

Tollcross Community Council

Minutes Wednesday 26 May 2021 7.30 pm

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1. Welcome and Apologies –

Present: Fiona Allen, Richard Allen(Chair), Paul Beswick(Treasurer), Iain Black, Roger Colkett, Donald Craig, Andy Devenport, Gillian Martin Liz Summerfield(Engagement Secretary).

CEC Councillors: Cllr Joanna Mowat.

Members of the public: Rory Fellows, Chris Senna.

Apologies: Cllr Karen Doran.

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. Minutes of the meeting held on 31 March 2021

That the minutes were a true record was proposed by Paul Beswick and seconded by Liz Summerfield and agreed as a true record by the meeting.

No matters arising were raised.

3. Minute Taker

The absence of a minute secretary was discussed and the possibility of paying an outsider, possibly a local student, was explored. FA offered to take minutes at the next meeting.

4. IT Support

The chair led a discussion on the steps we will need to make to keep lines of communication open. We will need to access and operate the website and the designated email addresses. PB has supplied the information but our IT skills mean we need assistance.

PB suggested asking Andrew Brough(who set up the systems with One.Com) for help.

LS suggested that we should consider employing an IT consultant to help.

JM explained that the Council could not host websites but she would check what support might be available for the TEAMS software.

5. Planning

PB listed a few of the recent planning applications. These included the Underbelly application for a big top and fenced seating area on the meadows. It was agreed that we should object to this application. The application for a table tennis table on the meadows was approved as was the PPP for the big canal-side (EDI) mixed development. There was an application for a block of flats on Temple Park Crescent and student block is being applied for at Haymarket Yards (PAN approved).

PB to prepare objection to Meadows application.

6. Licensing

RC explained that no current applications for licenses had been communicated to us.

7. Cockburn Society document on public spaces

The meeting gave a lot of support to this document.

RC is to ask our councillors to support the main points about not commercializing/damaging OUR public spaces.

8. Councillors Report

Councillor Mowat talked about the 'Spaces for People' project which is generating quite a lot of discussion. She expressed concern about how many of the schemes were really temporary and about how consultation was needed as some schemes were considered good and some not. RA expressed concern about the temporarily allowed extra tables and chairs on pavements; whether they would be permanent and they being against the previous policy of decluttering pavements.

PB expressed concern about the hindering of ambulances by some road schemes.

AD explained that local walk-about with officials had been productive as they need to see things on the ground. He suggested they should be reinstated.

JM would discuss this with a Roads officer.

AD described the conflicts between cyclists and pedestrians on the tow-path and expected relief measures within the Places for People agenda.

RC expressed concern about traffic signs on the footway, caused in part by schemes to segregate the roads.

9. AOCB

- a) There was no other business.

The meeting was closed and a date of the next meeting is 30 June 2021

