



Tollcross Community Council Notice of Meeting and Agenda

25th October 2017

7pm Tollcross Community centre
Room 4

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Tollcross Community Council

Agenda 25th October 2017

Tollcross Community Education Centre 117 Fountainbridge

- 1. Welcome & apologies –**
 - a. **AOCB**
- 2. Declaration of interests.**
- 3. Police matters –** With local Police Scotland Community Officer.
- 4. Minutes 27th September 2017 –**
 - a. Matters arising.
 - b. Acceptance.
- 5. Tollcross area matters:**
 - a. **Lower Gilmore Place –** PB.
 - b. **Tollcross Community Centre –** RA.
 - c. **Scottish Book Trust Fundraising –** LS.
 - d. **Short term lets –** AB.
 - e. **Inclusion Scotland –** TXCC to join? – LS.
- 6. Councillors' Comments & Questions.**
- 7. Planning –** PB.
- 8. Licensing –** RC.
- 9. AOCB**

**Next Meeting: 29th November 2017,
Tollcross Community Centre.**

Tollcross Community Council
Minutes of Meeting of Wednesday 27 September 2017 at 7pm
Tollcross Community Centre, 117 Fountainbridge

1. Welcome and Apologies

Present: Andrew Brough (Chair and Secretary), Fiona Allen, Richard Allen, Iain Black, Roger Colkett, Andy Devenport, Michael Lister, Chris McGregor, Liz Summerfield, Ann Wigglesworth. **Police:** none (see below). **CEC Councillor:** none. **Public:** David Liddle, Mary Neilson, Andreas Wilhelm. **Apologies:** Paul Beswick, Katie McGhee, Liz Summerfield; Cllrs Doran, Miller and Mowat.

The Chair declared the September ordinary meeting open, and welcomed Mary Neilson as an honoured guest.

2. Declaration of interests – none

3. Police Matters –

There was no representative from Police Scotland present, however, an email was received by the Chair later that evening explaining the Police absence:

Sir,

Hope all is well. I was due to attend the Tollcross CC meeting tonight, I was walking up and made it as far as the Tesco Express at Fountainbridge, where I stumbled upon an ongoing incident, unfortunately I had to arrest two persons and due to the amount of incidents ongoing in the city there were no officers available to take over. I can only apologise for being unable to attend and I didn't have a phone number to let you know. I will email you at the weekend with the relevant information and hopefully you can pass it on to the members.

PC 11993 Liam Coleman, Community Policing Team West End Police Station.

4. Minutes and matters arising from meeting of 30 August 2017 –

Correction:

'Cllr Miller (standing in for Cllr Doran)' should simply read 'Cllr Miller'.

Matter arising:

4. Matters arising – Reports – FOMBL – Andy Devenport reported that the HSBC UK City Ride Edinburgh on 3 September had gone reasonably well, but noted that there was an increase in litter on the Meadows. He mentioned the upcoming 'Army in the Park' event **on the Meadows on 28 and 29 September.**

5. Tollcross matters –

a. 35 bus – following Lothian Regional Bus decision to 'rebrand' the 35-bus service, without any apparent public consultation, and to massively increase the cost of travel to the Airport, it was decided to write to LRB to ask how this will affect people working at the Airport and to explain why no public consultation had taken place. It was also requested that at the next TXCC meeting the CEC Councillor in attendance be asked to contact CEC/LRB for updated figures on operating costs of both trams and buses and to establish if there is any element of cross-subsidy involved.

ACTION: Chair

b. Cleaner Streets – the Chair reported on the recent initiative undertaken by some residents in Upper Gilmore Place to clean their own street. After some discussion, it was agreed to note this initiative with interest, but the general feeling was that this was no substitute for the CEC carrying out their statutory duty to clean our streets.

There followed a wider discussion about the need for more and better bins to be sited in the Tollcross area; the need to restore the Rapid Response teams; the removal of charges for special uplifts to prevent dumping of larger items in the streets; the question of enforcement and the role of environmental wardens; and the infrequency of uplift of paper recycling facilities in the area.

c. Andy Wightman meeting (AirBnB and short-lets) – following a detailed discussion about the pros and cons of hosting such a meeting in the Tollcross area, it was decided that the Chair should write to Mr Wightman for clarification under various heads before committing ourselves to hosting such an event.

ACTION: Chair

d. Lauriston Street/Lauriston Place – because some drivers are exiting (and in some cases trying to enter) Lauriston Street in the wrong lanes, signage and road markings at this junction need to be improved, and the Chair is to write to all four CEC councillors to ask for improvements.

