

# **Tollcross Community Council Notice of Meeting and Agenda**

Wednesday 24 April 2019  
6.45pm Tollcross Community Centre

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# **Tollcross Community Council**

## **Agenda Wednesday 24 April 2019**

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. Police matters – With local Police Scotland Community Officer.**
- 4. Minutes Wednesday 27 February 2019 –**
  - a. Matters arising.
  - b. Acceptance.
- 5. Tollcross CC area matters –**
  - a. **Scotmid development - PB**
  - b. **Meadows to Canal consultation - AB**
  - c. **Community Planning update – SK**
  - d. **EACC update – RC**
  - e. **Canal updates – RA (attached)**
  - f. **Street clutter - RC**
  - g. **Street naming – AB**
  - h. **Bins - FA**
- 6. Councillors' Comments & Questions.**
- 7. Planning – PB**
- 8. Licensing – RC**
- 9. AOCB – Handouts for the Canal Festival**

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

**Wednesday 29 May 2019 @ Tollcross Community Centre**

**Tollcross Community Council**  
**Minutes of meeting of Wednesday 27 March 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, Iain Black,

**In attendance:** David Liddle, Councillor Claire Miller, 2 local residents, 3 Napier journalism students, 6 University of Edinburgh students

**Apologies:** Fiona Allen, Andy Devenport, Liz Summerfield, Andreas Wilhelm, Ann Wigglesworth, Chris McGregor

**2. Declarations of interest – none**

**3. Police matters – PC Mears in attendance:**

- Calls have risen slightly to 289 for March.
- One housebreaking incident in Canal Walk
- Three incidents of assault (Grove Street / Morrison Street / Semple Street)
- Two road safety incidents of failure to report accidents
- Fifteen incidents of theft
  - 8 counts of shoplifting at Poundland
  - 2 counts of shoplifting at Tesco
  - Vehicle stolen at Upper Grove
  - Two wallets stolen (Fountainbridge and Grove Street)
  - Van theft from within on Semple Street
  - Insecure canal boat
- Fire raising at Rope Walk
- Vandalism at Morrison Street

**4. Previous minutes (31 October 2018)**

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

**5. Tollcross CC matters**

- a. Boundary changes agreed by Merchiston CC, now awaiting confirmation from City of Edinburgh Council
- b. Planning Performance Framework – see notes in March's papers from RC
- c. Meadows/Canal Festival – TXCC will have a stall at the Canal Festival and donating £100 to support the festival. **Action:** SK/RA to coordinate festival stall application form

**6. Councillors update:**

Cllr Claire Miller in attendance

- Qn from public on nos of people currently registered as homeless and no of people on the Council housing register – 3000 homeless as of 17/18 and 21k applicants registered

- Meadows Management Plan update – plan will go to Transport and Environment Committee to be approved (date tbc) and there is local community engagement taking place around the use of BBQs on the Meadows
- Lower Gilmore Place – the Parents and Pregnancy Centre are looking for a new venue and any suggestions gratefully received
- Licensing update – Canongate applications recently approved at Licencing Committee – query from TXCC members as to why given that it is an area of overprovision?
- Tollcross Community Centre operating hours – the centre is to be closed in the afternoon when there are no classes due to staffing issues. Cllr Miller suggested that the Management Committee may wish to speak to the Craggs about their operating plan for suggestions on how to maintain the centre’s opening hours
- Meadows to Canal cycle route – further discussions taking place and consultation will resume shortly
- Request for clarification on the music clause with new licence applications **Action:** Cllr Miller to confirm with Licencing Team

## 7. Planning:

- **19/00784/CLP:** Proposed use of 9 Riddle's Court, 322 Lawnmarket, Edinburgh for short term residential letting for a maximum number of four adults and minimum of three nights per booking.
- **19/00863/FUL (resubmission of application 18/03365/FUL)** Demolition of existing (class 1) retail store and erection of purpose-built student accommodation (sui generis) with (class 1) retail on ground floor at 236 Gorgie Road
- **Lower Gilmore Place:** new application received and TXCC voted 4:2 to write in support of the application **Action:** PB to write
- **Lower Gilmore Place:** further consultation will take place on public realm
- **19/00945/FUL:** Development of a new 131 bed boutique hotel, a 101 bed extension to the existing Jurys Inn hotel, two residential blocks containing 31 flats, and retail units. Conversion of lower two floors of existing Grade C listed 19th century tenement building to new hotel entrance. Creation of public space with pedestrian links into and through the site from existing Closes, including non-stepped link from Jeffrey Street to High Street, wheelchair accessible from Jeffrey Street to the top of the site.
- **19/00793/FUL:** Change of use for vacant restaurant space from Class 3 'Food and Drink' to mixed use space, including Class 3, Class 4 'Business' and Class 11 'Assembly and Leisure' at the Sheraton Hotel, Festival Square
- **19/01116/FUL:** Change of use to alter premises, erect ventilation flue on rear elevation at 55 Lothian Road
- **18/02497/FUL:** Change of use and conversion of former Boroughmuir High School to form residential accommodation. Demolition of existing outbuildings and erection of new residential block.
- **17/05997/FUL:** Mixed use development comprising offices, hotel and other commercial uses including classes 1, 2, 3 and 11 with associated access roads, and landscaping/public realm (as amended) at Vastint
- **Hampton Hotel:** application for loading bay **Action:** RC to write to object on grounds of road too narrow
- **19/01151/FUL:** To sub-divide the existing restaurant (4-8 Lochrin Buildings and 66 Home Street) and to change the use of the ground floor only corner unit (66 Home Street) to

