

Tollcross Community Council Notice of Meeting and Agenda

28th June 2017

7pm Tollcross Community centre
Room 4

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Agenda 28th June 2017

Tollcross Community Education Centre 117 Fountainbridge

1. **Welcome & apologies –**
 - a. AOCB
2. **Declaration of interests.**
3. **Police matters –** With local community officer Sgt Bob Mason.
4. **Minutes 31 May 2017 –**
 - a. Matters arising.
 - b. Acceptance.
5. **Local matters:**
 - a. **Kings Theatre refurbishment** with Duncan Hendry, Chief Executive.
 - b. **Grassmarket Stall –** Joining with Old Town at the Saturday Market. – **ML**
 - c. **Public issues raised during June. – AB**
 - i. Airbnb issues.
 - ii. Public right of way through Quartermile.
6. **Councillors' Comments & Questions.**
7. **Planning – PB.**
 - a. Canalside - Lower Gilmore Place PAN.
 - b. Other planning issues.
8. **Licensing – RC.**
9. **AOCB**

Next Meeting: 30th August 2017,

Tollcross Community Centre.

Please note: we do not meet in July.

Tollcross Community Council
Minutes of Meeting of Wednesday 31 May 2017 at 7.30pm
Tollcross Community Centre, 117 Fountainbridge

1. Welcome and Apologies

Present: Andrew Brough (Chair and Secretary), Richard Allen, Iain Black, Roger Colkett, Michael Lister, Chris McGregor, Liz Summerfield, Ann Wigglesworth. **Police:** PS Bob Mason, PC Chris Green (both West End). **CEC Councillors:** Claire Miller, Joanna Mowat. **Members of the public:** David Liddle, Jim Roberston, Andreas Wilhelm, Simon Zisman. **Apologies:** Fiona Allen, Paul Beswick, Andy Devenport, Katie McGhee; Cllr Doran, Cllr Rankin.

The newly re-elected Chair welcomed everyone to the May ordinary meeting.

2. Declaration of interests – Liz Summerfield (Meadows Festival)

3. Police Matters –

The Chair welcomed PS Bob Mason and PC Green to the meeting. Sgt Mason is to be the main contact and will supply the Chair with his email address. He explained that in future he would report on themes and trends rather than raw figures, although PC Green did provide some information on recent crime incidents in the area, mostly thefts of pedal cycles and cars. In the general discussion that followed, it was noted that reported crime rates in the Lothian Road area had fallen, and this was related partly to the work done at weekends by Operation Nightguard and Street Assist. It was also noted that the new Wetherspoons appeared to take a well-managed approach to door security and related matters.

4. Minutes and matters arising from meeting of 26 April 2017 –

Matters arising and correction –

Richard Allen reported that the last-minute change of venue for the April meeting came as a result of poor communication between Community Centre administration and management, and confirmed that the TXCC has a long-term booking for the regular venue.

3a. Meadows Festival –

Following a heated discussion about the decision taken at the April meeting to discontinue having a presence at the Meadows Festival and to no longer make a donation to the event, it was agreed to amend the minutes by removing the term ‘city-wide event’ that had been used to describe the Meadows Festival; to revisit the question of having a presence at the event in future years; and to make a donation of £50 towards the 2017 event.

5. Local matters –

Memorial to David Rintoul, first Chair of TXCC – Liz Summerfield spoke to the work that the late David Rintoul had done in and for Tollcross, and it was agreed to plant a tree in his memory.

ACTION – Liz Summerfield

6. Councillors’ Comments and Questions –

Cllr Mowat gave an update on what is and what is not happening at the Council until such time as an administration is formed. A Lord Provost has been elected, and the quasi-judicial committees have been appointed pro tem. Currently all power sits with the full council, which is not to meet again until 29 June, although some change is expected following the results of the General Election on 8 June, with *inter alia* the introduction of ‘streamlined committees’. In the meantime, points of contact in the council officers remain unchanged. Neighbourhood partnerships are possibly disappearing and a review into locality area

committees will take place over the summer. Any grant applications are being handled by council officers with delegated authority in the meantime.

