**Minutes of Tollcross Community Council Meeting 27 November 2024**

**1. Welcome, apologies, declarations of interest, health, safety and comfort check**

**Present Members**: Paul Beswick (chairing in the absence of Richard Allen), Iain Black, Roger Colkett, Tim Puntis. Cllr Jo Mowat.

**Apologies**: Fiona Allen, Richard Allen, Rebecca Fairbairn, Liz Summerfield. 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.

**2. Minutes of last meeting Matters arising and acceptance** – with regard to the Place Plan, Roger Colkett wished the importance of roads in the Tollcross area to be minuted. The minutes were proposed as correct by Tim Puntis and seconded by Roger Colkett.

**3. Updates Councillor Updates** – Cllr Mowat indicated CEC’s predominant concerns are the ongoing homelessness emergency following the maladministration revealed in September. There were no other matters relating specifically to Tollcross.

**4. Local Place Plan Planning - TXCC next steps** – given the imminence of Community Council elections in February 2025, it was agreed that this Plan should be one of the first topics of discussion for the new Community Council.

**5. Planning Report from Paul Beswick** – in addition to updating the meeting about recent applications, Paul reported that as at 21 October, of a total of 222 STL planning applications there were: 14 approvals; 51 withdrawals; 129 refusals; with the rest pending.

He noted that approximately 90% of STL planning applications are refused and at least 90% of license applications are approved. This conflict will have to be resolved in some way.

**6. Licensing - Roger Colkett** – a late licence (24-hr opening) and an alcohol licence have been applied for at 21 Home Street. Concern was expressed at another off-licence application in an area of over-provision. It was agreed to object to these applications.

**7. Any Other Business Time permitting** – further to the Living Rent Response to the CEC Visitor Levy Consultation, a copy of which had been circulated to members earlier, there followed a wide-ranging discussion about the issues raised.

**8.** The meeting closed at 8.21pm. Date of Next Meeting - 7.00pm, Wednesday 29 January 2025.