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27 June 2018 Room 4 Tollcross Community Education Centre 7.30pm

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# Tollcross Community Council 27 June 2018

Tollcross Community Education Centre 117 Fountainbridge

# AGENDA

- 1. Welcome & apologies
  - a. AOCB
- 2. Declaration of interests.
- 3. Police matters With local Police Scotland Community Officer
- 4. Minutes of 30 May 2018
  - a. Corrections
  - b. Matters arising.
  - c. Acceptance.
- 5. Tollcross CC area matters:

EICC Hotel and Deputation to full Council

Canal Festival debrief

Thorneybauk update

- 6. Councillors' Comments & Questions
- 7. Planning PB
- 8. Licensing RC
- 9. AOCB

**NOTE** – there is no July meeting.

Our next meeting of Tollcross Community Council is:

29 August 2018 @ Tollcross Community Education Centre

# **Tollcross Community Council**

# Minutes of the Meeting of Wednesday 30 May 2018 at 7pm Tollcross Community Education Centre

# 1. Welcome and Apologies

Present: Andrew Brough (Chair), Fiona Allen, Richard Allen, Iain Black, Roger Colkett, Andy Devenport,

Michael Lister, Chris McGregor, Liz Summerfield, Ann Wigglesworth

**Police**: Two CPOs from West End **CEC Councillor**: Cllr Alasdair Rankin

Members of the public: David Liddle, Jimmy Robertson (Short Hole Golf Club), Rev Peter Sutton (St

Cuthbert's Church), Andreas Wilhelm

**Apologies**: Paul Beswick (Treasurer) Cllr Doran, Cllr Miller Cllr Mowat.

The Chair welcomed everyone and invited Rev Peter Sutton of St Cuthbert's Church to introduce himself to the meeting.

Mr Sutton explained that he had been appointed to St Cuthbert's on 1st June last year and spoke to the meeting about the work that the church does within the parish which falls within the Tollcross Community Council area, although the church itself does not. In addition to its pastoral work, the church also undertakes civic duties, mostly notably annually on 'Memorial Day' in West Princes' Street Gardens and at the annual McCrae's Battalion Service of Remembrance, which is being held this year outside the Usher Hall on 1st July. He also talked about the outreach work that St Cuthbert's does, particularly in relation to homelessness and the support that this initiative receives from local businesses and local police. Keen to extend engagement with the local - and the wider - community, Mr Sutton said that facilities at St Cuthbert's were available to host meetings and that St Cuthbert's runs a coffee morning on the first Saturday of each month.

Chris McGregor said that some years ago, St Cuthbert's had nominated a member of the parish to attend the monthly meetings of TXCC and wondered if this arrangement were to be reinstated. Mr Sutton said that he would look into this. Referring to the general lack of social facilities available to older members of the community in the Tollcross area, she also asked whether there was a lunch club organised by St Cuthbert's. The Minister said that because St Cuthbert's was largely a 'non-residential' parish there was not one, but that every Tuesday a coffee morning was held, with transport being arranged to and from the church, for those who required it. A question was also asked about the homeless shelter at the church hall and Mr Sutton explained that arrangements existed between the facilities offered by Bethany Trust at Meadowbank and those at the West End homeless hub at St Cuthbert's.

- **2. Declaration of interests** Richard Allen: Canalside and Edinburgh Canal Festival; Andy Devenport: Edinburgh Canal Festival and Meadows Festival; Liz Summerfield: Meadows Festival.
- **3. Police Matters** the two CPOs helpfully acknowledged that since the Tollcross Community Council area was served by three different Community Policing Teams, it would be unavoidable to report on crime figures for neighbouring areas, ie Wards 9 and 10, and they duly made their report. In the immediate area, ie West End/Tollcross, there had been three housebreakings, with one male having been detained by residents; no assaults reported; three road safety issues (one no licence and two instances of failing to stop); one shoplifting theft, one theft of a door-lock, youths seen in a hotel with intent to steal; and one attempted bicycle theft and one actual bicycle theft. There had been one racial abuse crime reported and

one offence of possession of an offensive weapon. The officers also mentioned the work they had been doing with the mental health support service offered at the Contact Point at High Riggs and the work with the 6VT Youth Café at the Vennel. They also described the ongoing road-worthiness initiative regarding black cabs, private hire cars and Uber taxis in conjunction with City of Edinburgh Council.

