

# **Tollcross Community Council Notice of Meeting and Agenda**

DATE Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> March 2017 7pm Tollcross Community centre Room 4

### **Tollcross Community Council**

#### Agenda 29th March 2017

Tollcross Community Education Centre 117 Fountainbridge

- 1. Welcome & apologies Additional Agenda items.
- 2. Declaration of interests.
- 3. Police matters With local community officers.
- 4. Minutes DATE Acceptance & Matters arising.
- 5. Local Matters.

**Hustings organisation** 

- 6. Presentation on Shared Repairs
- 7. Councillors' Comments & Questions.
- 8. Planning PB.
- 9. Licensing RC.
- 10. Reports in addition to those written.
- 11. AOCB

Next Meeting: 26<sup>th</sup> Aprilhttp://www.lgbc-scotland.gov.uk/reviews/5th\_electoral/edinburgh/ 2017
Tollcross Community Centre.

## Tollcross Community Council Minutes of Meeting of Wednesday 22 February 2017 at 7pm Tollcross Community Centre, 117 Fountainbridge

#### 1. Welcome and Apologies -

Present: Andrew Brough (Chair), Liz Summerfield (Secretary); Fiona Allen, Richard Allen, Roger Colkett, Michael Lister, Katie McGhee, Chris McGregor, Ann Wigglesworth. CEC Councillors: Cllr Andrew Burns, Cllr Gavin Corbett, Cllr Joanna Mowat. Police: PC Bruce Burt, PC Susan Purnell. Members of the public: Andreas Wilhelm, Anne Wimberley Apologies: Paul Beswick, Iain Black, Andy Devenport; David Liddle; Cllr Key, Cllr Main, Cllr Doran.

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting. The matter of 'orchard and raised bed allotments on the Meadows' was raised as an additional agenda item. The Chair then invited the police to present their reports.

#### 2. Declaration of interests - none

**3. Police Matters** – in response to complaints about the number of rough sleepers in private and public areas in some parts of the city, PC Burt reported on the success of the new Police Scotland initiative involving working with the Border Agency, where rough sleepers from EU countries are rounded up and deported back to their country of origin under the terms of the Lisbon Treaty.

PS Purnell read from a report supplied by colleagues in the South West Community Policing Team for Ward 9 crimes figures for January. There had been one housebreaking where entry had been gained, but nothing taken, and one attempted where nothing had been taken; there had been three assaults in the area; ongoing speed checks were being conducted around local primary schools; and there had been numerous reports of traffic issues on Dundee St and the surrounding area. There had been eight thefts reported, including the theft of a parcel, machinery, motorbike, two pedal cycles and three instances of shoplifting. No hate crimes had been reported.

In Ward 9, there have been a number of planned operations to tackle antisocial behaviour and drugrelated issues. Operation Eliminate (Phase 2), in partnership with Dunedin-Canmore Housing Association, to target repeat anti-social behaviour offenders, will begin next week; and there have been numerous traffic stops conducted during specific times recognised as active housebreaking operation periods.

A number of questions relating to rough-sleeping were asked of the Police. These included the involvement of agencies such as StreetWork and Bethany in helping to alleviate the problem. It was acknowledged that some agencies are not always keen to be seen to be working with the Police and that rough-sleeping does not always involve criminality.

#### 4. Minutes and matters arising from meeting of 25 January 2017 –

#### Corrections -

Item 3 – Police Matters – 'Windscreen wipers' should read 'windscreen'.

**Item 8 – Planning –** Roger Colkett would supply a clarification to be inserted into the Minutes.

#### **ACTION – Roger Colkett**

**Item 9 – Licensing –** Roger Colkett asked for 'Hooter's Bar' to be corrected to read as 'No 1 Showbar Baby Dolls', and again would supply a clarification to insert into the Minutes.

**ACTION - Roger Colkett** 

#### Matters arising -

#### Item 5 - Local matters

**c. AirBNB** – the Chair explained that the meeting chaired by Andy Wightman was a private one and that a public meeting would be held at a later time.