allow the premises to be half sit-in restaurant and half hot food takeaway and erection of a flue

**8. Licensing:**

- TXCC agreed to object to the following two applications:
  - Dragonfly to increase opening hours 11am-1am 7 days/week
  - 81 Fountainbridge

**Action:** RC to submit objections

**9. AOCB:**

- FCI AGM 4 April 2019 at Kings Church, Gilmore Place
- Discussion on speed reducing measures
- Discussion with UofE students on vision of the area around Castle Terrace and street clutter/furniture on Lothian Road

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at 6.45pm in Tollcross Community Education Centre.**

## Item 5e – Canal updates

### Fountainbridge Canalside Initiative Minutes of the Annual General Meeting, 4th April 2019

(this is a precis of the FCI AGM minutes for full minutes visit FCI website)

Chair: Simon Braunholtz

Present: about 42 people including 25+ members of FCI

1. Meeting opened at 7 pm. The Chair gave a brief summary of FCI and of its objectives.
2. The minutes of the previous AGM proposed by Gandolf and seconded by Pat Bowie.
3. Summary accounts for the year proposed by Richard Allen and seconded by the Chair.
4. The Chair said that eight members of the existing Steering Group would be prepared to continue: Richard Allen, Gerry Baker, Simon Braunholtz, Anna Canning, Jane Jones, Gillian Lawrence, Elspeth Gray, and Ishbel McFarlane. Four new members were proposed: Jean Bareham, Margaret Montgomery, Elizabeth Van der Meer and Simon Zisman.
5. The Annual Report prepared by Jane Jones and presented by the Chair:
  - The Sounding Board continued to be a quarterly opportunity for constructive engagement with the CEC. FCI were able to hear details of the Council's evolving plans put forward ideas, reactions and opinions.
  - The Wikihouse finally moved into the playground of Tollcross Primary School
  - Plans for the site: a proposal to build another hotel on the site had been opposed by FCI and with pressure from other quarters this had been rejected. The plans for housing were greatly improved: there was to be more social housing than previously proposed, plus a mix of housing for sale and for mid-market rental.
  - District Heating: FCI continued to push for progress on this.
  - Lift Bridge: Scottish Canals had announced that the machinery on this had become unreliable and needed complete replacement. Funding for this had now been found via Sustrans.
  - New History panels had been prepared. Hoardings were due to be replaced soon
  - Green Plan for the site: ongoing.
6. Study of community growing in Edinburgh: A grant had been obtained from the University of Edinburgh for a study of community growing initiatives in Edinburgh that would inform a strategy for the site. to be followed with a series of talks, cruises and walks. Michael Starkey had been commissioned to undertake the study, and he presented his findings.
  - There are 40 community growing initiatives in the city, of which selected 9 for a series of visits and interviews. The topics included: strategies for encouraging wide participation; structures; learning opportunities; outreach strategies; how projects had grown; the creation of safe spaces; checking up; providing for involvement of children; and wider community engagement.
  - Systems to welcome new participants, especially events involving food; accessibility, especially for people with mental health difficulties or mobility issues; encouraging social mixing and dealing with any conflicts; involving schools – there were many benefits – schools often started their own growing initiatives as well – the key was to find a keen teacher; the value of having partner organisations; the importance of simple but vital infrastructure, such as water taps and access for deliveries; the value of encouraging participation by children.

7. Greening Copenhagen: The Chair introduced René Sommer Lindsay. For some years a Council official and project manager, part of a major initiative in Copenhagen to develop green spaces within the city, and he presented an account of this to the meeting.
8. Re-Union and Fountainbridge Green: Pat Bowie reported that Re-Union had taken over the maintenance of Fountainbridge Green, they are treating this as a “pilot” scheme for community upkeep, using volunteers.

There being no other business, the Chair closed the meeting at 8.20 pm.

