melanie Main – melanie.main@edinburgh.gov.uk), and all contact details. See: www.edinburgh.gov.uk/ccelection or call 0131 469 3838.

b. Banking Resolution – following difficulties caused by the Cooperative Bank, Paul Beswick spoke to this ongoing matter.

He proposed that we adopt the proposal (see paper attached to August meeting papers.)

Andrew Brough seconded this proposal.

Following a vote, the matter was adopted unanimously.

c. Graffiti (and trade waste and street furniture) – Ann Wigglesworth explained how the previous system of reporting eruptions of graffiti and problems with trade waste to CEC had operated.

Questions about ownership of bins and ownership of buildings and bridges affected by graffiti have made matters more complex. Ann intimated that she was happy to coordinate complaints about graffiti, etc. and approach CEC directly with these matters. In order to do so, she needed individual councillors to send her the precise locations including street numbers.

ACTION – individual councillors to send this information to Ann Wigglesworth.

5. Councillors' Comments – Cllr Burns reported that planning matters continue to dominate his postbag.

He informed the meeting that the new school was still scheduled to open in January 2017 and that planning applications for the housing section on the Viewforth/Fountainbridge site were due to be submitted in the first week of October, with other applications due to be submitted in the following six to twelve months. While this was to be welcomed, the downside was that the mean-time uses were having to go, with the Grove Garden being relocated to two or three new locations (including Harrison Park), the Forge going to North Edinburgh, and the WikiHouse going to Tollcross Primary School.

There followed several questions about the imminent (temporary) closure of the tow-path; the forthcoming work to be done by Scottish Canals at Canalside; the possible long term closure of Viewforth to traffic and the continuing discussions and considerations surrounding long-term secondary school provision in the area.

a. Recycling Bins – Liz Summerfield and David Liddle both spoke to the matter of the underground silo at McEwan Square which had recently been left uncovered so posing a highly dangerous safety threat given its proximity to a childrens' playground, and the confusion about who had responsibility for the repair and maintenance of this facility. It was not clear whether Dunedin Canmore had responsibility as factors, or if it was a matter for CEC.

ACTION: Liz Summerfield to contact Cllr Andrew Burns to investigate this matter.

On a related recycling matter, Liz Summerfield raised the question about the food waste bin at Brandfield St, which had not been emptied in an age. As such, this posed a health hazard.

ACTION: Liz Summerfield to contact Cllr Andrew Burns giving the precise location of this bin.

Following a further discussion about food waste bins, there emerged reports about other bins in Lonsdale Terrace and at Lauriston Gardens which had been covered in maggots and were posing public health risks, this is a result of fewer collections and bins being not cleaned. (The large black containers were also found to be particularly offending.)

Cllr Burns pointed out that more people were now recycling and that 45% of all waste in the city was now being recycled, but acknowledged that there was still a good deal of catching up by the Council to be done.

It was noted that there was a need for more resources to ensure that the very minimum requirement for food waste bins in particular to be emptied more frequently and kept properly cleaned was achieved.

ACTION: all community councillors to contact their ward councillors about overflowing and unhygienic bins.

6. Planning – Paul Beswick reported that there was very little to report on, except that permission for partial demolition at King's Stables Road had been granted and that a full planning application for work at the new Printmakers' in Fountainbridge has been submitted.

7. Licensing – Roger Colkett reported that he had nothing to report in the period, but wondered if local councillors automatically received notification about licensing applications, as one ward councillor seemed to be unaware of a recent application.

In the matter of the recent CEC consultation on the amplification of music in licensed premises, and subsequent CEC meeting, there followed a discussion about this vexed question.

Andrew Brough advised that this would be discussed at a forthcoming meeting of EACC and that he would report back on this.