ACTION: Chair

e. Uber drivers – unconnected with Transport for London's recent decision to deny Uber's application to renew its private hire licence in London, the matter of instances of poor driving on the part of Uber drivers in various parts of Edinburgh was discussed. It was decided that TXCC would support an investigation into how Uber operates in Edinburgh if the CEC has plans to review its renewal of Uber applications.

6. Councillor's Comments and Questions –

Despite the decision of ward councillors to operate a rota system for attending TXCC meetings, it was noted with regret that the Councillor scheduled to attend the September meeting – Cllr. Rankin – was absent and had not submitted apologies.

Further to Cllr Miller's involvement with the Thornybauk site, the Chair invited members to take part on a site visit and would inform Cllr Miller of their interest. Richard Allen, Iain Black, Michael Lister and Ann Wigglesworth expressed an interest in taking part.

ACTION: Chair

Richard Allen informed the group that a meeting of the Planning Sounding Board would be held on Thursday 28 September in the Diamond Jubilee Room, City Chambers at 2pm.

7. Planning –

According to the most recent CEC Planning Bulletin (11 September 2017), there were no new applications relevant to the TXCC area (Ward B11 – City Centre) or any planning decisions made.

8. Licensing –

Roger Colkett reported that both applications mentioned in the August meeting had been approved; that he would object on behalf of TXXC to the change of outdoor drinking facilities at Shakespeare's, 65 Lothian Road; and that he had written to CEC about the application at the former Museum of Fire, and was awaiting a response.

The meeting closed at 8.46 pm

**Date of next meeting Wednesday 25 October 2017 at 7pm
Tollcross Community Centre**

Living Streets Edinburgh Group Annual Public Meeting, 28 September 2017

In a private capacity, Iain Black, Roger Colkett and I attended the annual public meeting of Living Streets Edinburgh, the local voluntary arm of the national charity campaigning for 'everyday walking'.

Following an update on the year's work of the Edinburgh Group, which included in the run-up to the May Council Elections the production of a manifesto with 'key asks', the evening's keynote address was given by Cllr Lesley Macinnes, Convenor, Transport and Environment Committee, CEC. As a very recent appointment to the convenorship, Cllr Macinnes talked in broad terms about policy and the application of policy and what the new administration hopes to achieve in the next five years, particularly in relation to 'resilience' – how best to approach the task of planning transport policy to respond to the needs of the city – and how to provide low carbon transport systems for all.

With a sharper focus on projects, aims and processes, the Convenor was hopeful that the work of the new Transport and Environment Committee would acknowledge the problem of the 'lack of institutional memory' in its aim to 'introduce excellence into its thinking' and that greater engagement with the public would now form an important part of the work of the new administration.

The Convenor gave an important update on the Picardy Place development, saying that the consultation surrounding it had been developer-led and that she would pause the development to revive the engagement process with other stakeholders, while acknowledging that there were inevitable financial, legal and physical limitations in terms of what the Council could achieve. The Convenor also talked about the controversial tram extension, and that following the recent CEC decision to move to the next stage of the business case for the development on Leith Walk, a full Council decision whether to proceed or no with the extension would be made in the Autumn of 2018.

Following a brief Q & A session – which focussed on everyday walking and where the matters of increased Park & Ride facilities, crossing times at pedestrian crossings and street-clutter, A-Boards, and dangerous bollards were all discussed – Stuart Hay Director of Living Streets Scotland gave an international perspective of Edinburgh Streets in relation to other capital cities. For me, the most encouraging statement made during this interesting presentation came from a slide that Stuart used – concerning the role of the public in policy and planning processes, it read 'engagement and participation, not consultation.'

The evening finished with an informal workshop on identifying strategic walking routes in the city centre and key pinch points / barriers; and identifying strategic walking routes in localities across the city and key pinch points / barriers, results of which will be released by Living Streets Edinburgh in due course.

Michael Lister

Letter to Cllr Rankin

On last Wednesday nights Tollcross Community Council it was brought to our attention that the road markings on Lauriston Street/Lauriston Place are weather worn – with the result that some drivers are exiting (and in some cases trying to enter) Lauriston street in the wrong lanes.

As you were down to attend the Community Council meeting that night, it would be good if you could contact the right people in the roads team to address the signage/road markings at this junction.

I have copied in other City Centre Councillors for information.

If you need more information let me know and I look forward to the issue being sorted out for the safety of all road users.

Many thanks,

Andrew

Just to be clear Cllr Joanna Mowat got to it first:

Andrew

I'll pass this to the Local Transport manager and ask them to refresh these markings.