Cllr Mowat also reported on the application to demolish the gatehouse to the old Royal Infirmary (Reference 17/01572/LBC), the decision on which has been 'continued', and referred to the matter of what would constitute 'public benefit' advanced in support of the application. (See item 11, Minutes of TXCC Meeting, 26 April 2017.) Joanna added that the developers would most likely come back with new proposals.

ACTION – Cllr Mowat to organise a rota for CEC City Centre Councillors' attendance at Community Council meetings.

Cllr Miller did not have a report to make, but in relation to points of contact at the Council, she would supply the Chair with a copy of the new South East locality directory listing.

ACTION – Cllr Miller

There were questions about the Licensing Board, street-cleaning and traffic wardens, and the abuse of public footways for private purposes. On this last matter, it was noted that, in general, many developers encroach on public footways beyond the normally permitted space required at 1.4m. It was explained that as road occupation decisions are made by delegated authority, suspected breach of road occupation permits should be reported to the Council's Roads Team.

ACTION – Roger Colkett

7. Licensing – Roger Colkett announced that there was very little to report in the period, save for a recent application for a licensed restaurant in Teviot Place, just outside the TXCC area.

8. Planning – in the absence of Paul Beswick, the Chair referred to a brief report supplied to him.

Ref 17/01109/PAN – Edinburgh Quay – in relation to the recent PAN exhibition for major development at the top of Edinburgh Quay, after some discussion about the merits of submitting objections at this stage, it was agreed to submit early objections.

ACTION – Richard Allen to submit an objection on behalf of TXCC.

Ref 17/0503/PAN – 4-22 Lower Gilmore Place – PAN exhibition to take place on 14 June, venue yet to be announced.

Application for change to exterior door and installation of illuminated signage at 2 West Tollcross (Central Hall, Dunbar St). **No objection**

9. Reports other than those written –

FoMBL – the 2017 FoMBL AGM is to take place on 23 June. Iain Black said that he would report back on this at the TXCC June meeting.

Spring Fling – Liz Summerfield wished to record thanks to Chris McGregor, Roger Colkett and David Liddle for assisting at this event. From feedback that she had received about what issues local community councils should address, she reported that there was much concern about planning decisions, litter, and trees sprouting up on buildings and pavements.

Meadows Festival – Liz Summerfield reminded the meeting that this event, which represented the biggest outdoor market in Scotland, would take place on Saturday 3 June, from 10am to 7.30pm, and on Sunday 4 June, from 11am to 6pm.

10. AOCB – Ann Wigglesworth read two brief reports on 1/ the allotment project on East Meadows; 2/ the Funfair on West Meadows, copies of which she had circulated.

The meeting closed at 9pm.

**Date of next meeting Wednesday 28 June 2017 at 7pm
Tollcross Community Centre**

South Central Neighbourhood Partnership Participatory Budgeting Meeting 6th June 2017

This was a meeting regarding the PB scheme for the Neighbourhood Environmental Programme (NEP) grants for 2017/18. This includes the Housing Revenue Account and Roads Capital. To quote the Neighbourhood Partnership website:

The Neighbourhood Environment Programme (NEP) encourages South Central residents to get involved in making decisions for environmental improvements and allows them to have an influence on a mainstream budget.

Through NEP the community is provided with greater local accountability over environmental spend.

The NEP pulls together the views of local people, which presents the partnership with a strategic overview of the priorities across the area.

NEP has two principal strands, namely Roads Capital Improvements and Housing Revenue Account (HRA) improvements both of which can be influenced by the local community.

As this was a preparatory meeting about how we might go forward - it was agreed to check with departments over the timetable for NEP grant applications possibly to run over the last two weeks of August. But it was decided that the voting would be online. There would be various pop up locations to advertise the grant projects including one in Tollcross.