Questions were asked about the continuing problem of drivers going down one-way streets the wrong way; drivers racing lights and not respecting no left and no right turns, particularly at Lauriston Place. For an update on these matters, it was suggested that we contact PC Pennycook by email and ask for a written reply.

On the question of updates about issues surrounding the Canal, it was suggested that we might wish to contact the Pentlands Policing Team.

# 4. Minutes of the meeting of 25 April 2018

Correction -

**5f. Tollcross area matters - Position papers for website -** Mr Robertson asked for 'Meadows' to be amended to read as 'Meadows and Bruntsfield Links'.

Matters arising - there were no matters arising.

**Acceptance** - proposed by Fiona Allen and seconded by Iain Black, the minutes were then accepted as correct.

#### 5. Tollcross CC area matters -

**a.** Arrangements for the Edinburgh Canal Festival - the Chair asked for an update about arrangements for this event to take place on Saturday 16 June. Ann Wigglesworth said that she had been in touch with Merchiston CC and it was intended that TXCC would share a stall with Merchiston. She also reported that she would be in touch with Iain Black, Roger Colkett and Michael Lister, who, along with herself, were available to staff the stall on a rota, between 12noon and 5pm. The Chair reported that some Community Police might wish to share a stall with TXCC and there was some discussion about this. However, the Community Police are still to confirm whether they will share a stall.

ACTION - Ann Wigglesworth to email community councillors to organise a rota and to arrange to bring a variety of publicity materials, with the possibility of Richard Allen being able to supply some plans of proposed developments.

**b. Planning Bill** - Roger Colkett spoke to the matter of the Scottish Parliament's Planning Bill and referred to Andy Wightman's discussion paper. It was decided that he should go ahead and draft a response on behalf of TXCC which he would circulate on the forum for comments before submitting.

**ACTION - Roger Colkett** 

**c. Scottish Government Consultation on the Licensing (Procedure) Scotland Regulations 2007** - Roger Colkett referred to the addendum in the papers for the May meeting (circulated), explaining its significance:

'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.'

Andrew Brough proposed that we accept this addendum. This was seconded by Iain Black. It was unanimously agreed that Roger Colkett should include this addition in his submission to the consultation on the Regulations.

# **ACTION - Roger Colkett**

- **d. David Rintoul Memorial** the Chair wished to thank Liz Summerfield for all the hard work that she had done to make this a very successful event, and this was endorsed unanimously.
- **6. Councillor's Comments and Questions** Cllr Alasdair Rankin spoke at length to the wider matter of the City of Edinburgh Council budget and referred to the results of the recent Edinburgh People's Survey (EPS) [http://www.edinburgh.gov.uk/news/article/2484/residents loving life in edinburgh]. He also spoke to the Transient Visitor Levy ('Tourist Tax'); Airbnb, Health and Social Care and the Edinburgh Integration Joint Board (IJB); the tram extension; student housing; the upcoming Cycle Hire Scheme; and the Council's Change Strategy. He also took questions on each of these items.
- **7. Planning** in the absence of Paul Beswick, the Chair reported on the matter of the application for student flats at 91 Lothian Road, permission for which has been granted.
- **8. Licensing** Roger Colkett reported on the amended area outline plan for the outdoor drinking area at Akva and it was agreed that if this application were to extend the area, he would submit an objection on behalf of TXCC.

**Action - Roger Colkett** 

#### 9. AOCB -

**Thornybauk** - the Chair reported that a meeting would take place at 10.15am on Friday 8 June at Thornybauk with Cllr Claire Miller, Ann Wigglesworth, Iain Black and some local residents and representatives from Tollcross Primary school to discuss the plans for the area.

**TXCC AGM** - the Chair reminded the meeting that the AGM would take place on Wednesday 27 June at 7pm and that he was required to give one month's notice.

SPOKES - Cllr Rankin mentioned the forthcoming four events organised by SPOKES -

Tuesday 12 June Spokes Cycling Velorution Tour 18:15 - 20:00

Meet top of Middle Meadow Walk

Guided tour of local infrastructure evolution - Past, present, possible future

Slow & fairly central. Numbers limited.