8. Reports in addition to those written –

a. Fountainbridge Canalside Sounding Board – Richard Allen gave a detailed verbal report on that afternoon's meeting of the Sounding Board. He reported that the mean-time groups will now be moving off to other locations, and EDI will consider returning some land for other mean-time use; the district heating plan is to go ahead, with some support from the Scottish Government and it is hoped with some European funding; the Printmakers' were forging ahead and hope for completion in 2019; the 'cultural area' is now open to new suggestions following the withdrawal of interest from the FilmHouse; and that

the 'Here and Now' project to involve local residents in decision-making had recently carried out a survey with requests from the public for more open space and more green space to be included on the site.

b. Thornybauk –

Ann Wigglesworth updated the meeting on matters at Thornybauk. While with Mike Shields's involvement, wild flowers had been planted, there still remained wooden pallets in the area and orphan bins, turning the place literally into a dump. Graffiti was a problem, as was the use of the site as a public latrine following the closure and upcoming sell-off of the nearby public toilets. There followed a discussion about the involvement of the SCNP and CEC for practical and financial support to improve the area, the possibility of a mural, and the need to take action to make the site attractive for local residents and for local schoolchildren as it is on the way to their school.

c. Financial update –

Paul Beswick informed the meeting that TXCC had £2000 in the bank account; had recently received its annual grant of £900 from CEC; and had already spent £850 this year.

d. Transport & Environment sub-Committee CEC, 29 August 2016 –

Andy Devenport reported on his attendance at this meeting and wished to comment on the way in which he felt the meeting had been conducted. He felt that it had been chaotic, shocking and disgraceful – some of the presentations he found appallingly badly presented, with very poor presentation skills making it very hard to follow arguments; though he felt it was only proper to praise the eloquence of Cllr Main. He felt that in regard to some matters under discussion it seemed that decisions had been already taken prior to the meeting, so rendering it pointless to have deputations speak before the sub-committee; and that the behaviour of certain councillors was questionable.

On the question of the Meadows, he reminded the meeting that this was first and foremost a public park, not an events space.

e. Scottish Canals – following his attendance at a recent meeting, Andrew Devenport expressed his concern about plans of Scottish Canals to make changes to facilities at the Falkirk end, when their principal function was to keep a navigable waterway.

The meeting closed at 8.59pm

**PROVISIONAL date of next meeting:
Wednesday 28 September 2016 at 7pm, Tollcross Community Centre**

**SCNP Report
Letter to Cllr Child
EACC Meeting
Trade Waste Bin Letter
Motion by Gordon Lindhurst MSP
Letter to Andrew Kerr
Civic Forum
Edinburgh Old Town Development Trust AGM**

South Central Neighbourhood Partnership 5 September 2016

SNCP meeting heard from the NHS on the streamlining of services into the new Council Localities with a Hub and two cluster system in our area. In regard to the new Locality nearly all of the management and new groups were in place and should be finalised soon.

There was a report on A-boards and discussion of a total ban in certain areas. After discussion it was decided that the current 3-year pilot in the City Centre would report (around Christmas/New Year) and a consultation and enforcement option would be looked at being done after the 3-year report.

Sarah Burns, the Partnership Manager across our Locality offered a general clean up and enforcement, in our area due to the problems we had highlighted. I thanked Sarah Burn's on TXCC's behalf for this due to officers limited time at the moment, and the amount of effort enforcement can take.

A new participatory budgeting event would go ahead next year in January and the focus would be on the young and elderly in the Neighbourhood. It would probably be two events in different Neighbourhood Partnership areas of the Locality. The NP was awaiting to hear if the Scottish Government would match the funding put forwarded by SCNP (10K). The maximum grants for these events would be £2.5K.

Andrew Brough

Letter to Cllr. Child regarding licensing.

A letter in response to comments in the local paper by Councillor Eric Milligan - Chair of Licensing.

Dear Councillor Child

We trust that you are aware of the controversy over the "Music is Audible" decision by the Licensing Board. As some of the objections that provoked Cllr Milligan's wrath were from CCs, we are looking to you for some support.

The proposal to change the licensing policy was driven by the Culture and Sport Committee through its Music is Audible sub-group formed in 2014. Apart from Councillors and Officials, the group was composed entirely of those with a vested interest in promoting live music. Council papers from October 2015 refer to "informal consultation" with Community Councils though there is no indication of when and with whom this took place. There appears to have been no attempt to engage the generality of citizens who might be adversely affected by the proposal to relax licensing conditions.