#### 5. Local matters -

a. Progress of hustings meeting — Liz Summerfield reported that three candidates had already accepted the invitation (Cllr Karen Doran, Cllr Joanna Mowat, and Claire Miller) to attend the hustings on 12 April, but she was still to hear back from Cllr Rankin. She would invite further candidates once the list of candidates is published after 22 March. Cllr Burns suggested she contact Chris Highcock at CEC for further information [chris.highcock@edinburgh.gov.uk]. Liz mentioned the difficulty she had experienced when enquiring about bookings at Central Hall, and further to Ann Wigglesworth's suggestion to involve TCAN, it was pointed out that most of the members of TCAN do not reside in the Tollcross Community Council area. As there had also been difficulties trying to find out about booking Tollcross Community Centre for the event, the Chair reported that he and Roger Colkett were looking at various other possible venues.

#### ACTION - Liz Summerfield, and Andrew Brough and Roger Colkett

- **b.** Health matters Chris McGregor had been in touch with the SCNP and with other community council acquaintances to enquire about how health matters are addressed by other community councils, but felt that she had drawn a blank. There followed a short discussion, at the end of which it was decided to return to this matter when more information was available.
- **c. Let there be Light campaign** Michael Lister updated the meeting on the campaign and reported that following the decision of the City of Edinburgh Council to grant planning permission for development at the India Buildings, leave to make an application for a court action for judicial review of the decision had been granted on Thursday 16 February in the Court of Session.
- **d. Spring Fling** Liz Summerfield suggested that TXCC share a stall with the Meadows' Festival at this event on 6 May and was looking for volunteers to staff the stall.

It was agreed to take a stall, provided that sufficient people could staff this. The following expressed an interest in helping out – Roger Colkett, David Liddle, Chris McGregor, Ann Wigglesworth.

#### **ACTION – Liz Summerfield**

**e. Update on planning meeting organised by Leith Links CC** – the Chair gave some background to this initiative and explained that Paul Beswick and Roger Colkett were working on an official response from TXCC to the Planning Consultation of the Scottish Government.

#### 6. Councillors' Comments -

**Clir Burns** briefly reported on the local issue relating to the general management of traffic at the Fountainbridge site, and on the city-wide issue of the recently announced CEC Budget for 2017/2018. He said that the latter was to be welcomed as the increased revenue from the new Council Tax would stay in the city, although there was to be no increase in the block-grant.

There followed a question about short-term lets and a general discussion to which all three City of Edinburgh Councillors present contributed. Cllr Corbett mentioned that there was still much to do in relation to this issue especially in inner-city neighbourhoods, and that on the question of short-term lets and problems associated with this, he reminded the meeting that complaints can still be made via planning enforcement at planning@edinburgh.gov.uk. Also discussed was the matter of the Sick Kids.

**Clir Mowat** gave some background to the subject of short-term lets and the requirement placed on landlords to apply for permission for change of use of properties. She announced that a report on this was to be tabled at the Planning Committee on 2 March. She acknowledged that there was currently a weakness in regulatory provision, but that this issue was now coming up the agenda.

On the Royal Infirmary application (16/05400/LBC), Cllr Mowat intimated that the application was being continued, and gave a detailed account of the matter. There followed a discussion about this and heritage and planning issues in general.

**Clir Corbett** announced that pavement improvements had been made to Lower Gilmore Place and Lochrin Basin Lane and that a new Dunedin-Canmore Housing Association development was underway at Lochrin Basin Lane. He also reported that EDI had held an event last week about the 'cultural quarter' at the Fountainbridge site, and that he would forward papers about this to the Secretary/Chair.

**ACTION - Cllr Corbett** 

#### 7. Planning -

**Royal Infirmary planning application (16/05400/LBC)** – in the absence of Paul Beswick, the Chair intimated that while the Planning Department had recommended granting permission to demolish the gatehouse, the decision of the Planning Committee was to continue the application.

