

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:

Clr 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

The next meeting of Tollcross Community Council is on Wednesday 24 April 2019 at 6.45pm in Tollcross Community Education Centre.