**Minutes of Tollcross Community Council Meeting 26 February 2025**

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| 1. Welcome, apologies, declarations of interest, health, safety and comfort check | **Present:**  Members**:** Paul Beswick (Chair), Richard Allen, Roger Colkett, Iain Black, Rebecca Fairbairn (minutes), Tim Puntiss, Liz Summerfield, Andy Davenport  Cllr Margaret Graham  Jordan Dunn (Lothian Road to Meadows, Meadows to Canal), Rurigdh McMeddis (Dundee St to Fountainbridge Active Travel Project)  **Apologies:** Cllr Jo Mowatt, Cllr Finlay McFarlane  The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.There were no declarations of interests. No security or health and safety issues identified.  The Chair highlighted he will be speaking to the Community Centre facilities team about access to WiFi and use of the screen in the room. |
| 1. Minutes of last meeting | The minutes of the last meeting were approved, subject to the correction of spelling of Cllr McFarlane’s name, proposed by Paul Beswick, seconded by Tim Puntiss.  No matters arising. |
| 1. Updates | **Councillors:** Anticipation of there being furhter exploration into the difficulty of getting nominations to join community councils across the city. |
| 1. Community Council Elections | TXCC has put up posters, distributed fliers and discussed the opportunity of joining community councils with many businesses and residents in the area. Emails have been sent to the schools in the area. Four completed nominations were submitted at the meeting, four have been submitted online. We have achieved the six minimum for continuation but do not expect to exceed the maximum of 12. |
| 1. Local Place Plan | Active Travel Project presented plans to TXCC, considered discussion of:   * Dundee St to Fountainbridge corridor:   + Gaps in the cycle route and alternative routes to manage issues around narrow points on the canal path where pedestrians and cyclists compete.   + Encouraging more traffic onto the Western Approach Road, and off Dundee St.   + Street furniture and loading bays blocking pavements.   + The issue of the condition of roads which impacting decision making around where cyclists can – in reality – cycle. The quality of roads is key to all road users. Pavement quality is also very poor. RM encouraged all to use the “report it” portal on the council website. TXCC will consider raising this more formally with the council. * The importance on data cycle use was highlighted by TXCC. Use is increasing, including delivery drivers on electric bikes, which makes routes dangerous for pedestrians and leisure cyclists. We discussed Crashmap.co.uk, the website collecting data on reports of accidents, which provides the last five years of available data. The council is using this (and more up-to-date data) to target schemes and interventions. * Meadows to Canal. Has been underway for some time. Exploring a range of measures to support active travel, including segregated cycleways on the carriage way to make space for bikes off pavements, moving bus stops and pedestrian crossings. * JD will return to discuss the Lothian Road. |
| 1. Planning and Licensing | The detail of the Planning Report was discussed. Of note:   * **Short Term Lets (STLs).**    + Almost all new submissions are being submitted by a Glasgow company; 90% still being refused.   + It is understood that STL letters have entitlement to access shared back greens. However, planning applications in common stairs are now being rejected.   + TXCC encouraged to provide demonstration of disturbance and security issues, and to report where STLs are being advertised where planning has not been granted. * **Change of Frontage.** There are two or three applications or approvals to change from retail to hot food every month, despite this being an area of over provision. * **BT Street Hubs.** Applications across the city are being turned down.   **Licensing.** More licenses granted in Home Street, already an area of overprovision. |
| 1. AOCB | Meeting closed at 20.35  Next meeting at 19.00, Wednesday 26 March 2025  March meeting is expected to be a welcome meeting for new Community Council members. |