- **8. Licensing** Roger Colkett reported that there were no new applications in the period, but that he would be attending the next Licensing Board in 1<sup>st</sup> March.
- **9. Reports other than those written** Ann Wigglesworth reported on the meeting of the Tollcross Community Centre Management Committee of 1<sup>st</sup> February 2017, highlighting concern about the future of the post of the sole Community Education worker and the request of long-standing for an automatic door to be installed. It was suggested that Ann draft a letter for the Chair of TXCC to send to Cllr Cameron Day, Convenor, Education, Children and Families Committee.

**ACTION - Ann Wigglesworth and Andrew Brough** 

#### 10. AOCB -

The Meadows – Chris McGregor queried the proposed 'orchard and raised bed allotment(s)' on the Meadows. While there was no dissent about the desirability of fruit trees and growing spaces in principle, there was great concern about the lack of information surrounding the proposal as well as the authority of Parks to grant permission without public consultation. As the Meadows is not free land to be given away, it was suggested that the Fountainbridge site would be an ideal place for 'community raised-beds', as there had been a community garden there previously. The Chair explained that he had written to CEC and was awaiting a response.

**Ponton Street signage** – Fiona Allen asked about the sign for the Tollcross Early Years Campus. It was suggested that she write to Cllr Corbett to ask him to enquire of Cllr Cameron Day, Convenor, Education, Children and Families Committee about the costs involved.

**ACTION - Fiona Allen to write to Cllr Corbett** 

**IT support for Secretary** – Ann Wigglesworth raised the question of IT support for the Secretary. It was decided to place this item on the Agenda for the March meeting.

The meeting closed at 8.54pm.

Date of next meeting: Wednesday 29 March 2017 at 7pm
Tollcross Community Centre

#### From Andrew Brough – update on policing of rough sleepers

At the February 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting of Tollcross Community Council we had a report from Police Scotland on our local area.

PC Steve Burt gave an update on the recent work of Police Scotland and the Border Agency. It centred around rough sleeping in the city centre and how the police were facilitating the deportation of rough sleepers under the Lisbon Treaty.

PC Burt described the early morning raids and deportations taking place with the Border Agency around Edinburgh, and that many of the rough sleepers were glad to be going back home.

PC Burt also stated that many people in homeless hostels took offence at the presence of foreigners and Europeans in the hostels and that it was better for them to be deported.

Several Community Councillors intimated to me afterwards that they were uncomfortable with the description and reporting of the treatment of rough sleepers, especially over using terms that they were being 'deported' with what appeared to be such enthusiasm from PC Burt.

PC Burt referred several times to the 'deportation' of EU nationals under the terms of the 'Lisbon Treaty', and it would be helpful if an explanation of the current policy with the Border Agency could be clarified, as it was unclear at the meeting why European Union nationals with rights to work in the UK were being described as being 'deported'. Also, the Community Council wondered why Community Police Officers, part paid for by the City of Edinburgh, are being used in these early morning raids.

When the other Police Scotland Officer present - PC Susan Purnell - gave her report, she had to clarify that not everyone rough sleeping had broken the law, which seemed to contradict the criterion used by the Border Agency for 'deporting' EU nationals, and we would again like clarification on that policy from Police Scotland.

Removal of people to their countries of origin is a highly sensitive area of Police Scotland work, and frontline Police Officers who meet with the public through Community Councils or other forums need to be more careful in the language and tone they use and be trained to better explain the law in order to avoid confusion and causing offence.

Whilst any joined-up approach to help rough sleepers is to be welcomed – describing this help offered to some as 'deportation' is crass and insensitive, particularly in a public setting. We would suggest that the current strategy for training officers in communicating Police Scotland policy in public forums needs to be rethought.

Many thanks,

Andrew Brough

Andrew Brough
Chair, Tollcross Community Council

#### Report on the Civic Forum meeting, City Chambers, Edinburgh, 7 March 2017

Organised in conjunction with Planning Aid Scotland, this meeting took the form of a facilitated discussion about the Scottish Government's Planning Consultation Review and its focus on encouraging all members of the community, including children and young people, to have their say. The views generated by this meeting are to be appended to the CEC's Planning Committee's response to the Consultation paper (due to go before the CEC Planning Committee on 30 March.)

