

Tollcross Community Council Notice of Meeting and Agenda

Wednesday 28 November 2018
6.45pm Tollcross Community centre

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Tollcross Community Council

Agenda Wednesday 28 November 2018

Tollcross Community Education Centre 117 Fountainbridge

The Meeting will close start at 6.45pm and close at 8.45pm.

1. **Welcome & apologies –**
 - a. **AOCB**
2. **Declaration of interests.**
3. **Community Engagement –** Georgie, Vice President, Edinburgh University Students Union
4. **Police matters –** With local Police Scotland Community Officer.
5. **Minutes Wednesday 29 August 2018 –**
 - a. Matters arising.
 - b. Acceptance.
6. **Tollcross CC area matters:**
 - a. **Bin issues – FA** (Item 1 in reports)
 - b. **City Centre Transformation exhibition – FA** (Item 2 in reports)
 - c. **Noticeboard update – AB**
 - d. **A- boards and non-compliance – IB**
 - e. **Water usage / wastage position paper – FA**
 - f. **Meadows Management Plan short terms working group - IB**
 - g. **EACC update (Thursday 25 October 2018) – RC**
7. **Councillors' Comments & Questions.**
8. **Planning – PB.**
9. **Licensing – RC**
10. **AOCB –**

Our next meeting of **Tollcross Community Council** is:

Wednesday 30 January 2019 @ Tollcross Community Centre.

Tollcross Community Council
Minutes of meeting of Wednesday 31 October 2018, 6.45pm
Tollcross Community Education Centre, 117 Fountainbridge

1. Welcome and apologies

Present: Fiona Allen, Richard Allen, Paul Beswick (Treasurer), Iain Black, Andrew Brough (Chair), Roger Colkett, Andy Devenport, Saty Kaur (Secretary), Liz Summerfield, Andreas Wilhelm

In attendance: Councillor Alasdair Rankin (City of Edinburgh Council)

Apologies: Chris McGregor, David Liddle, Ann Wigglesworth

2. Declarations of interest – none

3. Police matters – PC Drysdale updated the CC as follows:

- a. Early morning patrols taking place by Police Scotland and Community Psychiatric Nurses for vulnerable people e.g. rough sleepers, drug users etc providing help with housing, addictions
- b. Pedal cycle theft initiative – bike marking being offered to help ensure that any bikes stolen are returned to owners when found
- c. Targeted work taking place around drug misuse
- d. Increase in incidences of theft from locked spaces in open e.g. cars, shared spaces
- e. There has been a recent spate of young people on bikes throwing condiments at the public

4. Previous minutes (28 September 2018)

- a. Matters arising – action 8b closed
- b. Accepted with slight amends by AB and IB. **Action – SK to update accordingly**
- c. Matters arising -

5. Input from David Hepburn, Station Manager, Tollcross Fire Station:

- a. Short discussion about the new proposed crossing at Tollcross Primary School – Scottish Fire & Rescue Service (SFRS) will input to the discussion with the Local Authority when requested
- b. CPR training – if people wish to do this they can go online and request it
- c. SFRS still do home safety visits. These are evolving to be home safety visits and look at other safety issues in the home that vulnerable people might need e.g. handrails
- d. Tollcross Fire Station are 1 of 4 rope rescue teams in Scotland
- e. Short term lets and the issues around these – can only enforce what they are aware of

6. Tollcross CC matters:

- a. Future planning – Discussion on how to raise the profile of the CC in the area. Some suggestions included leaflet drops (which would need to be designed and produced), holding a kids fun day, taking part in the community canal clean up (next year) and the addition of a noticeboard in the City Centre area (possibly Castle Terrace) **Action – SK to speak to CCNP re a CGF application for the noticeboard**

- b. EACC update – RC updated from the recent EACC meeting where the substantive agenda item was the beginning of the Review of the CC Scheme. The EACC are also inviting votes for the position of Vice Chair at their AGM in November. TXCC took a vote on the two candidates and decided to put forward a supporting vote for John Tibett (Leith Links CC)
Action RC to vote at the EACC AGM
- c. A Boards – new legislation and ban coming into effect. Everyone is encouraged to report if they see any in the streets/pavements. AB updated that TXCC were nominated but not successful in an award for their contribution to this by Living Streets.

7. Councillors update: Councillor Rankin gave a short update on the Council’s budget consultation that is now underway. This is part of a longer term change strategy and not just focused on budget changes for one year. Consultation began on 1 Oct and closes on 7 December 2018.

