

Tollcross Community Council
Minutes of the Extra-ordinary General Meeting of Wednesday 29h August 2018 at 7pm
Tollcross Community Education Centre
117 Fountainbridge

1. Welcome

Present: Fiona Allen, Richard Allen, Paul Beswick (Treasurer), Iain Black, Andrew Brough (Chair & Secretary), Roger Colkett, Chris McGregor, Liz Summerfield, Ann Wigglesworth

Police: PC John Pennycook **CEC Councillors:** Cllr Miller was scheduled to attend, but Cllr Mowat attended as her substitute **Members of the public:** Saty Kaur, Michael Lister (Minute Taker), Andreas Wilhelm

Apologies: Cllr Miller, Andy Devenport, David Liddle

The Chair reported on the changes at Tollcross Community Education Centre and that meetings would now need to conclude by 8.45pm.

At the request of the June meeting, an EGM had been called to elect new Community Councillors to Tollcross Community Council. The Chair explained that because the next cycle of Community Council elections were due to take place next year, the appointments made this evening would run for a period of one year.

The Chair introduced Andreas Wilhelm and Saty Kaur who both wished to stand for election.

2. Election

The Chair moved that a vote be taken, and both Saty Kaur and Andreas Wilhelm were elected unanimously as new Community Councillors. The Chair congratulated them on their election and welcomed them to the Community Council.

The Chair then explained about various bodies and organisations whose meetings community councillors are permitted to attend to represent the interests of the Community Council and that he and the new councillors would confer about such memberships.

It was pointed out that the new councillors should join the Google group and that those other community councillors not yet participating in the group should be encouraged to do so.

On the subject of the Chair's joint role as Secretary, the Chair enquired if Saty Kaur would be happy to take on the role of Secretary. She was, and her appointment as Secretary was agreed unanimously.

The meeting closed at 7.20pm

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The Chair welcomed everyone to the August ordinary meeting.

2. Declaration of interests – none

3. Police Matters – The Chair welcomed back PC Pennycook to the meeting, who gave his report on crime incidents for the previous month. Of the 295 calls received in the period, 52 were reportable crimes, 10 of which had been solved. In the immediate area, there had been 12 reportable crimes, including a break-in to a house-boat; an alcohol-related minor assault in Grove St; two attempted thefts of motor-cycles; arrest of a male for assault and breach of bail; one case of internet extortion; a spate of vandalism to vehicles; and one high-profile incident that resulted in the death of a local trader.

In addition to Operation Heddle (Part 3) on cycle safety and security, there had been a successful education day (Operation Fledgling) on shared space at the canal, concerned with speed and safety. This event had produced an astonishing 23 000 interactions on Twitter.

PC Pennycook took questions about a few matters on which he regrettably had no information, as these fell outside his policing area, but said that he would contact the Chair about a serious assault that had taken place near the King's Theatre on 1st July.

ACTION – PC Pennycook to contact the Chair.

PC Pennycook announced that he would be taking up a new post in October at the Scottish Parliament and that it was not certain that he would be able to attend the September ordinary meeting of TXCC.

The Chair took the opportunity to congratulate PC Pennycook on his new appointment and to thank him for his attendance at our meetings and to wish him well in his new post at the Scottish Parliament. The Community Councillors endorsed these sentiments and also wished to have their thanks to PC Pennycook recorded.

With regard to a replacement officer to attend future meetings, there was some discussion about whether it would be possible for Police Scotland to send a Community Officer who was specific to the immediate Tollcross area.

ACTION – Chair to write to local Inspector to request this.

4. Minutes of the meeting of 27 June 2018 –

Corrections – none

Matters arising – Item 7. Planning – action point. Paul Beswick and Roger Colkett were still to contact Cllr Doran about an explanation of ‘economic benefit’ criterion.

ACTION – Paul Beswick and Roger Colkett

Acceptance – proposed by Andreas Wilhelm and seconded by Paul Beswick, the Minutes were accepted as correct.

5. Tollcross Community Council area matters –

a. Golf Starter Hut on Bruntsfield Links – the Chair updated the meeting on this matter, while Cllr Mowat explained the eccentricities of the planning system.

b. Licensing Forum Consultation – Roger Colkett highlighted various issues surrounding the definition of ‘areas of over-provision’, the matter of public health, the difficulties regarding the use of data zones for licensing purposes, as well as the related matter of amplified music on premises within residential tenements. There followed a detailed discussion about these issues.

ACTION – Roger Colkett to prepare a draft submission for discussion on the Google group.

c. Edinburgh Partnership Consultation – the Chair pointed out that the only representation the governance of the new localities allow to Community Councils is via the deputation route and that this is un-satisfactory.

It was decided that the Chair and the Secretary are to confer on this and to make a submission on behalf of TXCC to the consultation, and will circulate draft via Google group for comments.

ACTION – Chair and Secretary.