The presentation made by PAS covered much ground that was familiar to many of the attendees, and at an early point in the presentation it was suggested to skip this preamble and move to the workshop element of the meeting.

Ostensibly a workshop to discuss how Community Councils could be involved in development plans, and by extension broadening involvement in development planning across communities – PAS had done a similar workshop the previous week with pupils from Castleview Primary School's Primary 7 class – comments from the floor demonstrated the extent to which members of community councils have become demoralised and disaffected by current planning legislation and that the Planning Review document of the Scottish Government reflected little more than top-down thinking.

#### **Michael Lister**

#### Health - Chris McGregor

I have had a number of suggestions to follow up in the effort to establish what CCs are doing in regard to health issues. Most have led to dead ends but I await hearing from Nikki Conway and Andrew Gallacher. Mags Campbell suggested I attend the LOOPS meeting, South East Network (Local Opportunities for Older People). This brought together a wide range of people involved in giving services in the area. They ranged over lunch clubs, library, garden projects, transport, welfare and medical care. It was an impressive overview of local authority and voluntary services in the area.

It highlighted for me that Tollcross is not a functioning community in the sense that it has no focal point of gathering apart from the TXC Centre which seems limited in what it offers and no co- ordinated programme of services.

I visited the Brougham Place medical practice in an attempt to get an appointment to hear their view on local health issues and any welfare services used by them. Although polite and interested the most they would agree to was to complete a quetionnaire. I will follow this up if agreed by CC.

#### **Chris McGregor**

#### Report on CCNP Meeting on 9 March from:

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#### **Community Grants Fund**

The fund has been confirmed as £21,878 for 2017/18. Applications are invited for the deadline of Friday 12 May 2017, to be considered at the meeting on Thursday 8 June 2017.

There is more information at <a href="http://www.edinburghnp.org.uk/neighbourhood-partnerships/city-centre/funding/community-grants-information/">http://www.edinburghnp.org.uk/neighbourhood-partnerships/city-centre/funding/community-grants-information/</a> about the fund which supports short term projects which directly benefit city centre residents.

Please note that due to ward boundary changes: (see <a href="http://www.lgbc-cotland.gov.uk/reviews/5th\_electoral/edinburgh/">http://www.lgbc-cotland.gov.uk/reviews/5th\_electoral/edinburgh/</a>) for the 4 May election, you may need to apply to a different Neighbourhood Partnership.

#### City of Edinburgh Local Fire Plan

The Scottish Fire and Rescue Service is required under the Fire (Scotland) Act 2005, as amended, to prepare Local Fire and Rescue Plans for each local authority in Scotland. Following the publication of our Strategic Plan in our inaugural year, the first Local Plans were published in April 2014.

These plans were developed to direct the Service through its initial transformation journey and have helped to forge our place as a national organisation with a strong sense of local accountability. Against the drive of public sector reform, the local planning landscape continues to evolve to provide a greater focus on protecting the most vulnerable and improving community outcomes through collaborative working.

The publication of our new Strategic Plan 2016-19 in October 2016 now instigates a timely requirement to carry out a mandatory review of all Local Fire and Rescue Plans. This review will provide us with information on how well we are performing against our existing priorities as well as highlighting areas for continued improvement and opportunities for change against the growing needs of our communities. In very simple terms the review is aiming to gain the views of stakeholders on our performance against the existing plan and if the priorities it contains are the right ones. This feedback will be used to inform the preparation of a new Fire Plan which will be put in place in October this year.

Using the link below, responses can be captured through the online consultation hub at Citizen Space. <a href="https://firescotland.citizenspace.com/planning-and-performance/local-plan-review/">https://firescotland.citizenspace.com/planning-and-performance/local-plan-review/</a>

#### The closing date for the consultation is 31st March 2017

If anyone would prefer to complete a hard copy of the survey, please contact Alex Hume, Station Manager, direct:

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#### **Locality Improvement Plan Update**

Further detail on approach for Phase 2 for the city centre is still to be finalised, but the Neighbourhood Partnership will be updated as soon as possible.