Regards
Jo Mowat

And the reply:

From: David Reid
Date: 10 October 2017 at 18:04:26 BST
To: Joanna Mowat <Joanna.Mowat@edinburgh.gov.uk>
Subject: RE: Road markings on Lauriston St/Place
Hi Joanna,

Have been meaning to reply to this for a while. Just to let you know I will have this inspected and if works are required I will get it added to the next round of lining we carry out.

I haven't seen an up to date programme from our Road Services department yet but have a meeting with them a week on Friday.

Kind Regards

David.

Letter to Lothian Buses director, Ian Craig

Tollcross Community Council would like to make known our concerns over the recent rebranding of the 35 bus to Air link 300 and the loss of the last standard fare bus to Edinburgh airport.

At our most recent public meeting in September we had many questions, of which I enclose a selection which we would be grateful if you answer:

- The Community would like to know why there was no public consultation on the changes.
- What if any consideration was made for people that work at Edinburgh airport and have no other option than to use public transport to attend their jobs.
- With the cost of a tram ticket to the airport being £4.50 for a single and the large number of tourist and residents using this service so let those revenue increases not be used to protect at least one route to Edinburgh airport at the standard fare?

We would hope that with Lothian Buses being part owned by Edinburgh Council, whether they were consulted before changes were made

We would hope that in due course a reconsideration of this decision would be made for the benefit of the travelling public that support Lothian Buses day in day out.

Andrew Brough.

Letter to Edinburgh Council on Uber Licensing

Tollcross Community Council are writing for some clarification on Uber licensing in Edinburgh, due to the recent issues in London where the company lost its license to operate.

We wonder if any of issues raised in London around compliance, employment of drivers, attitude to tax and reporting of serious criminal offences would be looked at when the licence was due to be renewed in Edinburgh.

It would be useful if you could give details of the current licensing Uber operate under in Edinburgh, when the current licensing ends and how the public can comment on this when it's heard before the Council again.

Andrew Brough

Friends of the Meadows and Bruntsfield Links

Trustees' Meetings on September 18th and October 17th; Walkabout (Park Survey) with Mike Shields (CEC), October 4th.

At September's meeting discussion points included how well the reinstatement of the events site was going following the Circus Hub's occupation during the Fringe. A list of projects to carry the work of FOMBL forward was agreed as was the conducting of a survey re volunteering.

On the regular Walkabout with Mike Shields, we looked at the progress on the Events site which was going well under the new regime of intensive preparation before the area was used as well as all the work done afterwards, though this would not be necessary if the time limit was in line with that of the other Edinburgh parks... We looked at the hedge-cutting underway, the Community Garden, and other areas. The October meeting began with the news that The Meadows Festival has been shortlisted for the Greener Festival Awards! There followed discussion on current concerns regarding the Meadows and Links including the need to care more carefully for the trees (eg saplings are not being nurtured properly), the removal of tree stumps, efficient leaf gathering, etc. The Organicity Project has been approved for a six-month trial on the Meadows. This involves researchers from the Edinburgh Informatics Institute working on an EU funded project exploring urban soundscapes trialling microphones designed to record ultrasonic frequencies such as are produced by bats as well other activities.

The Autumn public meeting is on Monday November 6th (5.15-7.30) in the Soderberg Pavilion in Quartermile and the guest speaker is Paul Curran, managing director of Quartermile.

Iain Black

Canal Community Action Group Minutes 10 October 2017

Overleaf 2 pages:

From **Richard Allen**.

Fountainbridge Sounding Board 28 September 2017 minutes

Then 3 pages:

From **Richard Allen**.