Advance booking essential - Email: <a href="mailto:bycyclinged@gmail.co">bycyclinged@gmail.co</a>

Wednesday 13 June Spokes Bike Breakfast 07:45 - 09:00 Edinburgh City Chambers Free breakfast

Free Spokes map for first 20 arrivals after 7.45
Bike Security marking, Police Scotland
Chain clean & lube, Edinburgh Bicycle

Councillor & MSP speeches, 8.30-ish Wide range of stalls and attractions

Wednesday 13 June
Transforming Our City Centres - public meeting
19:30 - 21:30 (doors open 6.45)
Augustine United Church, George IV Bridge

Speakers - Daisy Narayanan, Leader of Central Edinburgh Transformation Project

Prof David Begg, Leader of Glasgow Connectivity Commission Cllr Adam McVey, Leader, City of Edinburgh Council

# Monday 18 June

From zero to 200 miles of cycle route: 40 years of cycle campaigning - seminar

19:00 - 21:00

Augustine United Church, George IV Bridge

From eccentricity to everyday transport - Work trips from 1% to 2% to 4% to 8% to ?

Talk/exhibition/video/ discussion

**Muriel Spark Walk** - as part of the 'Spark 100' events, the walkway will be formally opened on Friday 8 June at 6pm. [This footpath crosses Bruntsfield Links from Warrender Park Crescent south-westwards to Bruntsfield Terrace at Green Gardens and marks the route that 'little Minnie Camberg' took to and from school.] The event is organised by Cllr Melanie Main. Come all ye!

**Canal** - Andy Devenport gave a short report on the current unrest between users of the Canal and Scottish Canals and the initiatives being set up to ensure the future of the Canal.

The meeting closed at 8.57pm

Date of next meeting: Wednesday 27 June at 7pm at Tollcross Community Education Centre, the first half hour of which will be the Annual General Meeting of the Community Council

# Copy of email to Chair, TXCC, from Cllr Alasdair Rankin, [7 June 2018]

Message Body: FAO Andrew Brough, Chair

Andrew,

I undertook to come back to the CC on a number of points at the last meeting.

Firstly,in response to the point about charging Business Rates on Student blocks of flats. I'm told that they are classified as student residences, that is, effectively their home, and and such are not liable to Business Rates. I've asked about student holiday periods when the university might let out the rooms to tourists and other visitors. That is being looked into but I suspect that the holiday periods are not long enough to raise a liability for Business Rates. I'll let you know what I hear back on that.

There was also a question about the Edinburgh Survey Methodology; Again, I'll have to get back to you on that, having asked the relevant officer.

You might also like to know that the Council's Short-term Lets Working Group is nearing completion of its efforts to develop a policy proposal to the Scottish Government. This will apply to Airbnb properties as well.

AFinally, am attending a meeting on further development of the council's Transient Visitor Levy proposals tomorrow morning (8th June). Again, we will be approaching the Scottish Government about this in due course.

I'm happy to keep you informed of developments.

All the best,

Alasdair
[Cllr Alasdair Rankin]

# Copy of deputation by Richard Allen on behalf of TXCC to the Housing and Economy Meeting, City of Edinburgh Council, 7 June 2018

I am speaking on behalf of Tollcross Community Council. We totally support the submission of the Fountainbridge initiative.

We are responding to a proposal paper issued by the edinburgh international conference centre (EICC) for a connected hotel and hotel school on the Fountainbridge site, India Quay India Quay (section E2). From this paper we have raised some points to consider.

#### demand.

We note that the EICC says it is losing business because there are not enough hotel beds. This is an assertion rather than a fact. But even if true it does not mean that India Quay should be the focus.

The sites at Dewar Place and the Haymarket are already ear marked for hotels, and it should be feasable to reach an agreement with one or more of them to provide preferred space for EICC ( We are very surprised that such agreements are not in place already./)

Assuming a 150 bedroom hotel is constructed, what **occupancy level** is envisaged? Ditto, a 400 bedroom hotel?

the **hotel school**, what **fees** are envisaged? Will there be a presumption in favour of non-Scots students, who would pay higher fees? Would we be in fact providing a subsidised training scheme for people to return to other countries fully trained, thus delivering no real benefit to Scotland's tourist trade? As a "school" will it be subject to low rate or no business rates therefore further burdening the council resources?

