**Minutes of Tollcross Community Council Meeting 30 October 2024**

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| 1. Welcome, apologies, declarations of interest, health, safety and comfort check | **Present**  Members**:** Richard Allen (Chair), Roger Colkett, Iain Black, Rebecca Fairbairn, Paul Beswick, Tim Puntiss, Cllr,Margaret Graham  Others: Anna Grant and Stephen Lovejoy (Edinburgh City Council), Mark Jacunski, Tom Wilson, Marco Mattia (Edinburgh Student Housing Cooperative  **Apologies:** Andy Davenport, Liz Summerfield, Cllr Jo Mowatt, Cllr Finaly McFarlane, Cllr Claire Miller. No police representatives.  The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.There were no declarations of interests. No security or health and safety issues identified. |
| 1. Minutes of last meeting | Corrections and Matters Arising:  The minutes of the last meeting were approved, proposed by Roger Colkett, seconded by Iain Black.  No matters arising. |
| 1. Local Place Plan | Presentation delivered by Anna Grant and Stephen Lovejoy from Edinburgh City Council Development Planning Team.  City Plan 2030 (to be finally approved 7 November 2024) and National Planning Framework Four will be the new framework for planning applications moving forward. City Plan 2030 is something of an interim measure. Work to develop City Plan 2040 will begin soon with the hope of its adoption in May 2028, for operationalisation from 2030-2040.  Three overarching aims of this underlying legislation are to be: place-based, people-centred, and delivery-focused.  Initial community engagement for City Plan 2040 is to run January-March 2025, with an expectation that calls for ideas and the deadline for submission of Local Place Plans will be in Autumn 2025. A statutory consultation is likely to follow in Spring 2026. The Council will not steer process or development of plans as this is to be community driven, but can provide datasets, training and connections to others creating LPPs. [cityplan2040@edinburgh.gov.uk](mailto:cityplan2040@edinburgh.gov.uk)  Local Place Plans (LPPs) are “mini development plans produced by communities”, an opportunity for communities to collaborate with the authorities and influence how our communities develop. LPPs needs to align with the national planning framework. Registered Local Place Plans must be taken into account in the preparation of City Plan 2040 and are to shape how planning will be considered. Any properly constituted community bodies can produce an LPP, and LPPs can define their own site (so these can be based around an area – like the canal – rather than a community council jurisdiction) and a map must be included in LPP submissions.  The Council wants to see collaborative approaches within local areas. A discussion was held on how the Council might facilitate this, for example by sharing lists of “properly constituted groups” working in Community Council areas or match-making interested parties (such as those that submit expressions of interest). This will be explored.  As LPPs are to inform local development plan their focus needs to relate to development and use of land. This can include planning policy, sites for development, proposals for sites to be developed, areas to be protected, things missing from the community and problems in the community that planning could address. There was a discussion on whether LPPs will be considered beyond the creation of City Plan 2040, for example in making planning decisions. This is not clear at this stage, but as LPPs can focus on planning policy, this could be explicitly addressed in an LPP. This is a key issue for communities in the centre of Edinburgh where the “focus on housing” is not being delivered through planning decisions which continue to approve hotels and student housing.  The breadth of issues that can be covered by LPPs was discussed. Roads are a big issue in this area, but this cannot be included in LPPs. AG and SL confirmed that they are exploring wider connections, and are talking with teams from e.g. transport, the community hall network and public health. It is hoped City Plan 2040 will provide broader coverage than City Plan 2030.  The LPPs can be broad or very focused. West Kilbride highlighted as a good “low key” example to explore. Optional template and guidance in the “How To Guide” on the city council website.  LPPs should represent the views of the community; engagement is needed for this, and the views of young people are key (particularly given the plans will run to 2040). A discussion was held on the importance of making sure residents know about the opportunity to develop LPPs as people are unlikely to see the Council webpages unless they already know to look. Connecting messaging to residents on LPPs with communications that will be going out in relation to Community Council elections will be explored.  Submitting an LPP is not the only way to engage with the planning team; they will still come to our meetings. |
| 1. Updates | **Councillors:** No update. |
| 1. Planning and Licensing | **Short Term Lets:** Of the 220 planning applications that have been monitored there have been 116 refusals. However of the 377 licensing applications, 90% have been granted. Jo Mowatt who sits on both planning and licensing committees is exploring what this means in practice. There are nearly 2000 license applications in the Edinburgh Central Ward.  BT’s 40 applications to re-use phone boxes/ hubs across the city as phone charging and wifi points was discussed. This includes the use of LED advertising screens. Some applications have been approved (or have successfully appealed to the Scottish Government). It was noted that this seems to be in direct contradiction to the Councils Net Zero plans.  **Three new licencing applications were discussed:**   * Brew Dog outdoor space on Festival Square – we would not to object as this in not close to private housing. * All Bar One wants DJs and music events – we would not to object as this is not close to private housing. * Sainsbury’s on Middle Meadow Walk/ Simpson Loan to extend shelf space for alcohol by 2 meters – we would not object as this is not an area of overprovision. |
| 1. AOCB | **Community Council Election:** we expect to receive forms for this soon. Standing Community Councils will exist until the elections take place. It was agreed the January meeting would include discussion on members that want to stand again. **All current members warmly welcome any residents of the Tollcross area who would like to consider joining the Community Council.**  It was noted that our Chair, Richard Allen, will be absent for the coming two meetings.  It was noted that the Community Council has received its budget for this year.  It was noted that the flotilla of light on the canal on 9 November, moving from Harrison Park at 6pm.  Marco Mattia, from Edinburgh Student Housing Cooperative, alerted attendees to their national lottery grant to support community events in the ESHC basement. There is a community meal in November. **ACTION:** This will be put on the Community Council website.  Meeting closed at 20.24  Next meeting at 19.00, Wednesday 27 November 2024  Discussion topics: any additions for agenda to be raised by 13 November |