8. Planning:

- a. **18/04478/FUL – Vita Edinburgh:** Change of use from Class 1, 2 & 3 commercial unit to Class 11 (gymnasium) **GRANTED**
- b. **18/09164/FUL – 24 West Tollcross:** Change of use of a vacant retail unit to student lounge **COMMENTS DUE BY 15.11.18**
- c. **18/09013/FUL – Busy Bees Nursery:** Change of use from Class 10 (nursery) to Class 11 Holistic Centre **COMMENTS DUE BY 30.11.18**
- d. **18/09351/PAN – High Street / Jeffrey Street:** New mixed development featuring a hotel, extension to existing hotel, residential blocks and retail units; and creation of new public space **ADDITIONAL CONSULTATION REQUIRED / BEING ASSESSED**
- e. **18/08394/CLP – Co-op, Shandwick Place:** Proposed use of existing Co-op as a Travel Shop **DELEGATED DECISION**
- f. **15/02892/PPP Land adjacent to 194 Fountainbridge:** Application for modification of s75 agreement relating to planning consent **ACCEPTED**
- g. **Lower Gilmore Place update:** Met with developers and residents and the application will now be more reflective of the report
- h. **Local Development Plan:** Plans underway for the consultation around the development of the LDP 2030

9. Licensing:

- a. **West Port cafe**– no objections from TXCC
- b. **22-27 Bread Street:** new restaurant – no objections from TXCC

10. AOCB:

- a. **FOMBL:** met with elected members to discuss whether the Circus Hub could have the length of time on the Meadows reduced. This is their 2nd year so unlikely that this will be changed until re-commissioned
- b. **Scottish Canals:** new Chief Executive is Katherine Topley. **Action AD to organise to get some of the CCs around the canal area together to meet with KT**

The next meeting of Tollcross Community Council is on Wednesday 28 November 2018 at the new time of 6.45pm in Tollcross Community Education Centre.

Letters / reports

1. Bin issues

Dear Sirs,

I am writing on behalf of Tollcross Community Council on a matter of some concern to councillors and constituents alike – our on-street bins.

If you have access to the on-line reports, you will see that even before the amended collection timetable there were frequent complaints about overflowing and uncollected bins. We have no reason to believe this will improve.

In Panmure Place, the glass recycling bins are frequently not only full but overflowing, with large numbers of empty glass items on the pavements surrounding. In Lauriston Gardens, the food waste bin is an ongoing nightmare, and the paper bin is generally overfull. We are given to understand that in Lonsdale Terrace, rats have been spotted around the food waste bins. Outside the Tesco in Earl Grey Street where there are no bins, there are regularly quantities of various kinds of waste stacked on the pavement; in Lauriston Street, despite the (possibly private) site at the side of the Premier Inn, all the bins are regularly overfull; outside the Scotmid in Leven Street, the same obtains. In Tarvit Street, home of many short-term let premises, there are regularly fridges, beds, and other furniture items fly-tipped. And in Gilmore Place, where the bins are actually on the pavements, outside the Birthlink shop and the sewing shop, the quantity of garbage is sometimes such that people are forced to walk on the roadway!

One of the contributing factors to this being a problem area is that we are in student central – many many flats have HMO licences for multiple occupation, and there is also a large and rising number of short term lets including Air B-n-B premises.

Strangely enough, it would appear that people are actually attempting to recycle, but when the bins are full, rather than put bags into a landfill bin, the bags are then left in the street. This is an obvious temptation to vandalism, and unfortunately the glass recycling bins are particularly “at risk” areas. There is also a contradictory experience in that when the landfill bins are full, people will load other stuff into the specified type bins, which means they are “contaminated” and the entire contents have then to go to landfill, completely negating the whole purpose of the exercise.

We have already raised the issue of the inherent design fault in the food waste bins, and local councillors were considering options, but for now, we wonder if it is possible, given the diminished collection schedule, if we could have an increased number of bins? And increased signage on the existing bins would also be useful.

We look forward to your response.

(etc.)

2. City Centre Transformation exhibition; City Art Centre.

THIS IS THE PERSONAL OPINION OF 2 TXCC PEOPLE WHO ATTENDED.

The questionnaire accompanying the exhibition sets out the objectives, including;
enlarge and enhance pedestrian space
and
prioritise active travel and access for people with impairments.

There are boards all around the room (City Art Centre, 5th Floor) with extract plans, annotated with relevant objectives.

HOWEVER we felt that these had been prepared by design professionals with little or no consultation about practicalities.

For example; “dwell zones” to allow people to sit, rest, and relax. This may not take account of the prevailing breeze factor which makes Edinburgh habitable despite pollution. The seating may therefore not be much used for a good part of the year.

We would like to see public water fountains – even the old “bubbler” types from inter-war primary schools would do.