Community representatives had first sight of the proposal when it was presented to the Licensing Forum in December 2015. They did not like it, nor did Licensing Standards Officers or Police Scotland. Despite a majority of Forum members being against the proposal, it was nonetheless presented to the Licensing Board as a recommendation of the Forum. The consultation letter sent to Community Councils in April 2016 also represented the proposal as a recommendation of the Forum.

As representatives of some of the Community Councils involved in the debate, we are extremely unhappy that having been asked for views, those views were then publicly abused by the leader of the body that asked for them. Leaving aside the impropriety of this tirade, it will confirm the opinion of many that the Licensing Board is deaf to, and regularly discounts, the views of community bodies.

The Culture and Sport Committee has promoted the proposal. Its Convenor has joined the criticism – albeit in less intemperate terms than Cllr Milligan – of Community Councils that have opposed it. As the Culture and Sport Committee has clearly taken the position of champion for the music industry and venue operators, perhaps the Communities and Neighbourhoods Committee could champion Community Councils. It would be some comfort if you could point out publicly that the Scottish Government and Local Authorities have created Community Councils with a remit to speak up for residents whose “backyards” are under threat.

With best wishes

Andrew Brough, Secretary, Tollcross CC
Deborah Charlesworth, Secretary, Southside CC
Jonathan Finn, Licensing Convener, New Town & Broughton CC
Steve Gregory, Secretary, Morningside CC
Sanuel Piacentini, Licensing Member, The Old Town CC
Penny Richardson, Chair, Stockbridge & Inverleith CC
Jim Scanlon, Chair, Leith Links CC
Bridget Stevens, Merchiston CC

Written by **Morningside CC** and co-signed as above.

Edinburgh Association of Community Councils 3rd September 2016

The speaker at this event was David White from the NHS on Health and Social care. This regarded the new system that is taking shape under the new Localities model the Council is moving too. A lot of detailed information was displayed on how surgeries, clients and others would fit into and get the best care out of the new model that was being work too. Much like the NHS presentation at the SCNP, time was moving on and budgets were an area of difficulty but general the new systems put in place would see an increase in good care and patient outcomes.

There was some discussion on the recent licensing board meeting and on Music is Audible, and it was decided after much debate that EACC was to write to the CEC to put forward its views on the comments passed in the papers by Cllr Eric Milligan, which were generally not deemed helpful.

Notice was also given of the dates, and requirements for the Community Council elections, which by now we are all well aware of across the city, with street lamp wraps advertising the elections.

Andrew Brough

Trade Waste Bins Letter

Dear Councillor

We write to highlight continuing problems in the Tollcross area regarding trade waste bins, and wish to ask for definitive clarification about the Trade Waste arrangements issued by CEC in February 2015 (see attached.)

Further to a recent enquiry to CEC about the continuing presence of bins on pavements – Brougham Street and Brougham Place, for example – it would seem that exemptions have been silently created subsequent to the February 2015 arrangements. The arrangements specifically state that ‘Trade waste containers are not allowed to be stored on public spaces.’ In a number of cases locally, this requirement has never been adhered to.

We write to ask if the February 2015 Trade Waste arrangements still obtain, and if so, why they are not being enforced.

Best wishes, Paul

Paul Beswick

Gordon Lindhurst MSP - Motion on Fire Museum.

Motion Number: S5M-01500. Title: Museum of Fire in Edinburgh

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Gordon Lindhurst MSP.

Letter to Andrew Kerr, Chief Executive, Edinburgh City Council.

Joint letter sent by a group of Community Councils regarding the Licencing Board and Licencing Forum.



New Town and Broughton Community Council

20 September 2016

To:

Andrew Kerr, Chief Executive of the City of Edinburgh Council
Councillor, Joanna Mowatt – Governance, Risk and Best Value Committee
Councillor Lesley Hinds
Cc: Nick Fraser, Depute Clerk of the Licencing Board

Concerns about the governance of the Licencing Board and Licencing Forum

We are writing to you to express concerns about the governance of the Licencing Board and the Licencing Forum.