#### Need:

Fountainbridge is already very well-served with visitor accommodation, most of which has been developed in the last five years. There is no need for more.

Hotel spaces at Fountainbridge include:

Brooks: longstanding – 45 beds Mercure: last 2-3 years - 110 beds Hampton: last year - 228 beds. It is worth noting that the site of the Hampton Hotel was originally an office consent.

That is 645 beds within 2 minutes of the site E2

Over and above this, 225 serviced apartments in Grove Street, Brandfield Street and Edinburgh Quay. PLUS over 1,000 student accommodation spaces available in summer season all within 5 minutes of E2. And there is **Vastint Moxy Hotel: in the pipeline - 262 beds** 

A search on <a href="https://www.trivago.co.uk">https://www.trivago.co.uk</a>. reveals that there are AS AT JUNE 2018 at least 12 hotels within 0.6 miles of the EICC, covering a range from apart-hotels to The Sheraton. It is not at all clear that there is a demonstrable basis to the assertion that the EICC loses "many potential events" due to lack of accommodation. Certainly there are times when any accommodation is hard to find - August's International Festival being one of them – but in a city with literally thousands of hotel rooms it does seem unlikely that this situation obtains in the remaining 11 months of the year

**training**. Edinburgh College provides HND in Hospitality Management plus progression to - BA Honours International Hospitality and Tourism Management at Queen Margaret University; BA Honours Hospitality Management at Edinburgh Napier University, HND Hospitality Management with progression to the BA (Hons), International Hospitality and Tourism Management at Queen Margaret University. This would seem a reasonable provision of such courses.

**students.** where will the staff for this venture (including the students) live? Or will they get some of the student housing that will also need to be built?

it is unclear why, if the EICC is functioning as well as it does (according to this paper) there is a **need** for conference facilities within the new hotel(s).

**hotel procurement.** There are options proposed; 2 of which involve "funding through prudential borrowing". The costs involved in financing borrowing sufficient to cover £54m construction costs (estimated, p.3) would be exceptionally high, particularly for a heavily-indebted council, which has published its intention to save £250m over 5 years until 2023. The lease revenue payment of £3.4m per year (estimated, p.6) would in no way cover the interest payments on a £54m loan. The council has a policy of saving money not becoming a hotel chain

**profit on disposal.** This is nothing more than speculation, and in any case a £30m notional profit might well be swallowed up in interest and admin. costs.

**subvention.** It would be of enormous benefit if more details about possible "subvention discounts" could be made available. We would be interested to know how this would be reflected in the accounts.

**social.** While any move towards social responsibility is welcomed, the current activities at EICC seem to benefit no more than 100 people a year (residents' of old people's home, 15-20 staff litter-picking, and approx. 15 pupils from St Thomas of Aquin's ) - p.6. Hardly game- changing.

And the "placement opportunities across all levels" to Boroughmuir pupils raises the unsettling prospect of unpaid internship. It is not entirely clear that there would therefore be huge benefits to the pupils, particularly if, as seems likely, many of them might well be entry-level jobs.

**local impact.** FCI and TXCC have been devoting substantial effort to attempting to ensure that any development in the Canalside area contributes to an improvement in the quality of life for local residents, with a presumption in favour of permanent and (ideally) affordable housing. Another hotel and, to some extent, a (presumably) seasonal training facility would merely increase the transient population and further diminish the fragile sense of community which already exists.

#### **Further impacts**

**Impact on services,** particularly water provision and sewage, waste collection and infrastructure provision will be huge, hotels being massive users of all these services.

**Impact of transport** will continue to add even more congestion to the area from private cars as well as coaches. Parking will be a great problem. The environmental problem of air quality will also be exacerbated.

**Lastly** the chronic need for housing in Edinburgh is well known and reinforced by council and government reports.

Affordable housing in the city is desperately needed and yet this hotel proposal will take up land owned by the council that could provide more accommodation for the residents of the city, rather than provide more transient population, adding to the current depopulation of the city centre.

#### **Conclusion:**

Local opinion: Fountainbridge has had a sustained period of community engagement since 2011, which has been in stark contrast to the pitched battles that often attend major planning applications elsewhere in the city.

