

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

30 May 2018

Room 4

Tollcross Community Education Centre  
117 Fountainbridge

7pm

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# **Tollcross Community Council**

**Agenda 30 May 2018**

**1. Welcome & apologies –**

**AOCB**

**2. Declaration of interests**

**3. Police matters – With local Police Scotland Community Officer**

**4. Minutes of 25 April 2018 –**

Corrections  
Matters arising  
Acceptance

**5. Tollcross CC area matters:**

**Rev Peter Sutton to talk about St Cuthbert's Parish Church  
Arrangements for Edinburgh Canal Festival  
Planning Bill (Equal Right of Appeal)  
Scottish Government Consultation on the Licensing (Procedure) (Scotland)  
Regulations 2007  
David Rintoul Memorial**

**6. Councillor's Comments & Questions**

**7. Planning – PB**

**8. Licensing – RC**

**9. AOCB**

**Our next meeting of Tollcross Community Council is:  
27 June 2018 @ Tollcross Community Education Centre  
the first half-hour of which will be the AGM**

**Tollcross Community Council**  
**Minutes of the Meeting of Wednesday 25 April 2018 at 7pm**  
**Tollcross Community Education Centre**  
**117 Fountainbridge**

**1. Welcome and Apologies -**

**Present:** Andrew Brough (Chair and Secretary); Paul Beswick (Treasurer); Fiona Allen; Richard Allen; Iain Black; Roger Colkett; Andy Devenport; Michael Lister; Liz Summerfield; Ann Wigglesworth.

**Police:** PC John Pennycook

**CEC Councillor:** Cllr Joanna Mowat

**Members of the public:** Danny Aston; Andreas Wilhelm

**Apologies:** Cllrs Doran, Miller, Rankin; Chris McGregor, David Liddle.

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked for any additional items for the agenda.

**2. Declaration of interests** - Richard Allen and Andy Devenport, both Edinburgh Canal Festival; Liz Summerfield and Andy Devenport, both Meadows Festival.

**3. Police matters** - The Chair welcomed back PC John Pennycook who presented a brief report on crime in the immediate area. In the period, Police Scotland had received 82 calls, 5 of which were crime-related. In terms of the planned operations to tackle antisocial behaviour and drug-related issues in the Fountainbridge, Operation Eliminate [in partnership with Dunedin-Canmore Housing Association] continues to target repeat anti-social behaviour offenders; and at the Rosemount Buildings, one anti-social tenant has been given notice to quit. There had also been one house break-in reported at Rosemount Buildings.

In terms of shared space safety, work is ongoing at the Canal - Police engagement with the walking public and cyclists over space-sharing and user responsibility, and this is part of an education process. Operation Heddle 2 [20PMH] has now finished, and Operation Heddle 3 - working with cyclists on roads and tow-paths - is upcoming. The matter of signs and signage at the Canal has been an issue and has been raised with Scottish Canals.

Now that winter sleeping shelters have closed, Welfare patrols are out and about assisting rough sleepers with advice and information.

Traffic continues to go the wrong way along one-way Lauriston St, and signage is to be looked at. PC Pennycook also mentioned the car parking in front of the Hampton Hotel in the apparently designated parking spaces.

**ACTION - PC Pennycook to look at signage** [perhaps in conjunction with Cllr Mowat - see item 6].

**4. Minutes of and matters arising from the meeting of 28 March 2018**

**Matters arising:**

**6. Councillor's Comments** - Central Edinburgh/City Centre transformation working party - the Chair had received information from Cllr Miller about the Street Audit of the Royal Mile.

**8. Licensing** - Roger Colkett asked for the following to be inserted into the minute "on reflection RC decided not to write to officials but to submit to the Scottish Government consultation on Licensing Regulations a recommendation that local councils should not only adhere to the requirement that the associated papers, or information as to where they can be found online, should accompany notification of a licensing application but should also state that they are obliged

to do so.” He also indicated that he would prepare a draft submission for the Scottish Government consultation for discussion at the 30 May meeting of TXCC.

Proposed by Andrew Brough and seconded by Richard Allen the minutes were then accepted as correct.

## **5. TXCC area matters -**

**a/ memorial for David Rintoul** - Liz Summerfield reported on this matter and said that the memorial plaque would be unveiled on Friday 25 May at 6pm, followed by drinks at the Golf Tavern. She listed the names of groups and individuals to be invited and suggested some speakers. This information she was to circulate in a group email. The Community Council was very grateful to Mike Shields for all his assistance in this matter and duly wished to record its thanks to him formally.