Canal Community Action Group

10 October 2017 at 1030am

Re-Union, 15 Valleyfield Street, Edinburgh

<p>1. Welcome and apologies</p> <p>Present: Dawn Whittaker (Polwarth Parish Church) Donny McCormick (Napier Student Housing) Cllr Gavin Corbett (CEC) Kate Watt (SW Neighbourhood Partnership) Maureen Bowman (Polwarth PC) Pat Bowie (Re-Union) Richard Allen (FCI) Andrew Caldwell (CEC)(Chair)</p> <p>Apologies: Anna Canning (SWT/Canal Shed) Pauline Rumbles (Polwarth PC) Michael Edwards (CEC)</p>	<p>Action</p>
<p>2. Previous minute of meeting</p> <p>Nothing outstanding that would not be covered in agenda. Minutes approved</p>	
<p>3. Canal Champion introduction</p> <p>GC introduced as new Canal Champion who saw role as being to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Promote canal 2. Oversee Canal Development Board, it's action plan and tasks in implementing the canal strategy 3. Identify and act on other issues as they arise <p>General discussion on Canal Strategy as a maturing, aspirational document. AC to send link to Canal Strategy to group.</p>	<p>AC</p>
<p>4. CCAG development</p> <p>Potential options identified for taking forward the group towards planning future canal festivals:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Align as a sub-group under an existing organisation 2. Become a constituted group in own right 3. Continue as now and potentially access funding via community councils involved in group <p>PB to speak to Re-Union board regarding the group coming under Re-Union for the purposes of planning the Canal Festival. If this was possible, it would allow supported transition for a year and enable the group to apply for funding. Agreement that it can't fall back to Re-Union to organise.</p> <p>RA to look at what's involved in setting up a constituted group, AC to follow-up contact list for canal-side community councils provided by ME and invite along to next meeting.</p>	<p>PB</p> <p>RA, AC</p>

<p>5. Canal Festival Project Task List</p> <p>PB outlined tasks on spreadsheet involved in organising Canal Festival and costs from draft accounts for 2017 festival. Group discussed timeframe for certain tasks such as requesting licences, road closures. PB to circulate task list with timescale indicated.</p> <p>Date of next canal festival set as Saturday 16 June 2018. PB to let Andy Devenport know.</p> <p>Discussion on additional group membership/support to help with taking on canal festival planning tasks, at the event and other financial support. DM to explore links to students/courses though actual date of canal festival would be issue as students would have finished up. AC to contact Bruce Munro, Business Manager at Boroughmuir HS for school stakeholder involvement. GC to raise at Edinburgh Quay business group meeting.</p>	<p>PB</p> <p>PB</p> <p>DM</p> <p>AC</p> <p>GC</p>
<p>6. Canal Festival survey</p> <p>DM collating results and will send link to survey report. Responses largely paper responses (100 responses), perhaps put more emphasis on online survey in future. Agenda item next time.</p>	<p>DM</p>
<p>7. Mural and hoardings</p> <p>Mural revival raised at previous meeting. Issue had also been raised by Helena Huws (Scottish Canals) and had been discussed at Fountainbridge Sounding Board, with Sarah Price of Edinburgh Printmakers keen to do something. CCAG keen to do something. All would like to undertake community/school engagement. RA to audit number of boards. Avoid corporate/advertising. AC meeting with HH ask her thoughts. AC to contact BM for involving the school, AC to explore council site.</p>	<p>RA</p> <p>AC</p> <p>AC</p>
<p>8. AOB</p> <p>None</p>	
<p>9. Date of next meeting</p> <p>The group agreed that the date of the next meeting will be Tuesday 28 November 2017 at 10.30am at Re-Union, 15 Valleyfield, Edinburgh. Kate Watt agreed to chair.</p>	

Fountainbridge Canalside Sounding Board

28 September 2017 at 2pm

Diamond Jubilee Room, City Chambers, High Street, Edinburgh

Present:

Cllr Gavin Corbett (Chair)
 Cllr Andrew Johnston (COEC)
 Cllr David Key (COEC)
 Cllr Gavin Barrie (COEC)
 David Cooper (COEC)
 Graeme McGartland (COEC)
 Chris Jetten (Vastint)
 Ewan Anderson (7N Architects)
 Gerry Baker (FCI)
 Jane Jones (FCI)
 Pat Bowie (Re-Union)
 Richard Allen (FCI)
 Sarah Price (Edinburgh Printmakers)
 Simon Braunholtz (FCI)
 Simon Gilmour
 Elaine Scott (COEC)

Apologies:

Bruce Nicholson (COEC)
 Craig Dunlop (COEC)
 David Leslie (Grove Community Garden)
 Emma Fitzgerald (COEC)
 Eric Adair (EDI)
 Helena Huws (Scottish Canals)
 Ian Thomson (Historic Scotland)
 Mark Harris (EDI)