At no point in those seven years has anyone said that what India Quay really needs is a 400 bed hotel. To

go down that route now would be to put at risk community goodwill which should be a model for future planning processes.

In summary: a hotel in plot E2 is not needed and it is not wanted.

Copy of letter sent by Chair of TXCC to Housing and Economy Committee with points raised re the conduct of the committee after our deputation on 7 June 2018

Dear Cllr. Campbell,

Yesterday my Community Council of which I'm Chair came to your Housing and Finance Committee alongside FCI to give a deputation on a proposed hotel in Fountainbridge in partnership with the EICC. If I may first address concerns over what documents we saw prior to the deputation.

I can assure you we did not see any confidential documents as Cllr. Cameron Rose thought but simply a public report from EICC regarding the development. It might be a good time to point out how local community groups suffer from having items under B agenda at Council committees and yet are required to fight complex developments without all the facts and figures councillors have at their disposal. Of course we know parts are 'commerically sensitive' but we are always playing catch up.

So I have to say I was very dismayed to see an article in the Edinburgh Evening News the same day of the committee, published at 7am written by Cllr. John McClellan, a Committee member supporting the EICC hotel plans before we had even delivered our deputation.

I find it incredible that Cllr. McClellan should be in the Edinburgh Evening News pontificating his thoughts and options on how much of a 'cash cow' this hotel would be to the city of Edinburgh before the committee had even taken evidence from the local community.

To add insult to injury your Vice Convenor Cllr. Lezley Merion Cameron kept trying to ask a question of our deputations on whether we thought that Cllrs should gather information and facts from a wide range of groups as possible!

Well for some on the committee they need to learn that the Edinburgh Evening News isn't the place to do that!

The only opinions that had been reported to your committee before our deputation was from EICC at your last meeting. The community found out about these hotels plans only this week. This should be the only thing members of the committee base their decisions on.

Therefore I wonder if as Convenor you could kindly point out to said members of the committee that they should be looking at the available evidence in front of your committee first from all groups before writing option pieces in the local press.

This is not only an attempt to bypass your Committee but from the article seems to make the hotel look like a fait accompli to the citizens of Edinburgh - this all before a full airing of all opinions, planning application, voting for or against has even been considered by your committee and others within the Council.

Many thanks, Andrew Brough

# Copy of email from Michael Lister to Cllr Cammy Day

From: Michael Lister Sent: 09 June 2018 09:48

To: Cammy Day < <a href="mailto:Cammy.Day@edinburgh.gov.uk">Cammy.Day@edinburgh.gov.uk</a>>

Subject: Housing and Economy Committee, 7 June 2018

Cllr Cammy Day Leader Labour Group City of Edinburgh Council

Dear Cllr Day

I write to convey my dismay at the aggressive line of questioning taken by your Cllr Lezley Marion Cameron towards the deputation from Fountainbridge Canalside Initiative and Tollcross Community Council at the above meeting.

Not only were Cllr Cameron's questions aggressive, but her line of argument seemed to put business before local communities and profit before people. If this is what the Labour Party now stands for, then Keir Hardie will be birling in his grave.

If Cllr Cameron is so determined to have a council-owned luxury hotel planted in the city, perhaps she should campaign for such a development up her end, in the Liberton/Gilmerton ward. There is no need for more hotels in the Fountainbridge/Tollcross area and it is time for the City of Edinburgh Council to listen to the local community here and to take this on board.

Yours sincerely

Michael Lister

Cammy Day 14 Jun

Mr lister, thanks for your email. I will be discussing this with Cllr Cameron soon, and be back in touch with you.

Councillor Cammy Day

Forth Ward City of Edinburgh Council

Leader, Edinburgh Labour Group City Chambers, High Street Edinburgh EH1 11YJ

# Report on Planning and Building Standards – Customer Forum Wednesday 20 June, City Chambers

For this meeting, participants were pre-prepared with substantial improvement plans (one was 29 pages). The participants were a mix of community councillors, architects, possibly developer representatives and quite a lot of council planning/building standards staff. The chief planning officer, David Leslie gave an "actions update" based on last year's action plan.