If this voting/events and the outlined timetable went well it was envisioned that it would be run out across the current two other Neighbourhood Partnerships in the South-East Locality.

Andrew Brough, Chair & Secretary.

Civic Forum meeting, CEC and the Cockburn Association, 6 June 2017

Unlike many previous meetings of the Civic Forum, which have tended to drift in various directions without any real sense of purpose, this meeting was both constructive and productive. Perhaps this was as a result of there being fewer attendees than normal, given the atrocious weather that kept people at home. Representing TXCC at this meeting were Roger Colkett and Michael Lister.

Of particular interest was the announcement by Joe Taylor of the Cockburn Association that Doors Open 2017 – taking place on 23 and 24 September – will feature more than 100 venues, with 25 new ones, and that in the week before there will be a series of talks and tours across the city to introduce the event. Also noted was the upcoming 250th anniversary of the creation of the first New Town.

The most useful aspect of the event was the facilitated workshop and small group discussion of the draft revised Edinburgh Planning Guidance. The Edinburgh Design (sic) Guidance was originally approved in May 2013, and is now being updated to reflect changes in local and national policy. The City of Edinburgh Council is currently carrying out stakeholder consultation. The key changes are centred on the Council's Parking Standards (for new developments), advice on Build-to-Rent Housing, and

protected views to the Forth Bridge. The workshop group I found myself in discussed various issues surrounding proposed major high-end (and high-density) build-to-rent developments and the implications these have for car-use, parking, and public transport, as well as the perennial questions about purpose-built student accommodation and 'adaptability/convertibility' of these developments once student numbers begin to fall. The Council's revised guidance document will be available in due course.

Michael Lister, Co-opted Built Environment.

PAN for Lower Gilmore Place. 14 June 2017.

The PAN for rather well attended when I turned up with many residents from Gilmore Place at the event. As ever it seemed the only people wanting this to go ahead was the PR company. The local public I spoke too were dead against it from height issues, massing and that it could become another Airbnb venue by the Canal.

Some interesting issues on the 'burdens' on the height of the buildings and the PR saying if the landlord didn't get that over turned there was no alternative plans. Another resident (among several) complained about loss of light to their bad greens due to the height. The PR stated the didn't develop the site right to back to 'help' this issue out. No one thought it would work.

Another interesting point was made about Fountain Court and how that went through on planning for housing, then sold lock stock to a party flat operation without any consultation with the Public.

Needless to say, we will be objecting when the time comes.

Andrew Brough, for Paul Beswick who couldn't attend the event.

Union Canal Towpath discussion.

Scottish Canals in association with Sustrans ran two discussion sessions at Polwarth Church Hall on Thursday 11th May at 14:00 and 18:00. The sessions were attend by about forty people each and covered such topics as, towpath use, conflict between users (especially cyclists) lighting, surfacing and general improvements.

Ideas from the discussion will be coordinated by Scottish Canals and report published later. It was a good event with a wide range of users represented and hopefully some good ideas will be taken up.

Richard Allen, Fountainbridge Canalside Initiative

Tollcross Community Centre Association. Wednesday 10th May 2017.

Following approval of Finance & Accounts. The following items were passed

- Grant to TX Youth Group of £230.00, confirmed

- Garden. agreed a budget of up to £200.00 for plants and improvements to the Community Centre garden.
- Recycling containers. We agreed in principle to meet the costs providing these.
- TX Nursery. Enquiry about financial support for a slide and soft play area. To be considered when further information and costs are known.
- Tumbling Mats. Agreed to purchase new mats. Old mats could be given away.

Finance Reserves Policy. We agreed three months average expenditure. Form of words to be agreed with Accountant.

Council have provided a quote to replace the entrance doors £9,935.00 and asked the Committee to meet the cost. Decision pending clarification about ongoing maintenance responsibility for the new doors.