**b/ Meadows Festival and Edinburgh Canal Festival** - it was decided not to staff a TXCC stand at the Meadows Festival, but to focus instead on the Edinburgh Canal Festival on Saturday 16 June. Ann Wigglesworth volunteered to draw up a rota for the day and to contact Merchiston CC. She would also think about what publicity materials could be used, with perhaps an information leaflet to be produced for the event.

### **ACTION - Ann Wigglesworth**

**c/ New Secretary** - the Chair & Secretary, having a heavy workload, invited members to consider assuming some of his secretarial responsibilities. Fiona Allen offered to take on the website and the twitter feed (with some training from the Chair); and Iain Black and Michael Lister offered to take on preparing the meeting papers.

**d/ Code of Conduct for Community Councillors** - the Chair circulated a code of conduct based largely on the Code of Conduct for local authority councillors and relevant public bodies as provided for in the Ethical Standards in Public Life, etc (Scotland) Act 2000. There followed a positive discussion about the new Google Group which it was hoped would help provide clearer lines of communication once it had bedded in.

**e/ Public information regarding Community Councillors** - following some discussion, it was decided to remove the telephone numbers and email addresses of community councillors from the sign-in sheet. Those members of the public attending meetings would be invited to leave contact details if they so wished, but that this was not obligatory.

**f/ Position papers for website** - it was thought useful to have some information about the position of TXCC on some issues available on the website. To this end the following offered to write short papers on:

1. Planning - Paul Beswick
2. Licensing - Roger Colkett
3. Meadows - Iain Black
4. Canalside - Richard Allen
5. Community engagement - Andrew Brough

It was suggested that draft papers could be posted on the Google Group to give fellow members the opportunity to comment on them.

### **ACTION - all contributors to write draft papers by the end of July**

## **6. Councillor's Comments and Questions -**

Cllr Mowat referred to the outstanding action (see Item 3 above, signage at Lauriston St) which she said she would endeavour to chase up.

Cllr Mowat reported on the first substantive meeting of the S-E locality committee on 23 April. While it is one of the smaller geographic localities it has a high population. Given that the committee is still to find its feet, and is a work in progress, Cllr Mowat hopes that its emphasis will be on scrutinising how services are offered locally and that the creation of sub-groups of ward councillors to take up business with community councils on a ward basis will help it in its work. Cllr Mowat reported on the working group on short-term lets, which meets every 2-3 weeks and

was positive about the progress it was making. She also talked about the City Centre transformation working party and was hopeful that its report would be presented to the Council within the next eleven months.

Questions were asked about the following: the £25 garden-waste charge and how this would operate in tenements. It was felt that this charge had not been thought through thoroughly and that it would be difficult to administer; cars parked in Gilmore Place outside the Balmore B & B, so reducing the pavement width to less than 1metre; and the continuing work of the Neighbourhood Partnership, given the introduction of localities. Cllr Mowat felt that what was needed was a mechanism to make sure that the issues of the City Centre, given its particular nature, were not swamped by the wider locality. A question was asked about the proposed cycle routes and how this would fit in with the street audits that had been undertaken by Living Streets. Cllr Mowat asked to be reminded of the dates when the Tollcross Street Audit had taken place and when the report had been sent to the Council, and said that the cycle routes are postponed in the meantime.

**ACTION - Iain Black to send details and photographs of parked cars at Gilmore Place to Cllr Mowat**

**ACTION - Michael Lister to send Street Audit information to Cllr Mowat**

## **7. Planning -**

Paul Beswick reported that he had received from the Chair a copy of a Soft Market Testing document for the developments at Fountainbridge and had been invited to submit the views of Tollcross Community Council about this. He also reported on the following applications:

- 1. Ref 18/01088/FUL** - improvements to surfacing/entry and grassed area and erection of a golfing starter's hut (Golf Tavern) - **OBJECTION**
- 2. Ref 18/01349/AMC** (Additional Material Consideration) - land adjacent to 194 Fountainbridge (Moda Living) - **OBJECTION**
- 3. Ref 18/00804/FUL** - change of use from commercial into a restaurant - 8 Morningside Road (Holy Corner)
- 4. Ref 18/01492/FUL** - demolition of existing and erection of 3-bed student accommodation, 8 Middle Meadow Lane
- 5. Ref 18/0655/FUL** - partial division of restaurant unit and change of use to office at 2 Lister Square.

