

Tollcross Community Council

Minutes of the Meeting of Wednesday 27 Feb. 2019 at 6.45pm

Tollcross Community Education Centre, 117 Fountainbridge

1. Welcome & apologies.

Present; Fiona Allen (minutes); Paul Berwick (Treasurer); Andrew Brough (Chair); Roger Cockett; Andy Devenport; Andreas Wilhelm; Chris McGregor; Richard Allen; Liz Summerfield; Ann Wigglesworth.

In attendance; 2 members of the public.

Apologies.

Saty Kaur; Iain Black.

2. Declarations of interest;

none.

3. Police matters. PC Mearns in attendance.

Current operations;

doorstep crime

share the space

bike thefts

cycle safety/security

CAP launch.

February;

283 calls, 86 crimes, 33 solved.

Some crimes/incidents on-going.

Ward priorities;

theft housebreaking; assault/violent crime; road safety; personal property theft; hate crime.

4. Previous minutes.

Matters arising; corrections to minutes.

5e; substitute Liz Summerfield for Andy Davenport.

6c; pavement problem now fixed.

6e; substitute Lauriston Place for Morrison Street.

Minutes proposed RA; seconded PB.

5. Tollcross CC matters.

5a; bins. Being dealt with later. Ongoing issue.

5b; Meadows Management Plan.

Complaints about lack of consultation. Discussion covered;

BBQs. What is "giving information"? Fire Chiefs regard bin fires as useful training.

Wild-flower areas, bird boxes, orchard; biodiversity is not being served.

No transparency re. process of allocation.

Action Point; IB to write Council to address these issues and especially ask for some compromise/suggestions/solutions re. BBQs. and events around the city.

5c; CC scheme review.

Discussion covered unrealistic expectations set on CCs by the review process.

Action Point; SK written submission. Result hoped for May/June.

5d; Boundary changes.

Problem; TX currently takes in 3 wards and 2 NP s.

Proposal; remove some streets/areas to reduce number of councillors from 9 to 4.

Action Point; AB to write Merchiston CC to discuss rationalisation of a small area.

5e. EACC update.No comments or discussion.

6. Councillors' update.

No attendance, no apologies. (It was understood that they were facing an all-day meeting on trams/budget. TXCC sympathised.)

7. Planning.

Vastint – last phase of development now in.

Change of use proposals, 25 and 57 Lothian Road.

Change request from retail to student lounge, 24 W. Tollcross.

(Discussion – developers thus avoiding large amounts of tax/rates).

Southside conservation area – i.e. not our ward – change of use proposal, bank to restaurant.

DISCUSSION – the drift from residential to tourist-friendly premises is of concern.

Development @ Sick Kids going ahead.

8. Licensing.

Former Trenchtown; application for new lessees (restaurant) to have 11.00-01.00 hours.

Sheraton; application for 11.00-01.00 hours. 6 days p.w. (non-residents); until 02.00 for

functions.

Nan Yang (Lister Square); application to extend al fresco drinking area.

Action point; RC to follow up.

9. **AOCB.**

a) Brougham Street bus shelter. Discussion on pedestrian use of street. Also problem at Chalmers Street bus stop – pavement pinch point. Discussion on; Living Streets design guidance.

Action Point; FA to write J Mowat re. Brougham Street bus stop.

b) Thornybauk. Area now cleaner. Other work will take in various problems, inc. “Safer Route to School”.

c) ATIK bins. Enforcement Officer now monitoring.

d) Upsurge in graffiti. Concerns to be minuted.

e) Meadows festival/Canal festival.

While the meeting was quorate, it was felt that there was not a clear majority in favour or against participating in either/both of these events.

Action point; discuss at next meeting.

Meeting adjourned 20.35.

Next meeting; Weds. 27 March, 18.45.