

Tollcross Community Council – Community Engagement

Community Councils are charged by Government legislation to bridge and link local issues and opinions to the Council working together to improve the local area and solve issues at a local level.

In Tollcross we have several issues that are perennial - bins, street cleaning, traffic, and over- provision of alcohol, to name a few. Planning is another massive issue with the Fountainbridge developments, from hotels to housing and student housing on our doorstep – the largest site in central Edinburgh to be currently under construction and planning.

We hear from the Police on local issues, we have Councillors attending to hear our questions, and we have guest speakers on local topics of interest. We tackle issues that the public raise. Come to our meetings and make your voice heard – we live in the area, we volunteer simply to make Tollcross a better place, and we want to take forward issues and get positive results to make Tollcross an even better place to live and work in.

Over the years we have attended both the Meadows Festival and Edinburgh Canal Festival to raise the profile of the Community Council and local issues.

We have helped improve roads, bins, pavements, and taken part in many Council- led engagement programmes on topics such as planning, alcohol licensing, Short Term Lets, and (unfortunately) Rogue Landlords .

We have a large part of the Meadows and Bruntsfield Links within our Community Council boundary, and have make representations regarding events on the Meadows and the Links, BBQ's, safety and improvements in these two parks.

We have a number of tools to bring issues to the attention of the Council. We hold a public monthly meeting which meets on the last Wednesday of the month (apart from July and December).

We have a website at www.tollcrosscc.org.uk and a twitter feed at @TollcrossCC or via email on info@tollcrosscc.org.uk - they're all good ways to get in touch with us and put forward your concerns.

The Community Council in Tollcross is made up of up to 12 Councillors - we welcome people to stand and make a positive contribution to the area. There is a three-year term and you can make a real difference to our local area by attending the Community Council meetings and effect positive change.

It is only when we hear your concerns that we can be a representative group that works on your behalf. Come along to a meeting, bring your issues and questions for us, the Police, or local Councillors, and help us make this part of central Edinburgh an even better place to live.

Andrew Brough May 2018.