## **8. Licensing -**

Roger Colkett reported that there were no new applications strictly in the area in the period, but there was one from Saboteur at Teviot Place to adopt the new amplified music policy. He will confer with colleagues on the Old Town Community Council about this.

## **AOCB –**

Iain Black announced that a meeting is to be held on Friday 27 April at the Pavilion Café at 6.30pm about Barbecues on the Meadows. All Welcome.

The meeting ended at 8.57pm

**Date of next meeting: Wednesday 30 May at 7pm  
Tollcross Community Education Centre**

## **Minute of Tollcross Community Centre Association, 2 May 2018**

1. All welcomed and introduced
2. Minutes of Last Meeting agreed
3. Business Matters
  - a) Finance Report – update on financial report £4,417 available.
4. Funding Requests – there were no funding requests
5. Requests for Centre Lets none
6. Membership Requests – there were no membership requests.
7. Building Management
  - a) Disabled Toilet – completed by CEC
  - b) Door – ongoing
8. Centre Staffing – still a problem with FM staffing hours. The Centre clerical worker has returned to work
9. Date of Next Meeting 13<sup>th</sup> June 2018 at 18:30

**Richard Allen**

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## **Report on the Community Meeting re Underbelly Circus Hub (August 2018), City Chambers, 9 May 2018**

All local interested parties had been invited to hear about the Underbelly programme on the Meadows during this year's Fringe Festival and to discuss any concerns. Despite there being a large number of invitees only Sarah Tolley from FOMBL and myself from TXCC were there to represent local community groups. Also present were Sarah Murphy from CEC, Mike Shields from Parks, Councillor Melanie Main and the Underbelly co-directors, Charlie Wood and Ed Bartlam.

The format this year will be the same with two structures and shows beginning at noon and ending at 11pm. The same length of time i.e. going onsite from 27 July and offsite again by 28 August is envisaged. Given that this was the main bone of contention in the past I take it that the sparseness of the numbers attending means this is no longer seen as problematic. The ground management has improved in recent years and there is little major damage to the grass but the idea of what our parks are for remains a live issue.

**Iain Black**

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## **Report on meeting of the South-West Neighbourhood Partnership, 15 May**

The main item on the agenda was no 5.2: Edinburgh Community Planning Review. The issue seems to be incredibly complicated to the extent that several of the City Councillors admitted that they didn't understand it so they were not surprised that others were struggling. I'm not sure what the evening achieved, if anything majorly productive. Time will tell! The SWNP was the first of the twelve partnerships to go through this process. All the others will do so over the coming few weeks. The results will then all be collated and analysed to produce a final report which will then, in theory, be debated by all the city councillors or one of the sub committees before being implemented. One of the primary question was: Should the Neighbourhood Partnerships be retained and, if so, in what format or should they be replaced with a different arrangement and, if so, what? I don't think anyone was in a position to answer that question because no one seems to fully understand what is being proposed in the first place. Confusion reigns, as ever!

**Andy Devenport**

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## Report on the Canal Community Action Group Meeting of 16 May 2018

**Present:** Richard Allen (FCI / Tollcross CC, **Chair**), Cllr Gavin Corbett (CEC), Kate Watt (Ratho & District CC), John Allan (Longstone CC), Donny McCormack (Edinburgh Napier University), Bruce Munro (Boroughmuir HS), Kathleen Edie (Re-Union), Hugh Halcrow (Merchiston CC), Lisa Snedden (Scottish Waterways Trust), Andrew Caldwell (CEC)

### 1. **Matters arising**

Canal clean-up coordination, continue

Vita hoardings will still be in place at the Canal Festival so need to maintain awareness of space available.

Membership of group. North Merchiston Residents Association.

### 2. **Canal clean-ups**

New boat available for and in the area, the Lochrin. It has welfare facilities onboard that can support clean-ups. Temporary for the season.

Has been a lot of activity, SWT, SC, Young Scot, Sustrans. Noted that the Calders clean-up event PR was dominated by McDonalds.

Discussion on shared calendar, No other clean ups currently planned, vegetation growth now too advanced for the season, so more a winter activity. Some dredging happening at the moment to increase mooring.