At the Licencing Board meeting held on 29 August 2016, the Board were provided with a recommendation from Edinburgh Licencing Forum to amend the wording of the policy that currently requires amplified music to be inaudible from neighbouring properties. This was not the Forum's recommendation, and consequently the Forum was falsely represented to the Board.

We would like this to be investigated, to determine how and why the Forum has been misrepresented in this way, and how such things can be prevented from happening in the future.

Here are the details of the Forum's opinion.

The Council's Culture and Sport Committee and representatives of music promoters and the licensed trade gave a presentation to the December 2015 Licencing Forum (LF) recommending a change to the Licencing Board's policy on amplified music in licensed premises. The then Chair of the LF, John Loudon, "stated that a recommendation to the Board should be formulated which encourages the Licencing Board to look at the position closely." (Minute no 4: LF meeting 1/12/2015). However, a paper was then sent to the Licencing Board by the Forum Chair, saying "The (LF) meeting appeared very supportive of the Agent of Change principle and the decision was to recommend to the Licencing Board that they carefully consider, in a positive way, the recommendations of the Music is Audible group and consult widely on the proposals particularly with Community Councils before reaching any conclusions." (Licencing Board information on website about this consultation.) This was the "recommendation" which accompanied the Board's consultation.

At subsequent meetings, the Licencing Forum considered specifically a change to the inaudibility condition. At the Licencing Forum meeting held on 28 June 2016, 10 Forum members were present (Forum meetings require an attendance of 8 to be quorate). Of these, 5 members, plus Police Scotland, voted to retain the current inaudibility condition. There were no votes in favour of the changed condition.

The new Forum Convener (Rosaleen Harley) subsequently decided to email all members of the Forum to include the opinions of those who did not attend the meeting. This resulted in 9 votes to retain the current inaudibility condition, 5 to amend it, while 4 Forum members expressed no preference.

Clearly, this still shows that the Forum is not in favour of the amendment, let alone advocating it.

On 19 August 2016, the Licensing Board were informed that this needed to be updated to show only 8 in favour of retaining the current wording, 5 to amend it and 5 expressing no preference. Even with these numbers, the outcome is unchanged: only 5 out of 18 Forum members favour a change.

We believe this is strong evidence that the Forum has been misrepresented, and we would like a formal investigation into this to be undertaken.

It is also worth pointing out that the Forum currently only has 4 of the 6 residential members it is supposed to have, as two resigned, and have not been replaced. The Convener's opinion is that "community representatives are already well represented on the Forum" and she has said that she wants to "focus on recruiting persons having functions relating to health, education or social work".

Yours sincerely



Jonathan Finn (New Town and Broughton Community Council) on behalf of:

Merchiston Community Council

Morningside Community Council

New Town and Broughton Community Council

The Old Town Community Council

Stockbridge and Inverleith Community Council

Tollcross Community Council

Civic Forum 6th September 2016

There were only two parts to the meeting: First David Leslie, Senior Manager, Planning & Transport, CEC presented the latest planning update dated 7th June 2016. Rather than attempt a précis and reveal the true extent of my ignorance of the Planning system, I have simply included the complete transcript.

1. Local Development Plan

The proposed LDP and the unresolved representations are now nearing the end of the examination exercise. The Directorate of Planning and Environmental Appeals (DPEA) has reassured the Council that we will receive the reporters' recommendations by the end of this month (June).

Some people have asked whether the decision last week at the full Council meeting to grant planning permission in principle for development on land known as East of Millburn Tower (application ref; 15/04318/PPP) will delay the examination report. The grant of planning permission is subject to conditions, informatives, legal agreements, and notification to Scottish Ministers. The notification is required because Ministers issued a Direction to the Council on 15 March 2016 in relation to this application because of the development's potential effects on the statutory work undertaken by the adjacent Science and Advice for Scottish Agriculture (SASA) establishment. However the reporters have indicated yesterday (6 June) that they intend to accept the decision report "as an examination document as it is an update of the current position on a site proposed in representations to the proposed plan. It will be uploaded on our web site. The report is now nearing completion and no

further exchanges are required or anticipated". So in plain English, no delay and the examination report will be received by the end of June.

