

## Minutes of Tollcross Community Council Zoom meeting Wednesday 28 July 2021

### 1. Welcome & Apologies:

Present: Richard Allen (Chair), Iain Black, Donald Craig, Roger Colkett, Andy Devenport, Cllr Claire Miller, Cllr Joanna Mowat, Liz Summerfield, Fiona Allen (minute taker).

Apologies: Paul Beswick, Stuart Tooley (U of E).

### 2. Declaration of interests: none

### 3. Minutes:

#### a. Matters arising.

3A. The proposed walk-about with a CEC councillor is still in planning stages. Ongoing.

6B. TX primary school crossing. Being dealt with later in agenda.

6D. Mixed recycling. Andy Devenport pursuing but no conclusion yet. Ongoing.

**b. Acceptance.** Andy Devenport proposed and Liz Summerfield seconded.

**4. Police Matters.** Liz Summerfield now has email contact numbers for TXCC local area and other local offices.

### 5. Tollcross CC matters:

1. website. still unable to access the website. LS to carry forward.

2. Secretary. No progress on recruitment of dedicated secretary. Edinburgh University has been contacted

re. recruitment of a permanent minute-taker. Ongoing.

There is no volunteer minute-taker for the next meeting which will be in September. Carry forward.

### 6. Councillor's Comments & Questions:

Cllr Miller. Nil.

Cllr Mowat; Discussion re. Developments in Festival Square.

No Circus for The Meadows for Festival 2021 but funfair going ahead.

1. TXCC are pressing for all Festival/Fringe events to take place on areas of hard standing.

Roger Colkett raised the issue of the Cockburn Association's comments on some proposals going ahead without official permission.

Cllr. Mowat responded that there are numerous applications, and a "tidy up" will be required for next year. Ongoing.

2. Iain Black raised the issue of the overflow from the premises of the audio shop on the corner of Brougham Street. Unsightly all year round, dangerous in winter weather. It was suggested that the Shared Repair team may offer assistance. Ongoing.

3. Iain Black offered congratulations to the graffiti squad who had dealt with a problem at the foot of Glen Street in swift and exemplary fashion.

4. Roger Colkett suggested tree planting for Earl Grey Street, to make use of a "surplus" seventh lane.

Cllr. Mowat suggested examining this on the proposed walkabout, Cllr Miller advised funding and tree availability might be available via the Woodland Trust. Carry forward.

### Planning.

1. It was noted that the Underbelly plans were now lapsed, following many objections.

2. There has been no progress on creating the post of lollipop lady for the crossing point near Tollcross Primary School. Cllr. Miller will progress. Ongoing.

**Licensing.**

Nothing to report.

**AOCB.**

1. Letter in support of King's Theatre. There will be 1 letter, signed by R Allen as Chair of TXCC; the second letter, from TX Community Centre, will originate with Brian McGill.
2. Thanks were offered to Iain Black for sterling work in tidying the Community notice board.
3. Roger Colkett; Lister Housing Co-operative MAY have space that TXCC could use as an office. To be pursued and investigated further.
4. Community Centre re-opening by the end of August. Space will be very limited.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 19.44.

**Date of next meeting; Wednesday 25 September, 19.00, via Zoom.**