- . Feedback from last year's forum led to clear themes from that event which required positive actions:
  - Communication the need to be better at responding to emails and phone calls promptly,
     better ways of updating applicants on application progress, improved working with community councils, better information from the Customer Contact Centre;
  - Customer More consistent approach required, better help and guidance on community engagement, help desk improvements;
  - **Resources** Use discretionary charging for some services, increase use of self-certification, more staff to handle workload, staff training, improve staff morale, faster enforcement, better guidance;
  - Technology Better updates on application progress, portal improvements; and
  - **Processes** Improve timescales, review reports and conditions with applicant, code of practice for staff, align development consents, better consistency, better joined up working.

His update was very defensive and stressed the manpower shortage and absence of IT upgrades. In group discussions, ideas were put forward and discussed for improvements which were probably similar to those put forward last year.

Examples of suggested improvements from the discussion include:

- 1. More support for CCs from Planning at the pre application stage.
- 2. Publish objections on the planning portal BEFORE the deadline for objections.
- 3. Answer the phone more often.
- 4. Have links on applications on the weekly list to the application documents on the portal.
- 5. Inform objectors when an application is to come to the Development sub committee and when the planning report is available.
- 6. Faster processing to facilitate development.

This discussion will feed in to a new improvement plan. Should anyone wish to see the improvement plans I can forward them.

Paul Beswick, 20 June 2018

# Report on Tollcross community center management committee, 13 June

- 1 A letter has been drafted and sent to council regretting the decision to reduce the hours of janitorial staff to 15.
- 2 Work on the toilets ahs been done by the council but it is very substandard and it was determined to find out what steps the council are going to take to rectify this
- 3 Still no word on the replacement door next meet 4 july

#### [Richard Allen]

### Report on the meeting of the Fountainbridge Canalisde Initiative, 20 June 2018

# **Fountainbridge Canalisde Initiative**

- 1-the success albeit damp of the canal fest on 16<sup>th</sup> june although there was a reduction in the number of rafts being raced and in the number of tents and stalls down by about 15% the overll impresionwas of a good day with dispite the weather a good turn outcomes
- 2-The History board panaels have been completed on vynel and are waiting to be mounted and put back on the hordings around the fountainbridge site .
- 3-The deposition to the council re the proposal to build a hotel linked to the EICC was wasted as the proposal is to be referred to the full council, FCI will make representation alongside the community council. 4-We were advised that glencairn have approached the Scottish Govt recorder concerning the councils tardiness in making a deciusion about their proposals for lower Gilmore place (considering they have withdrawn their prosal this seems a bit strange but it might be part of a startegy to circumvent local
- 5-Next meeting on the Lochrin Belle on 18 July
- 6 meeting of the FB sounding board City Chambers 26 June content will be advised during the TXcc meeting if necessary

# [Richard Allen]

groups

#### Skeleton report from Day 1 of Edinburgh Summer Summit, 21 June 2018

It was "Clean Air Day".

Procession from Mound involved 99 kids from Sciennes Primary plus politicians Humza and McInnes, ending up at St Andrew & St Georges.

Started 11.10 (10 minutes late); musical performances from 2 Boroughmuir Hig pupils then song from kids from Sciennes Primary .

Introduction; Lesley McInnes. Transport Convenor. Health consequences of over-reliance on engine transport.

NEW initiative (under discussion); Edinburgh to introduce car-free days.

1st speaker; Kate Robins. SUSTRANS and #25 starts now. We should be vegan, and walk or cycle and run marathons.

Question from floor; comments on Professor Begg's findings that electric vehicles simply move the taxation burden away from motorists and onto the wider public.

No conclusion.

Break. Afternoon session at Assembly Rooms. Exhibit stalls from
Paths for All
SWECO
Friends of the Earth
Cycling Scotland
On Foot/By Bike
Spokes
ARUP
eco-stars.

Started 13.15. (late).

Speaker; Diarmaid Lawlor, Architecture and Design Scotland.

The foundation of citizenship – what is there for ME?

There needs to be a change to Local Development Plans, away from what people ignore and towards what they embrace. Planning Officers need to be empowered.

Prof. Tom Rye, Napier.

What's important for reducing air pollution is not absolute numbers but concentrations. Also how and how far people travel.

Tom Bell, REHIS.

Environmental health issues – extremely technical.

# **Fiona Allen**

**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 — lain Black, Edinburgh Canal Festival — Richard Allen, Michael Lister (co-opted), 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 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.