(NB: please see attachments emailed to CC members on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> March)

#### **Police Scotland**

Policing in Scotland has a long and successful record of adapting to the changing demands and needs of people and communities.

Policing 2026 is a collaborative and strategic programme, led jointly by the Scottish Police Authority and Police Scotland, to transform policing in Scotland over the next 10 years. We are now setting out for consultation our proposed 10 year strategy, developed collaboratively by the SPA and Police Scotland, to ensure that Scottish policing remains fit for the future.

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The draft strategy sets out why change is necessary, what will change and how the change will happen.

Police Scotland is seeking the views of the public to help shape the final publication. To view the strategy and participate in the survey please click on the undernoted link. <a href="https://consult.scotland.police.uk/consultation/2026/">https://consult.scotland.police.uk/consultation/2026/</a>

Alternatively you can submit written responses to Police Scotland at:
Policing 2026 Consultation, Clyde Gateway, 2 French Street, Dalmarnock, GLASGOW, G40 4EH
If you have any queries about the strategy or the consultation please contact:

Email: Policescotland2026consultation@scotland.pnn.police.uk

#### South central neighbourhood partnership Monday the 13th of March 2017

This is the last neighbourhood partnership meeting before the election and Paul Godzik thanked everyone who'd taking part over the last 5 years.

A report was given on the two recent participatory budgeting events that took place in the locality and a report is being prepared for the June meeting of south central neighbourhood partnership on the best way to continue participatory budgeting within the neighbourhood partnership.

There was a presentation from the fire brigade and the police and localities update plan over the challenges of the next neighbourhood priorities in the South East Localities.

The neighbourhood partnership also awarded grants on the night including Meadows Festival and Sciennes schools with a feasibility study on expanding the playground.

Grants for the coming year where agreed on the grounds that they would be confirmed after the partnership grants funding for the coming year had also been agreed by the council.

**Andrew Brough** 

#### Correspondence from Fiona Allen regarding signage at TX Primary

Good afternoon.

I notice that there has appeared on the railings at Ponton Street a sign which identifies Tollcross Primary School as "Tollcross Early Years Campus".

While I think the sign itself is attractive enough, there are some questions which have piqued my curiosity.

- 1) Is this an attempt at re-branding, and if so why? I cannot see that the sign itself will make the school premises more attractive to children. I would like to think that the school appeals to parents for reasons other than a pretty new sign.
- 2) Was the design produced in-house by someone at the school? If not, what costs were involved in its production? I would think that in a time of austerity a new sign would rank quite low on the lists of things to provide.
- 3) Why use the name "Campus"? Given the inner-city location and the comparatively small footprint of the site,

this strikes me as a somewhat pretentious description for the area in question.

I will be extremely interested in any response you feel inclined to provide.

Regards,

Fiona Allen

#### Hello Gavin

How interesting! Thank you for letting me see this communication.

We are calling ourselves a Campus as we have two nurseries now on site, Lochrin and Grassmarket. However these are now merged as one across two rooms, this makes us a large early years setting, with capacity for 60fte youngsters. This is one of the larger nurseries in the City. We have a Community Centre on site too. This makes us one of the largest settings for FM support in the city, they call us a Campus also.

We were asked by CEC to put signage in place as the entrance to the nurseries, especially the Grassmarket, was unclear. The logo is the Early Years logo used by all CEC nurseries. I have a responsibility as Headteacher to communicate with the local community and the sign does that very clearly we feel. We only recently moved to using this gate as our new main access and the parent community is very positive about it, I feel it is a safer entrance for children, although some traffic calming there would be helpful too!

All feedback I received about my new sign, put up prior to the formal inclusion of the nursery was positive. The nurseries needed to be included and for cost reasons we added a smaller sign rather than change a relatively new larger sign. I am very parsimonious with school funding here as you can imagine! This new sign was funded by Early Years.

I do hope this answers your queries.

Kind regards

Alice

Alice Brown Headteacher Tollcross Primary School Headteacher Lochrin and Grassmarket Nursery Schools

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#### Good morning Fiona,

Thank you for your recent enquiry about the signage, I passed you enquiry onto the appropriate department and I was issued with the response below:

Yes we did manufacture new signage for Tollcross Early Years Campus.

