



Tollcross Community Council Notice of Meeting and Agenda

30th August 2017

7pm Tollcross Community centre
Room 4

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Tollcross Community Council

Agenda 30th August 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 28th June 2017 –**
 - a. Matters arising.
 - b. Acceptance.
- 5. Tollcross area matters:**
 - a. **Plans for the year ahead** – Discussion on what the CC will focus on in the coming year.
 - b. **Local Issues** – Bins, streets, rubbish etc. – discussion and options to sort out. Whatever is current to talk about and sort out!
 - c. **Update on Short Term Lets meeting with Andy Wightman.** – AB.
 - d. **Update on Memorial Tree** - LS.
 - e. **Pregnancy Centre on lower Gilmore Place.** – AB.
- 6. Councillors' Comments & Questions.**
- 7. Planning – PB.**
- 8. Licensing – RC.**
- 9. AOCB**

Next Meeting: 27th September 2017,

Tollcross Community Centre.

Tollcross Community Council
Minutes of Meeting of Wednesday 28 June 2017 at 7pm
Tollcross Community Centre, 117 Fountainbridge

1. Welcome and Apologies

Present: Andrew Brough (Chair and Secretary), Paul Beswick (Treasurer); Fiona Allen, Richard Allen, Iain Black, Andrew Brough, Roger Colkett, Michael Lister, Chris McGregor, Liz Summerfield, Ann Wigglesworth. **Police:** PS Bob Mason, (West End). **CEC Councillors:** none. **Visitors:** Duncan Hendry, Chief Executive, King's Theatre; Ross McKenzie Parent Council, Tollcross Primary School. **Apologies:** David Liddle, Katie McGhee; Cllr Miller.

The Chair welcomed everyone to the June ordinary meeting.

2. Declaration of interests – none

3. Police Matters –

Sgt Mason began his presentation by reminding the meeting that he would be concentrating on themes and trends rather than on raw figures. He reported that while in terms of house break-ins, there was no identifiable trend, there has recently been a number of reports of tv thefts in the area. He also mentioned the seasonal classic of summer thefts involving the use of implements from unlocked garden sheds to gain access to properties, and said that Police Scotland were putting out messages on Facebook and Twitter to remind the public about shed safety. Bicycle thefts are a constant, and Sgt Mason advised marking cycles in luminous colours and using two locks rather than one. At this time of year, there is always a number of opportunistic thefts of wallets, purses and mobile phones from cafés and restaurants and he advised greater vigilance. Any crimes of violence in the area in the period appear not to have an impact on the wider community, being related to the night-time economy of bars and clubs and do not constitute a worrying trend. In terms of bars and pubs, there appears to be a move towards more lounge-bar establishments which are more costly and this would seem to deter anti-social behaviour. On the question of anti-social behaviour, Sgt Mason referred to recent issues at Brandfield Street. Operation Penitent is addressing on-street drug-dealing and several drug warrants have been executed. Members of the public who witness on-street drug-dealing should contact Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111 or phone 101.

On the issue of begging and rough-sleeping, Sgt Mason explained that those involved are always treated as vulnerable people and are directed towards various agencies and services that can provide help and assistance. On the question of begging by nationals from European Economic Area countries, Sgt Mason explained that the terms of the Lisbon Treaty do not allow this.

Questions were asked about traffic going down the wrong way on Leven Terrace and about increased policing on the Meadows during the Festivals. Sgt Mason noted the former issue and said that Operation Summer City would provide more officers to ensure public safety during the Festivals.

4. Minutes and matters arising from meeting of 31 May 2017 –

Correction:

5. Local matters – Memorial to David Rintoul – ‘first Chair’ should read ‘a Chair’.

Matters arising:

5. Local matters – Memorial to David Rintoul – Liz Summerfield intimated that she had attended the funeral of David Rintoul that had taken place last week, and that in relation to arranging a suitable spot for a memorial tree, she is to have a meeting with Mike Shields on 1st July.

6. Councillors’ Comments and Questions – Roger Colkett informed the meeting that he was still to report back on the matter of road occupation decisions and suspected breach of road occupation permits.

The Minutes were then proposed by Richard Allen and seconded by Andrew Brough as being an accurate account of the 31 May meeting.

5. Local matters –

a. Refurbishment of the King's Theatre – Duncan Hendry, Chief Executive, King's Theatre, gave a presentation on the plans for a major development of the theatre which has a target start date of September 2021 for completion in the Spring of 2023. A capital-intensive project, projected to cost between £23-£25 million, with funding from the Theatre's own resources (£5million) and money agreed from CEC (£5million), an application for Heritage Lottery funding is to be submitted and a public fund-raising campaign is to begin in the Autumn of 2018.