TX Community Council. The meeting of 26/4/17 was moved to Room 3 from Room 4. Room 3 is too small for the Group and should not be used again. Action admin

New Councillors. Agreed we should write to the newly elected Councillors for the Centre to invite them to send one or more to our Committee meetings.

Richard Allen, Tollcross Community Centre Association.

Tollcross Community Council Councillors: Fiona Allen, Richard Allen, Paul Beswick, Iain Black Andrew Brough, Roger Colkett, Andrew Devenport, Katie McGhee, Chris McGregor, Liz Summerfield Ann Wigglesworth.

Tollcross Community Council Responsibilities: **Community Councils Liaison Coordinator** – Liz Summerfield, **Planning** – Paul Beswick, **Licensing Forum** – Roger Colkett, **Media monitoring** – Liz Summerfield, **Health** – Chris McGregor, **Built Environment** – Michael Lister (co-opted), **Fountainbridge Canalside Initiative** – Richard Allen, **Licensing** – Roger Colket, **Edinburgh Civic Forum** – Roger Colkett, Michael Lister (co-opted), **Meadows’ Festival** – Andy Devenport, Liz Summerfield, **Friends of the Meadows and Bruntsfield Links** – Iain Black, **Canalside Festival** – Richard Allen, **Edinburgh Old Town Development Trust** – Roger Colkett, Michael Lister (co-opted), **Fountainbridge Steering Group** – Richard Allen, **Canal Management Committee** – Richard Allen.

Tollcross City of Edinburgh Councillors:

Tollcross Community Council is covered by 3 Wards for Edinburgh Council (Fountainbridge/Craiglockhart, Morningside and City Centre). Since the boundary changes for the 2017 Local Elections we are now 95% or so covered by the City Centre Ward and will be mostly working with our City Centre Councillors.

Ward 9 Fountainbridge/Craiglockhart Gavin Corbett (Green) Andrew Johnston (Con) David Key (SNP)

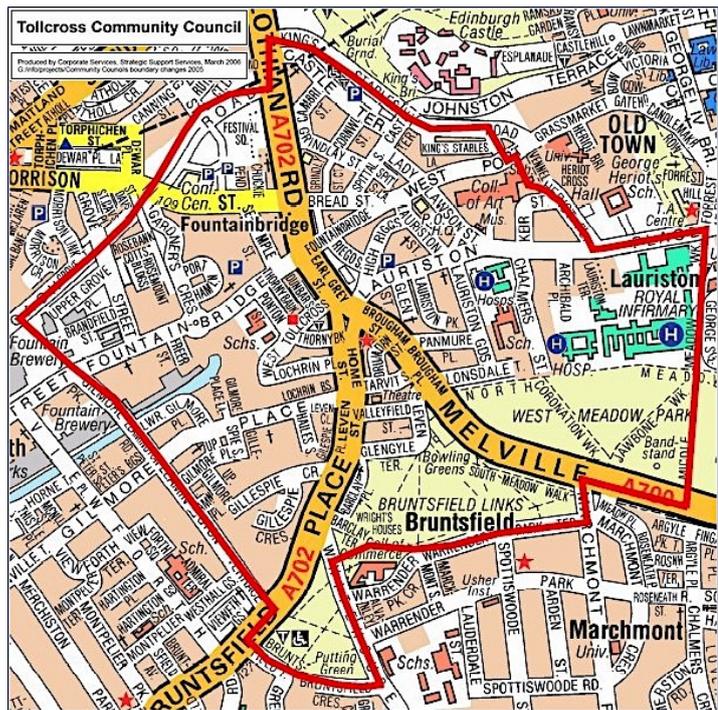
Ward 10 Morningside Nick Cook (Con) Melanie Main (Green) Neil Ross (LibDem) Many Watt (Lab)

Ward 11 City Centre Karen Doren (Lab) Claire Miller (Green) 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).

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