### 3. **Canal Festival Working Group report**

everything in hand in planning Canal Festival. Pushing stall bookings, music acts confirmed, food stalls confirmed, looking at power at lift bridge. School involvement in opening of festival. Discussion on barriers needed at bridge/pinch point which was raised at Merchiston Community Council meeting.

Transition from Re-Union to CCAG organisation. report from CFWG to capture stuff.

Communication strategy. Laminated posters on towpath, noticeboards in area –

Discussion who targeting, and whether festival seen as local or citywide event, the latter seen as having implication on the nature and costs of the event.

### 4. **Remit and development of CCAG**

Discussion of remit and whether group was happy with how they defined themselves. Acts as a forum, provide community updates, stakeholder group. Action of making things happen, what does each group want done?

### 5. **Future communications and mailing list**

report everyone signed up to mailing and distribution list who needed to . Discussion on other groups who should/could be represented.

#### **Scottish Waterways Trust Education Project**

SWT developing education pack and teaming up with Under the Trees outdoor learning organisation. Applied for Heritage Lottery Fund to target primary schools along the canal, though could accommodate secondary schools. Involves schools undertaking local studies, researching their part of canal, leading to a guided tour of their part of canal. Idea proposed for each school to replicate their section of canal in a wheelbarrow with them all lined up at the canal festival.

#### **Union Canal Bicentenary**

Canal strategy is 10 years old, and bicentenary could be launchpad for next phase. All to come back to next meeting with ideas for legacy projects, bearing in mind any larger scale or capital projects would need to start being planned now to have time. Noted the 3-year lead in required for National Museum involvement. Reference the canal items held by National Record of Scotland. Question raised on what did other canals have done.

#### **SW Locality Community Grants**

community grants open and expecting to consider first round of applications soon.

### 6. **Future meetings schedule – date/venue/chair/secretary**

Wednesday 27 June 2018, 1030, tbc (Napier Bainfield or Boroughmuir HS)

alternating venues along the hubs, with representative from hosting hub chairing meeting.

## **Report on the meeting of the FCI Steering Group, 23 May 2018**

**Minutes of last meeting** Approved

**Sounding Board Next Meeting** - 26 June 2pm

**Membership data** General Data Protection Regulation will be effective from 25 May. In accordance with this legislation, members of FCI data will only be available to a few individuals. Steering group members are happy for their contact details to be available to each other. Posts on FCI Facebook page will inform of dates, time, agenda and venue for future meetings. Minutes of meetings will be available on website after they have been approved at the subsequent meeting. Mailings to members, who have agreed to be contacted, will include newsletters (including updates from Sounding Board meetings), reports and information about forthcoming events including Canal Festival.

**Green Plan Subgroup** The purpose of the Green Plan is to make the most of green spaces by being involved in design and maintenance.

It was agreed to form a Green Plan subgroup to include enthusiastic people from local community. The Climate Policy Manager at University of Edinburgh and lives locally, has expressed an interest in contributing and has links with organisations and individuals who could be supportive.

A Green Report which will go to SW Partnership who funded it. Hopefully printed copies will be ready for FCI stall at Canal Festival.

Previous Vastint plan had a row of trees along the canal but the most recent plan does not. We will ask Vastint why at the next meeting.

Fountainbridge Green is looking poorly maintained. It is unclear who owns it if it is Scottish Canals or City of Edinburgh Council. It may be an idea to start a Friends of Fountainbridge Green to maintain the area.

**Links with Boroughmuir School** No links have been established. Head Boy and Head Girl will be opening Canal Festival.

**Wikihouse** There has been no movement on Wikihouse

Grove 1 is moving nearer Dundee Street as constructing is going to start soon on current site. This will be Built to Let housing.

Over 100 objections have been submitted regarding the Glencairn plans for Lower Gilmore Place. The date of planning hearing is not known yet.

**Update on Hoardings** The existing hoardings are broken and to be replaced round all sites by City of Edinburgh Council and Vastint.

FCI existing panels are in poor condition and will be replaced. New panels are being prepared to go on the new hoardings. If the hoardings are not up by Canal Festival the panels will be put on old hoarding and taken down and stored until new hoarding is constructed.

Printmakers' Workshop is working on a mural to replace duck painting which will be completed at Canal Festival.