Canal Community Action Group 27 March 2019 at 1.30pm Polwarth Church, Polwarth

1. Welcome and apologies:  
Present: Richard Allen (FCI / Tollcross CC, Chair), Cynthia Berry (Edinburgh Schools Kayak Club), Pat Bowie (Re-Union), Pauline Rumbles (Polwarth Parish Church), Kate Watt (Ratho & District CC), Cllr Gavin Corbett (CEC), Hugh Halcrow (Merchiston CC), Andrew Caldwell (CEC)
2. Matters arising:
  - PB provided an update on the Scottish Waterways Trust; it will cease trading on 31 March. It is hoped that a national charity will take on projects, with an official announcement due on 28 March.
  - AC trying to establish new Edinburgh Napier contact.
  - Discussion around Boroughmuir High School, who are enthusiastic about establishing a connection to canal and watersports on the canal. Also ties in with Fountainbridge Green where Napier and BHS were to be involved. RA, as Chair, to ask David Dempster to nominate someone from school who could have an active relationship with CCAG.
3. Reports/Updates: GC reported on visit to Glasgow canal corridor and Canal Co-op at Port Dundas. Canal Co-op harnesses many activities. PB related that the Canal Co-op captures business involvement, and also have had funding via Scottish Enterprise and Heritage Enterprise Lottery Fund to support a coordinating post. Visit to be arranged to share knowledge with Glasgow Canal Co-op, and with a view to canal legacy. PB suggestion of potential canal development trust as a potential group to access funding if everyone had a mind to.
4. Canal Clean-ups : AC updated on clean-up calendar, invite sent out . Upcoming clean-ups listed are Monday 6 May, Scottish Canals clean-up, meeting at Bridge 8 hub. Consensus that Scottish Canals clean-up events information could be better served by using graphics to make more shareable, and potentially attracting more volunteers, than information in an email format. PB relayed that when litter has been recovered, Biffa recycling collects and sorts what has been collected. It would be good to share more of what happens with litter recovered and how it is recycled, and to measure how much is collected. Re-Union are in process of purchasing boat with SW neighbourhood partnership grant that will be able to support clean-ups.
5. Canal Festival / Canal Festival Working Group Festival Planning Festival planning not as advanced as previous years as waiting on a number of partners to agree to commit funding. Future Funding: Although focus for current year, there is a real need to look at a more sustainable funding model aiming for a financial commitment from partners for 3-5 years. This could incorporate the office blocks in Lochrin Basin and leverage in marketing opportunities for businesses.
6. Towpath Shared Use: AC updated on linking up with CEC Active Travel team for campaign and messaging raising awareness for shared use of towpath space. Group identified sites to target as; Ratho, Kingsknowe, Meggetland, Watson Crescent. Group discussed text by JA from last time calling for report though did not want to take forward for now.
7. Union Canal Bicentenary legacy projects - discussion on lighting, retrospective/floating exhibition, Yeaman Place access, canal co-op and liaison with other parts of canal (e.g.



Linlithgow, Falkirk), and Scottish Canal office at lift bridge as potential opportunity for CCAG; ideas to be discussed at Canal Delivery Board including:

- Towpath improvements
- Capital funding project
- Organisational vehicle legacy
- Canal Boathouse
- long term care of site Refresh of Canal Strategy will again place emphasis on engagement, which Re-Union was involved in for current strategy.

8. AOCB

- Clock: Smiths of Derby have contract with CEC Public Safety team for adopted clocks and representative will view clock when in Edinburgh in June
- Polwarth Church: Working on partnership with People Know How and will be undertaking a consultation in June.

Future meeting schedule and hub venues Monday 13 May, 1000am, Bridge 8 Hub

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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**

**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)

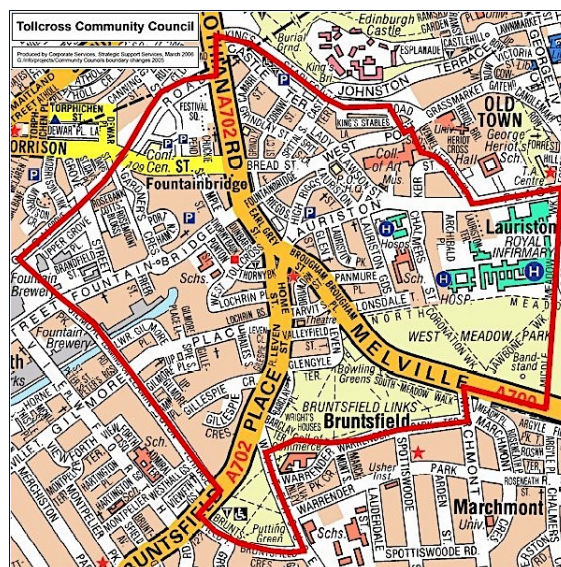
**Ward 11 City Centre** Karen Doren (Lab) Claire Miller (Green) Jonna Mowat (Con) Alasdair Rankin (SNP).

**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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