

Tollcross Community Council
Minutes of the Meeting of Wednesday 30 May 2018 at 7pm
Tollcross Community Education Centre
117 Fountainbridge

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: bycyclinged@gmail.co

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 Community Council AGM