

Tollcross Community Council

Minutes of meeting of Wednesday 30 January 2019, 6.45pm

Tollcross Community Education Centre, 117 Fountainbridge

1. Welcome and apologies

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

In attendance: Councillor Joanna Mowat, 4 members of the public

Apologies: Iain Black, Ann Wigglesworth,

2. Declarations of interest – none

3. Police matters – PC Wotton and PC Marrion updated the CC as follows:

- a. 300 calls received, of which 60 were crime related and 16 of those 60 were solved
- b. Seven housebreakings (or attempted) have taken place in this period (Dundee St, Melvin Walk, Rosebank Cottages, Drysdale Road, Gardiners Crescent & Angle Park Terrace)
- c. Four minor assaults – all alcohol related
- d. Ten road safety incidents
- e. Sixteen incidents of theft mostly in the Poundland (Lothian Road), Sainsburys (Dundee Street) and Fountain Park. Operation Agora suspect has been further charged with more incidences (now 90 incidences)
- f. One hate crime incident against a taxi driver at Fountain Park (race related)
- g. There were 6 incidents of vandalism, 4 drug related incidents (3x supply, 1 x possession), 4 incidents of threatening behaviour (one suspect charged) and one breach of the peace (suspect arrested)

4. Previous minutes (31 October 2018)

- a. Matters arising – none
- b. Accepted by AB and RA.

5. Tollcross CC matters

- a. Car parking on Gilmore Place: issues mostly with cars parking in the front gardens of the B&Bs in Gilmore Place but then overhanging and causing obstruction on pedestrian walkways. Discussed at the South East Locality Committee and Council officers will report back to the next Locality Committee
- b. Meadows Management Plan: the CC will discuss in detail at the next meeting in February and look at what is proposed in the next plan and what needs to be included, improved and removed etc such as wildlife in the park, management of events
- c. Localities/Community Planning/Edinburgh Partnership: Members of the CC attended the South East Locality workshop and a summary of this is in the January papers. No further update as of yet on the new governance model for community planning. Councillor Mowat advised that there is a report going to Full Council on this in

February. SK is attending the Edinburgh Partnership workshop on the new model on 12 February and will report back to the next CC meeting.

- d. Canalside update: RA reported on the last FCI Sounding Board and Steering Group and this is attached in the January papers.
- e. Bins: FA had previously written to local elected members to request more bins and replacement bins for the communal ones in the CC area that are damaged (broken footbars). No response has been received and this has now been escalated to Councillor Mowat. **ALL to report any broken/overflowing communal bins direct to Councillor Mowat.** AD also reported the issue with private contractors/owners who have a responsibility to maintain private bins (in Grove Street) not doing so and asked how this can be enforced by CEC. **JM to write to the elected members in South West Locality as outside her ward.**
- f. Community Centre updates: RA is now the new chair of the Management Committee. Still ongoing discussions re the front door of the centre and unauthorised access, CCTV and swipe card systems

6. Councillors update:

- a. White footprints on Lonsdale Terrace as a result of a paint can spillage – **JM to investigate how this can be removed**
- b. Street lighting – recent spike in the electricity mains has caused a number of streetlights to now be out of sync, in particular in Grindlay Court and Bread St Lane (this is a repeated issue of streetlights not working in these two areas) – **AD to send the street light numbers to JM**
- c. Resurfacing works from Links to main road has been positively received except for the corner outside Tuk Tuk where there is a dropped kerb which is causing a massive puddle regularly – can this be looked at?
- d. Feedback to Councillor Mowat on the large number of consultation requests that come into CCs annually and that there is too much to respond to – can CEC not look at some of these and streamline? Also relook at how the questions are decided as some are very weighted towards particular answers therefore not a fair process
- e. Query whether the Chicken Shack on Morrison St is allowed to be trading as it currently does – **JM to investigate**
- f. Query whether Johnston Terrace to West Princes Street Gardens is still closed off and if so for how long?
- g. Public question – does CEC have the power to enforce/tow vehicles out of bus lanes? Informed by JM that this is a police matter and offending vehicles should be reported to them

7. Planning:

- a. **18/08091/FUL – Union Canal, west of Viewforth Bridge at Canal Bank Walk:** Moorings for boat hotel accommodation (5 boats) - awaiting further update as 376 comments were received before the end of December 2018
- b. **18/09878/FUL – Land at East Market Street:** Redevelopment and conversion of existing arches and change of use to provide distillery with Class 11 (assembly and leisure) visitor centre, Class 1 (retail), Class 3 (food and drink) and bar/tasting rooms with associated works including landscaping, public realm and means of access
Delegated decision

- c. **18/01349/AMC – Land adjacent to 194 Fountainbridge (MODA):** Approval of matters specified in Conditions 1,6 and 7 of 15/02892/PPP for Building ‘D’ relating to form and massing, design and materials, daylight and sunlight, private/public open spaces, roads, footways and cycleways, access, servicing and parking, venting, electrical vehicle charging, drainage, waste management, sustainability, floor levels, lighting, site investigation and hard/soft landscaping details – *TXCC previously objected in April 2018 to illegally small apartments and few larger apartments. The revised scheme corrected this and TXCC supported it* - **APPROVED**
 - d. **18/10048/FUL – 151-153 Lothian Road:** Change of use from vacant shop (Class 1) to restaurant (Class 3) and installation of 2 No.200mm flues to the rear painted black to match existing downpipes **DELEGATED DECISION**
 - e. **18/09013/FUL – Busy Bees Nursery, 20 Valleyfield Street:** Change of use from Class 10 nursery (non-residential institutions) to Holistic Centre Class 11 (assembly and leisure). Front elevation to be repainted – **GRANTED**
 - f. **18/03365/FUL – 236 Gorgie Road (Co-op):** Demolition of existing (Class 1) retail store and erection of purpose built student accommodation with Class 1 retain on the ground floor – **REFUSED**
 - g. **Dalry Conservation Area** – Redevelopment on Morrison Street of hotels, retail, public houses, leisure, restaurants and car parking – public exhibition to be held – **PB will update with dates when available**
 - h. **India Quay (1st part)** – Plot 3 will now be owned and managed by CEC and changed from build to rent to mid market and open market rents.
 - i. **King Stables Road** – the student accommodation is proposed to be used for short term holiday lets from 1 June to 31 August annually – **DELEGATED DECISION**
8. **Licensing:**
- a. **Redevelopment of Marcos pool hall** – no objections
 - b. **Grove St Vietnamese restaurant** – request for a late licence – no objections
9. **AOCB:** No time to discuss AOCB. Request from public attending to discuss the CC’s view/position on alcohol licences as they would like to open a small business which would sell wine. As the CC had to end the meeting they have been invited to attend a future meeting to discuss in more detail **SK to email them with details of meeting and the CC’s position statement on licensing**

**The next meeting of Tollcross Community Council is on Wednesday 27 February 2019
at 6.45pm in Tollcross Community Education Centre.**