

Tollcross Community Council
Minutes of meeting of Wednesday 24 April 2019, 6.45pm
Tollcross Community Education Centre, 117 Fountainbridge

1. Welcome and apologies

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

In attendance: Councillor Jo Mowat, 3 local residents

Apologies: Iain Black, Andy Devenport

2. Declarations of interest – Meadows Festival (Liz Summerfield)

3. Police matters – PC Green (City Centre) in attendance and update via email from PC Wotton

- New security team at ATIK in response to recent incidences. General Manager happy to talk to the community about any issues
- Street Assist funding renewed for the new few years and Edi Uni students working with them
- Local police patrols in the morning for rough sleepers – any reports of rough sleeping in common stairs can be reported directly to them and they will attend as part of the patrol
- 309 calls in SW, 59 crimes and 16 solved
- Community officers have been involved in a number of planned operations; these have resulted in positive action to tackle current issues:
 - Op Monarda – Doorstep crime
 - Op Sedgewick – Anti Social Behaviour
 - Op Agora – Bike theft
 - Op Heddle – Cycle Safety and Security
 - Student Safety Campaign
 - Community Alcohol Partnership
- Three housebreakings (1 attempted)
- Eight incidents of assault
- Three road safety incidents
- Twenty-two incidents of theft
- Three incidents of hate crime
- Ten other incidents of vandalism and threatening behaviour

4. Previous minutes (31 October 2018)

- a. Matters arising – none
- b. Proposed by AB, seconded RA

5. Tollcross CC matters

- a. Scotmid development – three storeys to replace the current story where the gym is and upwards (in places three storeys and in places two storeys) is

proposed. Plans show the new structure would hang forwards and not sit in line with current buildings around/adjacent. 41 objections so far and local residents have been engaged with elected members and community groups about issues around the proposals. RA suggested that it may be worth mentioning at Scotmid's AGM which is due to take place soon. **Action:** PB to submit an objection on behalf of TXCC on grounds of loss of light/privacy/amenity, loss of gym facilities for the local community (in particular young people).

- b. Meadows to Canal cycle path consultation – now underway and two public events at Akva on 29/30 April from 11-7pm
- c. EACC and Community Planning (items c&d together) – update on CC elections due to take place in September/October. **Action:** AB to investigate costs for a leaflet drop to all residents to promote
- d. As above item c
- e. Canal updates – contained in April papers. Hoarding now erected on side of canal. No update on Gilmore Park hoarding as of yet. Printworks opening 25 April 2019. Boatels update – decision at Council committee to continue until after a site visit has taken place
- f. Street clutter – Streetscape have issued a citywide call to all community councils to identify areas of concern re street clutter. **Action:** all to send areas of concern to RC to respond to Streetscape
- g. Street naming – CEC looking to build a bank of street names for the area due to new developments coming up. Suggestion to use traditional names such as Wynd, Bank etc **Action:** all to send suggestions to CEC
- h. Bus stops – continued issue re bus stop at Brougham Street. Now removed but no update on replacement. Nearby bin also removed and no update on this. FA is tracking and will keep TXCC updated

6. Councillors update:

Cllr Jo Mowat in attendance

- Meadows Festival fee reduction to 1k for this year and intention for a motion to go to Committee for this to be made permanent
- City Centre Transformation report due to go to Committee in May
- 5th May is the first 'open streets' event covering city centre streets such as Grassmarket, Royal Mile, Victoria Street etc. If anyone is around the city centre during this time please send any feedback to local elected members
- Community Planning – in absence of Locality Committees to do Police and Fire Scrutiny SE locality elected members are meeting regularly with Police so any issues can be fed into local elected members
- Brown bin issues – Lonsdale Terrace/Gillespie Street brown bins not emptied recently **JM to investigate**
- Query re whether Lister Sq is private land, CEC, adopted etc **JM to investigate**

7. Planning:

- **18/01636/FUL:** Application for Brewdog to permit full cooking recently was refused
- **19/01404/FUL:** (Canongate) – Change of use from office premises to 11 commercially managed short term lets application
- For information Planning Bill progressing. Looks like more for Planning Departments to do but uncertainty on how that will be achieved with no indication of how it will be resourced

8. Licensing:

- Application for market at High Riggs **Action RC** to investigate

9. AOCB:

- Canal Festival – any suggestions on items for the stall to go to SK
- New legislation to come into effect on smoke detectors and CO2 detectors in owner occupied housing **RC to investigate further**

The next meeting of Tollcross Community Council is on Wednesday 29 May 2019 at 6.45pm in Tollcross Community Education Centre.