<p>1. Welcome and apologies</p> <p>GC welcomed everybody and asked if everyone was agreed, he would take Chair. In absence, AJ or DK would chair. Reiterated purpose of group to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Keep interested parties informed • Provide a shared understanding of developments and projects • Share knowledge, e.g. funding opportunities • Ensure the opportunity exists for community and community groups to be consulted with, engage with, and influence development. 	<p>Action</p>
<p>2. Previous minute of meeting</p> <p>Items from previous minutes not to be covered in meeting agenda:</p> <p>Wikihouse</p> <p>Wikihouse still on old site. Foundation work on new site still to be carried out by Bowmer & Kirkland. GM meeting with them and will raise, as everything else is set to happen</p> <p>Derelict buildings Gilmore Place/Lower Gilmore Place</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GC reported visuals now available for Glencairn development. Discussion on the development status in the planning application process, DC to check status and if we had any up to date information on land ownership. 	<p>GM</p> <p>DC</p>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SB related that objectors had been advised by lawyers that if objections failed they would need to pay for the appeal. • Suggestion to invite Glencairn representative to next FSB meeting. 	AC
<p>3. Update on School</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GM stated school on track to open in January 2018 for the new term. • Discussion on whether school connectivity to district heating scheme. DC stated it had the capability to be connected but would need more work. GM to check. • GC advised that at the last Education, Children & Families committee meeting, it was reported that the Boroughmuir High School catchment will be over capacity by 2020. Subsequent discussion on how this could relate to space availability within masterplan. • GC reported that a feasibility study had been commissioned, and GM to find from council/Crawford scope, timescales and input for the study. • Discussion on access around the school site. RA felt feasibility study should include an additional bridge due to increased footfall. • GC asked that feasibility study included community consultation. • GC referred to petition on volume of traffic on Viewforth submitted to Transport and Environment Committee and that a site visit was still to be arranged. DC to raise with Cllr Macinnes. • DC to raise traffic monitoring around Viewforth/Yeaman Place/Dundee Street. 	<p>GM</p> <p>GM</p> <p>DC DC</p>
<p>4. Update on Wider site</p> <p>Broad discussion took place with reference to Fountainbridge masterplan (attached) and which coloured zone referred to which type of development, and the developers involved.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EA noted that masterplan was based on the original planning permission and advised that the vision for the plan came out of workshops at the time for mixed use, using canal as selling point. • ES spoke about the housing plan developed by EDI. That proposal was not currently being developed, and there was no contract for that project. Would now start to look at the site and the mix for area. • GaB related that there had been some debate at the Housing & Economy Committee regarding the site/EDI. Briefing paper was imminent and will come back to H&E Committee on 2 November. • There was discussion around evolving Vastint proposals on adjacent site how it interlinked with the are in the masterplan hitherto earmarked for cultural use. There are opportunities through Vastint working closely with the masterplan for increased residential use and community space. It was agreed to set-up a one-off meeting outside of this group to look at the optimal economic / cultural / community mix for the area and how to achieve it. <p>Edinburgh Printmakers: Castle Mill Works</p> <p>SP gave an update on conservation and refurbishment work at Castle Mill</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Constructor started on site in April, and work was underway. • Discovered severe dry rot, resulting in a 6 week delay due to unique structure putting budget under pressure. 	DC

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • £0.5m funds for repair rather than replace. However due to extent of rot there is a limit to what can be repaired. Costs more to repair than replace and contingency has been spent already so facing cash shortage; risk of not finish building if aim is to fit with the original business model. Board having conversations regarding funding. • Site currently too dangerous for tours, and there would be no visits until spring. • Aiming to conclude work in November 2018, with April 2019 opening with staged activities: creative industrial units can be let earlier, and the print studio would be operational earlier. <p>District Heating Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GC was keen not to lose DH as feature of site despite there being a funding shortfall. • GC advised the developer looking at plans again, and would have an update next time. • Discussion on work done by EDI. EA stated that Hulley & Kirkwood worked on basis of £2m funding from government and that there would be hotel on site, along with the school taking the load, so hit by funding and demand though may be possible depending on approach to site. EA suggested Hulley & Kirkwood to be represented at next meeting. <p>Canalside Park</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GC felt park looked dishevelled, though not handed over yet. Meeting held with Napier, parks team and school to discuss shared management of area and opportunities for community involvement. 	<p>GC</p> <p>AC</p>
<p>5. FCI Application to Scottish Government Making Places programme</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • JJ looking for support and information, not funding, see it as another resource. Support community engagement. 	
<p>6. AOB</p> <p>Site Hoardings</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HH had raised issue of site hoardings along quay. SP not sure whose hoarding but would have capacity from October. Hoping to use platforms for community work/schools. 	
<p>7. Date of next meeting</p> <p>The Board agreed that the date of the next meeting will be Tuesday 12 December 2017 at 2pm in Mandela Room, City Chambers.</p>	

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).

Tollcross Community Council area:

Members of the public who live in the Tollcross Community Council area are very welcome to attend our meetings.