On a related matter, it was said that as a consequence of the creation of the new localities, the previously centrally-located Council offices on the High Street have been moved to Captain’s Road and are therefore now at a considerable distance from the City Centre. It was felt that this remoteness is not desirable.

ACTION – Cllr Mowat to make enquiries about this and will report back to the Chair.

d. Tollcross Community Education Centre – Richard Allen spoke to this matter, amplifying on the points he had made in his report on the Building Engagement Group meeting of 7 August. (See August papers previously circulated.)

ACTION – Cllr Mowat to look into the matters relating to the school gym and canteen.

ACTION – Richard Allen to provide Cllr Mowat with his contact details.

e. Community Council meetings, attendance and reports – the Chair reminded the meeting of the need for timeous submission of reports to facilitate the preparation of meeting papers.

6. Councillor's Comments and Questions – Cllr Mowat who had contributed to earlier discussions in Item 5 above (**Tollcross Community Council area matters**) reported that she had been involved in a number of Committee meetings in the last week.

She referred to the City Council's forthcoming review of the Festival and Fringe (in October or November) saying that it was essential to start a discussion on how to manage the impact that the Festivals make on the city. There followed a discussion about the need for the Council to encourage events promoters to pay the living wage, about how the review would be carried out and what issues the Council would need to address.

Regarding the participation of CEC Councillors in our meetings, Roger Colkett raised the question of the rota. It was remarked by the Chair that while the rota was working fine, it was the Councillors who were not working properly. It was pointed out that one of the Ward 11 Councillors only rarely attends our meetings, and that another had attended only two meetings in the past five years. It was felt that this is not good for local democracy.

7. Planning – Paul Beswick reported on the following matters:

Ref: 18/02937/FUL – demolition of No. 1 George Square and the erection of a new building to provide accommodation for the University of Edinburgh Student Services. At 1 - 2, & 7 George Square. Also Teviot Row House 22 - 23 Teviot Row. The refurbishment and extension of Teviot Row House to provide upgraded accommodation for the University of Edinburgh Student Union.

World Heritage Site Southside Conservation Area

Ref: 18/02938/CON – 1 - 2 & 7 George Square and Teviot Row House 22 - 23 Teviot Row Substantial Demolition in a Conservation Area.

Delegated Decision

Community Council: Southside

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Ref: 18/02939/LBC – demolition of 1 George Square and the erection of a new building. 1 - 2 & 7 George Square Also Teviot Row House 22 - 23 Teviot Row.

The refurbishment and extension of Teviot Row House with demolition of existing non-original extensions. Delegated Decision. Community Council: Southside.

World Heritage Site Listed Category: B Southside Conservation Area

Ref: 18/00722/FUL (Planning Permission) – 7 GF, 71F, 8, 10, 10A and 10B Lower Gilmore Place

Demolition of all buildings on site and erection of office (Class 4) and flatted residential development with associated car parking, landscaping and public realm. **Glencairn Properties**

Committee Decision DEEMED REFUSAL 5 July 2018

Community Council: Tollcross

Appeal Rejected by Reporter

Ref: 18/04172/FUL – 50 Nicolson Street (The La Scala)

World Heritage Site Southside Conservation Area Change of Use from Class 11 (Assembly and Leisure) to Sui Generis (Public House) and minor external alterations. JD Wetherspoon PLC. Local Delegated Decision. Community Council: Southside. The application was refused in 2015 on grounds of odour for residents.

Ref: 18/04478/FUL

Proposed Change of Use from Class 1, 2 and 3 commercial unit at 125a Fountainbridge to allow Class 11 (gymnasium) as ancillary to the student accommodation use. at 125A Fountainbridge Vita Edinburgh 1 Limited Delegated Decision
Community Council: Tollcross

Ref: 18/01088/FUL (Planning Permission)

Improvements to the surfacing/entry to the grassed area and erection of a golfing starter's hut.

at 30 Wright's Houses

Committee Decision We had objected GRANTED 23 August 2018

Ref: 18/00922/FUL (Planning Permission)

Change of Use and Alterations of Class 4 Office to Form Class 7 Hotel at 152 Morrison Street
In West End Area

Local Delegated Decision

GRANTED

Didn't like another hotel but did not object

20 August 2018

Sale of Catholic Care Home on Gilmore Place – it was noted that this will represent a considerable loss of social care provision in the city.

Scottish Widows Office Development (to fill in the circle) – application still to come. It was agreed that it was necessary to seek assurances that the pedestrian/cycle route to Festival/Rutland Square etc (via The Drum) will be kept around the building. It appears that Spokes has made representation about the pedestrian/cycle route.

8. Licensing – Roger Colkett reported that Tesco at Edinburgh Quay wishes to increase its off-sales capacity and that he was minded to object.

9. AOCB – none

The meeting closed at 8.44pm

**The next meeting of Tollcross Community Council is on Wednesday 26 September 2018
at the new time of
6.45pm**

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