Following Duncan Hendry's presentation, it was agreed unanimously to welcome this major development. The Chair invited Mr Hendry to return to TXCC to report on progress.

b. Tollcross Primary School crossing – Ross McKenzie, Parent Council, Tollcross Primary School, gave a presentation regarding the current unsatisfactory situation at the main entrance to the school, which is now situated on Ponton St. With a significantly increased pupil roll from development at Quartermile, poor facilities for pedestrians and cyclists, and there being no crossing patrol on that side, it has become apparent that a proper crossing to and from the School is essential. To this end, the Parent Council is seeking support to apply for funding from the Neighbourhood Environment Programme and in principle support from TXCC and the full engagement of City Centre (Ward 11) Councillors to take this matter forward. It was unanimously agreed to support this major initiative.

ACTION – Andrew Brough to write to our four Ward 11 Councillors to express the full support of TXCC for this initiative and to invite them to do likewise.

c. Grassmarket Stall – the newly re-constituted Old Town Community Council is taking a stall at the Saturday Market in the Grassmarket on 1st July from 10am to introduce itself and its councillors to local residents. Given that TXCC has a few streets that come within the generally designated Old Town area, we have been invited to take part in this very informal 'meet and greet' event. Iain Black and Michael Lister have agreed to spend a couple of hours meeting and greeting any Tollcross residents who might venture down to the Grassmarket. Any other TXCC councillors are welcome to take part in this informal event.

d. Public issues raised during June –

i. AirBNB – The Chair reported that he continues to receive comments from local residents about this issue and said that he was in the process of arranging a meeting with Andy Wightman MSP and Southside Community Council.

ii. Public right of way at Quartermile – the Chair reported that there was a move to open a public thoroughfare from the Quartermile development onto the Meadows. It was recognised that this was a difficult issue with conflicting wants and interests, but Paul Beswick reminded the meeting that it had been a long-standing position of TXCC to support permeability through developments, and, that while this particular matter relates to private land, it was important to remain vigilant about all issues relating to public realm in general.

6. Councillors' Comments and Questions – it was noted with regret that no CEC Councillors were present, and that none had sent apologies except Cllr Miller.

It was also noted with regret that the new committee structure of CEC has resulted in the loss of the Petitions and the Fire and Police Oversight Committees, and that at the present time information regarding all Councillors' areas of responsibility and their memberships of committees, etc, was yet to be fully updated on the CEC website.

7. Planning – Paul Beswick reported on the following:

Ref/17/0503/PAN – 4-22 Lower Gilmore Place – this event had taken place on 14 June. The exhibition boards were not particularly informative and it was agreed to wait until the full planning application has been submitted before making comments

Ref/17/02120/PAN – Teviot Row House – this event had taken place on 27 June

Ref/17/02104/ADV – Signage, Bobsleigh Repair Shop, 4-8 Lochrin Buildings – No objection

Ref/17/02194/FUL – Alterations to shop frontage, 4-8 Lochrin Buildings – No objection

Ref/17/02100/PAN – Viewforth Church – residential development with associated landscaping and parking at 4-22 Lower Gilmore Place

Ref/17/02227/PPP – 2 Dewar Place – PPP for two hotels

Ref/17/01535/FUL – Change of use former Lothian and Borders Fire Station (Museum of Fire) – Granted

Ref/15/0616/LBC – Surgical Hospital, former RIE – LBC has been approved, but there is no mention of the Gatehouse (see Minutes of Meeting of TXCC, 31 May, item 6, Councillors' Comments and Questions)

Ref/17/01150/FUL – Student Halls of Residence, University of Edinburgh, 1 Riego St – Granted

Ref/17/01109/PAN – Vastint, land to west of Edinburgh Quay at former 159 Fountainbridge – this event took place on 19 May

Ref/16/00700/FUL – Hotel, Dewar Place – Granted.

8. Licensing – Roger Colkett reported that there were no new applications in the period.

9. AOCB –

Andrew Brough congratulated Andy Devenport on his election as the new Chair of FoMBL and welcomed the appointment of Iain Black as a Trustee and as the official TXCC representative on FoMBL.

Fiona Allen asked for our concern about the Napier University Bainfield Halls of Residence having the same cladding as the Grenfell Tower block in London to be minuted.

Roger Colkett suggested that at our next meeting – in August – we consider priorities for the coming year. This was agreed unanimously.

ACTION –all Community Councillors to prepare items for this discussion in August.