“World class” street setting; we applaud the removal of central parking, and partly the removal of street clutter.

Walking. We applaud the widening of unobstructed footways, and redesigning the junctions of George Street with the cross-streets.

Access/parking/servicing. We applaud these proposals.

HOWEVER ;

re. “street setting” - there seems to be little provision for bins (which will be woefully needed to serve the dwell zones).

“small scale planting”; no mention of who will maintain the planters or indeed what they will contain which will be weather and pollution-proof.

Greening George Street; “propose the introduction of trees...”. Again, pollution-proof? Coniferous so to avoid wind-blown leaves (traffic hazard) or fallen leaves (pedestrian hazard). No consideration given to “vertical gardening” as used extensively in European mainland cities e.g. Copenhagen. (The Freemasons’ Lodge would be an ideal prototype).

“Plaza spaces” - open areas for better access/viewing of “appropriate entertainments”. No indication of how “appropriate entertainments” might be defined or approved.

NO INDICATION OF PUBLIC TOILETS ANYWHERE. These would need to be mandatory and supplied/maintained by the entertainment providers.

There is a passing mention of increased traffic load AND a narrowed carriageway to Charlotte Square; this has the potential to cause a pollution black spot and risk substantial damage to one of the very few unspoiled architectural gems still left. Charlotte Square has to be protected.

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Tollcross Community Council Responsibilities:

Office Bearers • Chair - Andrew Brough • **Secretary** – Saty Kaur • **Treasurer** – Paul Beswick

Community Councils Liaison Coordinator - Liz Summerfield and Ann Wigglesworth • **Planning** - Paul Beswick • **Media monitoring** - Liz Summerfield • **Health** - Chris McGregor • **Fountainbridge Canalside Initiative** - Richard Allen • **Licensing** - Roger Colkett • **Edinburgh Civic Forum** - Roger Colkett • **Edinburgh Old Town Development Trust** - Iain Black • **Meadows' Festival** - Andy Devenport and Liz Summerfield • **Friends of the Meadows and Bruntsfield Links** - Iain Black • **Civic Forum** - Roger Colkett • **Edinburgh Canal Festival** - Richard Allen • **Fountainbridge Sounding Board** - Richard Allen and Ann Wigglesworth • **Canal Community Action Group** - Richard Allen • **Tollcross Community Education Centre Liaison** - Richard Allen and Ann Wigglesworth • **Electronic media co-ordinator**- Fiona Allen • **Edinburgh Association of Community Councils** - Roger Colkett • **City Centre Neighborhood Partnership** - Roger Colkett • **South West Neighbourhood Partnership** - Andy Devenport • **South Central Neighbourhood Partnership** - Ann Wigglesworth • **South East Locality** - Andrew Brough

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)

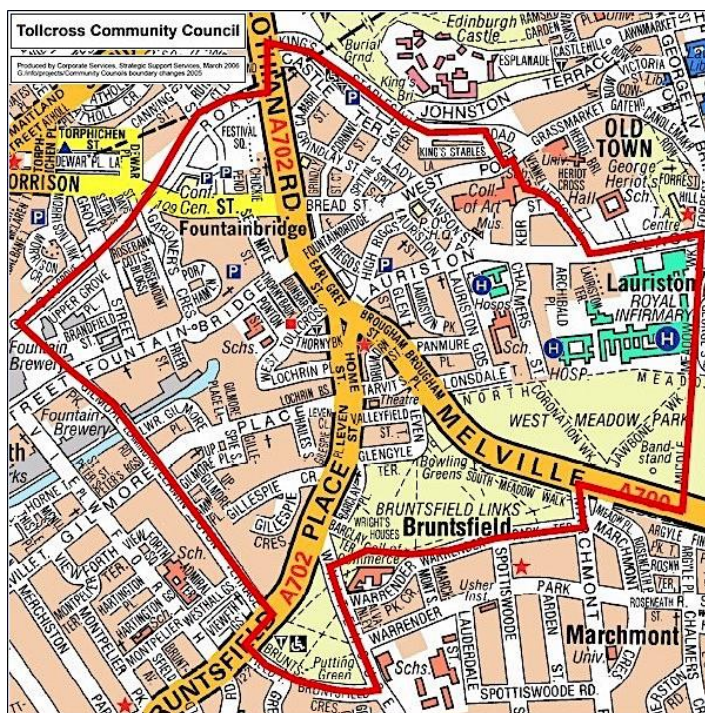
Ward 10 Morningside Nick Cook (Con) Melanie Main (Green) Neil Ross (LibDem) Many Watt (Lab)

Ward 11 City Centre Karen Doren (Lab) Claire Miller (Green) Jonna 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).

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