When the Council receives the report, it will be available for all to see via the DPEA website. Thereafter we have to consider the recommendations, assess the implications of any modifications, including an environmental report, and prepare the third version of the plan for committee approval. A special Planning Committee meeting is scheduled for Monday 5 September to consider the final plan with adoption expected by the full Council at its meeting on 24 November.

2. SESplan

The second proposed plan was considered at the SESplan Joint Committee meeting last week (30 May) but not approved. There are some matters on which further clarification and alteration are sought by the member authorities. The Joint Committee is programmed to meet again on 20 June to reconsider the proposed plan. If it approves it this time, each of the six member authorities need to ratify the proposed plan before the period for public representations will commence later in the summer. It is expected that our Planning Committee will consider ratification of the proposed plan at its meeting in August.

3. Independent review of the Scottish Planning System

In September 2015 an independent panel was appointed by Scottish Ministers to review the Scottish planning system. The task was to bring together ideas to achieve a quicker, more accessible and efficient planning process. The review was started 10 years after the last major reform of the system. The Panel's report and recommendations "Empowering Planning to Deliver Great Places" were published on 31 May 2016: <http://www.gov.scot/Topics/Built-Environment/planning/Review-of-Planning>

The list of 48 recommendations under 6 outcome themes has been produced by the Panel. Scottish Ministers will consider the recommendations and publish their response but no timescale is given. In relation to the outcome theme "Inclusion and empowerment" the Panel considers that more needs to be done to frontload engagement rather than introduce equality of rights of appeal. Links between planning reform and the Community Empowerment Act provisions could overcome tokenistic consultation and build respect for planning on a longer term relationship with communities. The panel's Recommendations are to commit to early engagement and greater use of innovative methods using social media, etc. They suggest that locality plans should be prepared and delivered by the community and given statutory status as part of the development plan. Community councils should be given statutory right to be consulted on the development plan in return for limiting the right to be consulted in development management to major applications only. They propose a statutory right for young people to be consulted on the development plan.

For the other outcomes themes, browse the Panel's report.

The second part of the meeting was a presentation on Edinburgh's Open Space Strategy by Andrew Smith, Planning Officer, Spatial Policy, Planning and Transport, CEC and Peter Strong - Locality Manager North West.

The Strategy explains how the Council protects and cares for existing green spaces. It also sets out where new open space should be provided as the city grows.

The Council is now seeking our views on the suggested way forward for different types of green space across the city, including:

- Parks;
- Play Areas;
- Residential green space;
- Allotments and Community Gardens;
- Cemeteries and Burial Grounds;
- Playing Fields; and
- The Green Network.

The link to the consultation is at consultationhub.edinburgh.gov.uk/sfc/openspace2021 The next meeting of the Civic Forum will be on Tuesday 6 December at 4.00 pm.

Roger Colkett

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Gordon Lindhurst MSP.

Edinburgh Old Town Development Trust AGM, 21 September 2016

For those attending for the first time an AGM of the EOTDT, Sean Bradley (Chair) explained that the Trust had been set up in response to the Caltongate fiasco of 2009; he then outlined its charitable aims and its priorities; and reported on an eventful year.

As 'a vehicle for community-led development of Edinburgh Old Town that meets identified community needs', the EOTDT is concerned with planning and development issues as well as environmental and community education projects. The Chair reported that much of last year's work had been devoted to the

business of unwelcome planning applications in the area and that the Trust had been working – and continues to work – in conjunction with the Old Town Community Council and the Grassmarket Residents' Association.

Neil Simpson, a Director of the EOTDT, updated the meeting on continuing opposition to the India Buildings proposals and the 'Occupy the Gap Site' campaign. He pointed out that while the Scottish Ministers had not called in the application, a review of the planning decision was still to be undertaken by the Planning Committee of CEC in light of the Central Library's having been upgraded from a B- to an A-listed building; and reported that local MP Tommy Sheppard had also been contacted.