The signs were requested by Paula Greenhill as was the layout and what they required the signs to say. Paula also cc Alice Brown and Anne Kiely into her emails and I think they also had an input into what they required the signs to say. This is a sort of template for all Early Years Centres and they are all done to a similar style. The cost of manufacturing the signs was £180.00

Hope this helps and if I can be of any more assistance then please contact me

Thanks, Graeme

Graeme Goulding, Sign Shop Team Leader, City of Edinburgh Council, Road Services

Letter to Alan Dunlop from Ann Wigglesworth

Hi Alan

I know you will groan to hear about more pot holes. Sorry. There are 2 especially bad areas on Home St.

1. Kings Theatre Junction the whole surface is very uneven with successive patches.

The pedestrian crossing from the Theatre to TUC TUC Bistro is especially bad for pedestrians & Cyclists. Some years ago ( 6 ?) it was agreed by SCNP that this junction would be properly resurfaced. Any hope of that?

2. In front of Ladbrooks & the entrance to Lochrin Place there is an area of collapsing road surface which looks like it will give way very soon producing a large pothole

We know some work has been carried out recently in Home St & Leven St but with such heavy traffic the wear & tear is very high. We hope it can be given more regular attention.

#### **Contact Tollcross Community Council via:**

Online: www.tollcrosscc.org.uk | Twitter: @TollcrossCC | email: sec@tollcrosscc.org.uk

Andrew Brough's note on conversation with Inspector David Robertson

Hi Everyone,

Ive just had a long telephone call with David Robertson, Police Inspector for Community Policing Policing in the City Centre.

The Police are working with the City Centre Community Renewal group and several others such as Street Works, in a joined up to way to bring help to rough sleepers in the City. Before Christmas they worked with the UK Border Agency to help identify and help those rough sleeping in the City Centre. A small number of these were European Union Citizens whom were not employed and sleeping rough. The UK Border Agency had funding to help support people and as part of that offered to pay for flights home on a consensual basis and not deported as quoted several times at our meeting. All in all around 5 people asked for help to get back to their countries of origin, including one being arranged so he could be home in time for Christmas.

Gavin Corbett also contacted the Police regarding the issue and send me this:

I had a very constructive conversation with David Robertson from the SE Team who, from my point of view (as someone who has worked in a homelessness charity for 24 years) covered all the right ground in describing a joined-up solutions-led approach to rough sleeping (as opposed to enforcement-led).

Specifically, he explained that the work with the UK Borders Agency was facilitated travel to country of origin where that had been requested, not deportation.

The situation for EU nationals being in the Country is as follows:

There is no bar on entry for 3 months when they arrive.

The right to remain is achieved by their exercising their treaty rights which can be by working, seeking work, self employment and demonstrating independent means. Someone who does not demonstrate one of these has no right to remain.

The Inspector and I had a chat around the tone of and words used when this was discussed by PC Burt at the Community Council, and it was agreed that this would be looked at.

I hope that helps with the points raised. Police Scotland are looking at a group in London called <a href="http://www.thamesreach.org.uk">http://www.thamesreach.org.uk</a> to help identify vulnerable groups and using a multiagency approach to help Rough Sleepers make progress in helping them get off the streets.

Many thanks,

Andrew

#### **Community Council Engagement with the Planning Service**

Tuesday 25 April in the Midlothian Chambers, George IV Bridge

Tea, coffee and biscuits will be available from 3.30pm

4pm	Welcome and introduction from David Leslie, Chief Planning Officer
4.10pm	Discussion Group – what makes your community special, what are challenges you face and what does this mean for how you engage with the Planning Service
4.25pm	Presentation - The Development Plan: Shaping Our City
4.45pm	Discussion Group – Planning Applications: What can you comment on?
4.55pm	Presentation – Planning Decisions: How do they happen?
5.15pm	Discussion Group – How do community councils represent the views of the wider community?
5.30pm	Presentation – the role of the Community Council in the Planning system
5.40pm	Discussion
6pm	Close