**Canal Festival 16 June 2018 11.30 to 5pm** We will display copies of master plan and the vinyl plan. Possibly a suggestion tree. Membership forms. We will let as many contacts as possible know about the Festival. Boats will leave Harrison Park at 11.30 for Lochrin basin. Head Girl and Head Boy from Boroughmuir School will open festival and there will a deputation from 200 group. There will be live stage, stalls and possibly a climbing wall.

**Date of next meeting** 20 June 2018 7pm Tollcross Community Centre

**Richard Allen**

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## **ADDENDUM from Roger Colkett – Scottish Government Consultation on the Licensing (Procedure) (Scotland) Regulations 2007**

The consultation closes on 6th June... One of the regulations requires the Licensing Board, when notifying us of licensing applications in our area, to provide us with copies of the layout plan and operating plan that accompany the application or links to web pages where those plans can be viewed. I have asked for exactly that from Licensing in the past without knowing that the regulations required it. They say they are working on it.

I should like to propose the following addition to the regulations:

‘Where a Licensing Board is unable, whether for organisational or technical reasons, to provide together with the notification of a licensing application either copies of the relevant operating and layout plans or links to web pages where they can be viewed, the Board must include with the notification an apology for failing to provide those copies or links and details of how when and where the Board's copies of the plans can be viewed; it must also allow reasonable additional time for any objection to be made if required by the objector in arranging to view the plans.’

**Tollcross Community Council Councillors:** Fiona Allen, Richard Allen, Paul Beswick (Treasurer), Iain Black, Andrew Brough (Chair), Roger Colkett, Andrew Devenport, 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 Colkett, **Edinburgh Civic Forum** – Roger Colkett, Michael Lister (co-opted), **Edinburgh Old Town Development Trust** – Michael Lister (co-opted), **Meadows' Festival** – Andy Devenport, Liz Summerfield, **Friends of the Meadows and Bruntsfield Links** – Iain Black, **Edinburgh Canal Festival** – Richard Allen, **Fountainbridge Steering Group** – Richard Allen, **Canal Management Committee** – Richard Allen, **Community Centre Liaison** – Richard Allen, **Web co-ordinator** – Fiona Allen, **Minutes and Papers** – Michael Lister (co-opted).

**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)

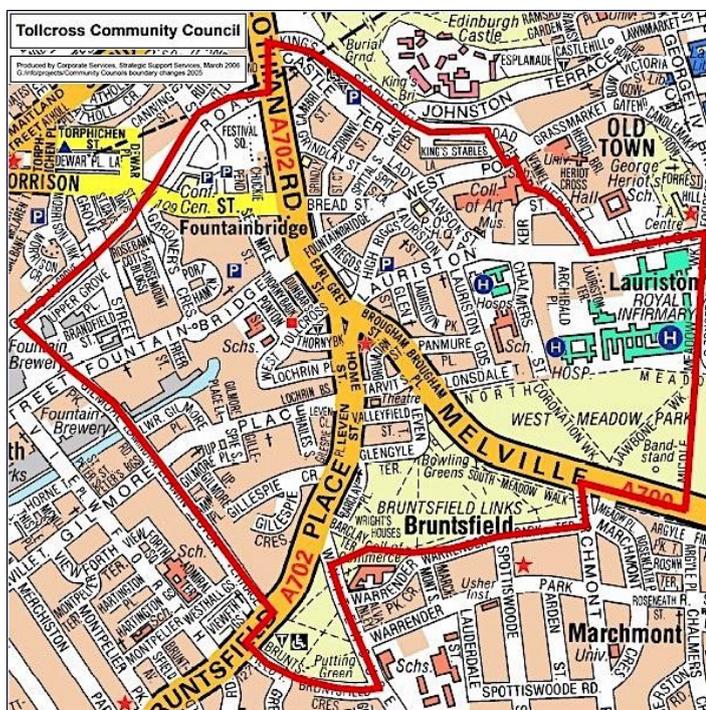
**Ward 10 Morningside** Nick Cook (Con) Melanie Main (Green) Neil Ross (LibDem) Mandy Watt (Lab)

**Ward 11 City Centre** Karen Doran (Lab) Claire Miller (Green) Joanna Mowat (Con) Alasdair Rankin (SNP).

**Tollcross MSPs:** **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 MPs:** **Edinburgh East** Tommy Sheppard (SNP), **Edinburgh South West** Joanna Cherry (SNP).

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