

West End Community Council

3 November 2015 at Ashfield, 61 Melville Street, Edinburgh

Present: Jock Miller (Chair), Alan Weddell, Isabel Thom, Gordon Renton, Gordon Wylie,
In attendance: PC. Leo Baker, Dr. Herbert, Paola Manzini (resident), Naomi Rayner
(minutes).

| Discussion | Action |
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| <p>1. Apologies and welcome Apologies were received from Marco Biagi MSP, Cameron Buchanan MSP, Sarah Boyack MSP, Cllr. Joanna Mowat, Cllr. Alasdair Rankin, Cllr. Karen Doran, Ian Robertson, Colin Johnston, Martha Baur, Rory O’Riordan, Alexander Hamilton</p> | |
| <p>2. Minutes of meetings held on 6 October 2015 Accepted with one change to reflect that Gordon Wylie left the meeting.</p> | |
| <p>3. Matters Arising</p> <p><u>1 September 2015</u></p> <p>JM to write to KS with further details of the ARTWESTART proposals. JM wrote to KS; no response received. JM to chase. Outstanding. WECC discussed the proposals. GR suggested a triangular route linking the West end of Princes Street, Haymarket and the North. JM met with a representative of the portrait gallery. Still Outstanding</p> <p>JM to enquire at Haymarket visit regarding signs for “Alight here for the Gallery of Modern Art.” Outstanding</p> <p><u>6 October 2015</u> JM to chase Iain MacPhail. JM chased Iain MacPhail. Still no response, it now seems probably that Iain MacPhail will not be able to complete his actions.</p> <p>Cllr JM to investigate whether it is possible to influence the routes on Google Maps. Outstanding</p> <p>Cllr JM to look for more info regarding conditions on HMOs. Outstanding</p> <p>Cllr JM to chase response as to when Magdala bins will be emptied. Outstanding</p> <p>1/20 Douglas Crescent 15/02691/LBC Cllr JM to investigate why change to a principal room have been allowed under a LBC. Outstanding</p> <p>Jock Miller to contact the chairman of the Old Town CC to offer support regarding India Building at Victoria Street. Outstanding</p> | |



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| <p>WECC to complete the online consultation for Parking Action Plan. Completed.</p> <p>Cllr JM to contact CEC regarding gully clearance. Outstanding</p> <p>Cllr JM to investigate why anti-jaywalking fence was removed at St John's Church Princes Street. Outstanding</p> | |
| <p>4. Police Report PC Leo Baker (LB) presented his report:</p> <p>Local policing team (9 funded Central officers) have 4 ongoing investigations: drink and antisocial; drugs and drug taking; thefts; and assaults & violent crime.</p> <p>House burglaries, minor assaults, and breach of the peace were down slightly on the 5 year average in the latest statistics.</p> <p>A number of clients at the Bonham Hotel had credit card details stolen by two individuals who have now been arrested.</p> <p>£70,000 of cocaine was recovered in Lanarkshire which was presumed to have been destined for Edinburgh. Stolen cars were recovered having been found in a container in Kirkliston.</p> <p>Operation Scandion: 260 vehicles were stopped between 12th and 19th October in relation to the theft of metal.</p> <p>Gordon Wylie (GW) asked about the forthcoming replacement of the Chief Constable. LB explained there are currently 5 candidates for the role.</p> | |
| <p>5. Neighbourhood Partnership The general public are now invited to all Neighbourhood Partnership meetings.</p> | |
| <p>6. Councillor's Report No councillor present.</p> | |
| <p>7. Correspondence None outstanding.</p> | |
| <p>8.1 Financial Report £777.83 and no outstanding debts.</p> <p>The Cockburn Association membership has now been paid. Gordon Renton (GR) questioned whether the Cockburn Society membership was worth paying. After discussion WECC decided that for £40 it was not a significant expense, and worth the WECC retaining a voice within the society.</p> | |
| <p>8.2 Planning IT presented Planning Convener's report.</p> <p>6-8 King Stables. Public consultation.</p> | <p>WECC to</p> |

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| <p>The plans are not hugely altered since the last consultation, apart from the acquisition of another building to provide more space for housing. IT talked through the feedback form: concerns included loss of street parking; the height of the building; more student housing and the size of the buildings.</p> <p>Donaldson’s School – substation. Ref: 15/04553/FUL/04554/LBC WECC felt substation will be largely unobtrusive. No objection to be made.</p> <p>Royal High School. Ref 15/03989/FUL../04403/LBC WECC objection has been received.</p> <p>Charlotte Baptist Chapel Ref 15/04403/FUL../04347/LBC WECC support received.</p> <p>Mixed use development – Old Town. Refs: 15/04437/LBC 15/04438/LBC 15/04439/FUL Hotel, restaurant, retail and bar proposed in a modern glass building. WECC discussed the plans, with particular reference to the surrounding buildings.</p> <p>27A Douglas Crescent. Ref: 15/04600/FUL (retrospective) All grass has been replaced by wooden decking.</p> <p>9 Atholl Crescent. Ref: 15/04699/LBC..04700/FUL New lamp. Flag pole will never be allowed by planning, no objection required.</p> <p>1-3 Rutland Street. Ref: 15/04505/FUL Renewal of temporary permit for artificial grass and parasols. WECC discussed whether permission should only be granted during summer.</p> <p>Haymarket Station. Ref: 15/04832/LBC Advert units to be fitted inside. WECC discussed an objection on the grounds that it would be more beneficial to have public art, rather than advertising.</p> <p>City for All Ages. IT distributed the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment.</p> | <p>submit statement supporting the Grassmarket CC.</p> <p>IT to support Old Town CC in their objection as not in fitting with the heritage of the area.</p> <p>IT to submit objection.</p> <p>WECC to object on the ground of unseasonality.</p> <p>IT to speak to Mairi Williams at the Cockburn Association. JM to ask for meeting at Haymarket within the next 3 weeks.</p> |
| <p>8.3 Communications and Publicity Nothing to report.</p> | |
| <p>8.4 Environment and Transport IT has received a letter regarding virtual parking permits. WECC to</p> | |



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| monitor the progress of the idea. | |
| 8.5 Liquor/Gambling Licensing Nothing to report. | |
| 8.6 Civic Licensing GR brought up the management of HMOs. Paola Manzini (PM) mentioned the enforcement of conditions on the HMOs, she asked if the councils making inspections to ensure conditions are enforced. Alan Weddell (AW) explained that with appropriate evidence you can ask the council to issue enforcement notice on conditions. It was noted that Cllr JM has an action point regarding researching the conditions on HMO licences. | JM to contact Cllr JM regarding outstanding actions. |
| 9.0 AOCB None. | |
| 10. Date of the next meeting 1 December 2015. This will be the AGM. Allan Hutcheon of CEC will be in attendance to talk about Roseburn to Leith Walk Cycle Route. | |