On the King's Stables Road planning application, Neil Simpson reported that there had been a modest win in terms of having secured a substantial reduction in height/density of the buildings.

In terms of the meetings of the Edinburgh Civic Forum, however, it was felt that it was not clear what there was to be gained from this forum.

Neil Simpson also reported on the expression of interest to manage the space at Cranston Street as a community facility and referred to some technical issues relating to the Section 75 agreement; the April Housing Symposium; Stevenlaw's Close; and the recent audit of the Cowgate by Living Streets Scotland.

Ed Hollis, who was standing down as a Director, reported on the very successful *Evergreen* publishing project, which has seen the publication of volume two (of four), and on the various talks events and exhibitions associated with the project, as well as Lou Rosenberg's *Scotland's Homes Fit for Heroes*. He also mentioned the proposed Runciman Apse Project at St Patrick's Church, Cowgate.

Sean Bradley spoke to the Trust's greening activities, especially the lime-pointing at West Port Garden; and Matthew Crighton spoke to the proposed Calton Road Community Garden, describing some of the issues surrounding this.

Following the business part of the AGM, which saw three new directors appointed, Dr Tahl Kaminer, senior lecturer in architectural design and theory at the ECA, gave a short presentation on 'community space and community cohesion', subjects intimately bound up with the work of the EOTDT.

Michael Lister

MIX & MINGLE

Showcase of
"What's On" for the Over 50's
Saturday, 8th October 2016

11.00 am to 4.00 pm Southside Community Centre 117 Nicolson Street Edinburgh 11.00 am to 4.00 pm

Information Stalls include:
Changeworks Heat Home
Crime Prevention
Fire Safety Advice
Adult Education Programme
Local Opportunities for Local People (LOOLP)
CEC - Library Service
Top Info & Wherever you Are

Interests include:
Sing in the City & the Chorus Gang
Scottish Genealogy Society - Family looking up your family tree
Edinburgh Garden Factory
New Bears Bridge Club
Edinburgh Garden

Refreshments available all day from Arthur's Cafe

Taster Sessions - listed throughout the day which might include Yoga, Biscuits, Crafts, Exercise, Tai Chi and others. Come and have a try

... & more to come along and find out for yourself!

"YOU DON'T STOP SAVING PUP BECAUSE YOU GET OLD. YOU GET OLD BECAUSE YOU STOP SAVING PUP."

For more information contact: Margaret Campbell 0131 527 7500 or email: margaret.campbell@edinburgh.gov.uk



MIX & MINGLE - Sat, 8th October. Southside Community Centre, 117 Nicolson Street.

Information day and taster sessions on what you can get up in your spare time! Aimed at 50+ but all ages welcome!

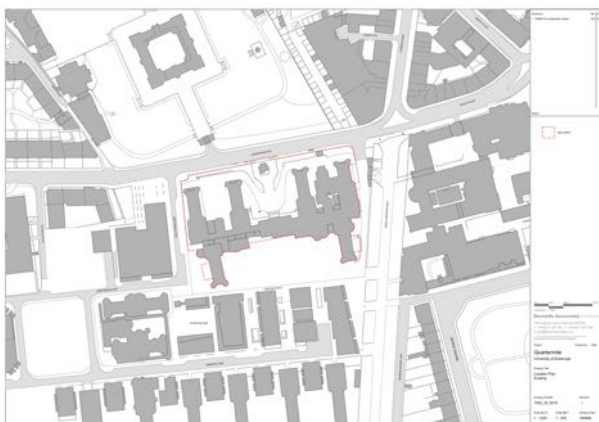


South West Neighbourhood Partnership

When: 11/10/2016 at 19:00
Meeting Ends: 11/10/2016 at 20:30

Where: Carrickvale Community Centre

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PAN exhibition on 24 October for the main building, of the old hospital.

At 10 Crichton St., 3-7 pm. NE corner of George Square.

TBC – There is a separate PAN in the works for conversion of buildings into 91 flats behind the main building – this is separate to this application and the PAN is expected around November.

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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