The meeting closed at 8.55pm

**Date of next meeting Wednesday 30 August 2017 at 7pm
Tollcross Community Centre**

Development of the new South-East Locality Improvement Plan (29 June 2017)

This event provided the opportunity for interested parties to make comments and suggestions on the emerging South-East Locality Improvement Plan for the new priorities for the area and to learn what actions CEC and partner agencies will undertake together to deliver them. The session covered the locality wide priorities and actions for the South East (as well as the small area plans for the City Centre, Southside Corridor, Dumbiedykes, Southhouse/Burdiehouse, Gracemount, Hyvots, Moredun and Ferniehill/Fernieside.)

The documentation provided information about general, aspirational outcomes that hope to be achieved and the key actions required to achieve them. Outcomes and key actions fall into the five major categories of Community Safety, Economy/Employability, Place Making, Health and Wellbeing, Children, Young People and Families.

While the proposed general outcomes are themselves not problematic or tendentious – indeed the language of the document is highly positive and inclusive, with an obvious emphasis on communication, information, involvement, engagement, improvement, awareness, build, develop, promote, work, collaborative, promote and support, opportunities, changing attitudes, encourage, partnership, support and encourage, clear and simple, the right support, person-centred, affordable and accessible opportunities, locality needs, community programmes, and so on – the resource implications for the key actions will not be insignificant. This said, a major part of the work to achieve the proposed outcomes (and part of the rationale behind the model itself) will require changing attitudes and educating people to think differently about the areas in which they live and encouraging local residents to realise that they can be more actively involved in their communities and localities. So it is empowering.

While the rain was again of Biblical proportions and presumably kept many otherwise interested parties from attending, every cloud has a silver lining – the paucity of numbers allowed more full discussion of matters with CEC officers and Councillors and thus also provided a valuable means of networking.

Iain Black and Michael Lister

Report on recent FOMBL meetings (23 June, 17 July, 14 August 2017)

At this year's AGM on 23 June the Convenorship of FOMBL passed from Heather Goodare to Andy Devenport.

It was also decided at that meeting that henceforth the membership of the FOMBL committee would entail becoming a Trustee of FOMBL. Under this new arrangement, there is now clear representation from TXCC and Southside, Marchmont and Sciennes and Merchiston Community Councils.

Following the AGM, two subsequent meetings have taken place, dealing with the handing over of the Convenorship and discussions vis-à-vis sub-committees, their remits and personnel.

Immediately following the meeting on 14 August, there was a meeting with Charlie Wood of Underbelly to discuss how matters were going on the Meadows this Festival. Unfortunately, only three members of FOMBL, which included representation from TXCC and Southside CC were present, unlike the well-

attended meeting of the previous year, which meant that the reiteration of ongoing problems on the site were somewhat diluted. It was noted that the Fun Fair adjacent was both consistently noisy and there were already clear signs of distress to the grass surface.

The next FOMBL meeting will take place on 18 September.

Iain Black, TXCC Rep on FOMBL.

Tollcross Community Centre management committee (Wed2 August 2017at 18:30hrs)

Present:

Gandolf (chair) Brian Rona Danny Richard Anne Dave

Apologies: Kenny

There were no takers for the position of secretary to the group

The minutes of previous meeting were agreed proposed Brian seconded Richard

Matters arising:

(6.13) The outside tap agreed by e-mail has now been installed

(6.11) The revision of the application form is ongoing.

(7.3) after further discussion the application for the "migrant Pride Group" with free let was agreed

Finance:

Figures supplied showing income to date should read 17/18 and not 16/17

Dave to forward paperwork for for the application and acceptance of the COOP grant

The documentation to complete the annual accounts is still outstanding – Dave to speak to Firkiye

TX youth group- After much discussion about how to proceed with accounts for the group so that they are more closely monitored Dave will talk to will about setting budget targets and spending detail

There were no

funding requests

applications for lets

applications for membership

Building Management:

The water fountain and water boiler are no longer covered by contract

prices for maintenance and repair are being sort by Dave

The front door is still awaiting the letter of council commitment to maintenance

Toilet refurbishment has received a first quote: It was discussed and the consensus was that a professional specification should be obtained; Dave to pursue. : Further action will depend upon the repairs necessary to the roof which is still leaking and is Council responsibility.

CLD:

Staffing and employed attendance at the centre is still in discussion

Dave will continue at the center for the foreseeable future

Firkirte and Nancy will continue part time

David will be campus manager

Rab will be evening janitor.

DONM the next meeting will be on 6 September 2017 at 18:30 hrs in the Centre

Ann Wigglesworth supplied a copy of the meeting minute.

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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