

West End Community Council

3 May 2016 at Ashfield, 61 Melville Street, Edinburgh

Present: Jock Miller (Chair), Alan Weddell, Isabel Thom, Gordon Renton, Colin Johnston, Ian Robertson, Martha Baur, Gordon Wylie

In attendance: PC David Scott, Naomi Rayner (minutes)

Discussion	Action
<p>1. Apologies and welcome Apologies were received from Dierdre Brock MP, Cllr. Karen Doran, Cllr. Joanna Mowat, Cllr. Alasdair Rankin, Alexander Hamilton, Stephen Fraser (resident).</p>	
<p>2. Minutes of meetings held on 5 April 2016 Accepted with no changes.</p>	
<p>3. Matters Arising <u>5 April 2016</u> PC Saunders to arrange for a briefing for the Community Officers about residents' concerns regarding the homeless man, and arrange for patrols to be made in the area. Completed. JM to write to councillors asking for more social support. Completed. Ref: 16/01510/FUL 189 Morrison Street – IT to submit comments. Completed. GR to contact Cllr Alistair Rankin re asbestos. Completed – a note of thanks to Cllr. Alistair Rankin for his assistance. JM will raise the issue of non-collected bins with the city councillors. JM contacted CEC, who explained that the collections are happening much earlier in the morning. Completed.</p>	
<p>4. Police Report PC David Scott presented his report: There were no (attempted) break-ins, vandalism or misdemeanors in the West End area last month. The police have not received any calls about homeless man at the medical centre during the last couple of weeks, it is assumed that he has moved on. WECC voiced thanks for the upgrading of the police box outside the station which is used for out-of-hours. PC David Scott noted that this was due to WECC observations. A clerk will still be on duty 8.00am and 4.00pm.</p>	
<p>5. Neighbourhood Partnership</p>	



<p>Nothing to report.</p>	
<p>6. Councillors' Report No councillor present.</p>	
<p>7. Correspondence Nothing to report.</p>	
<p>8.1 Financial Report £244.28 and no outstanding debts.</p>	
<p>8.2 Planning IT presented the planning report.</p> <p>2 Dewar Place. Ref: 16/01929/PAN Mixed Use development (Ref. Exchange 2 Masterplan 2009) Proposal for hotel, office, retail, food and beverage, flats, student accommodation and deck construction. There will be a public meeting on the 16 June at the EICC, and a public exhibition on 22 September.</p> <p>W of 2 Dewar Place Ref: 16/00700/FUL application lodged by Axcel Hospitality Hotels. It was noted that the company does not own the land. WECC have been invited to comment as statutory consultees.</p> <p>Mixed use development 1 India Buildings Ref:15/04437/LBC - int. and ext. alterations 20 Cowgate Ref: 15/04438/LBC - remove all extensions and car park 11-15 Victoria Street Ref: 15/04439/LBC..45/FUL Development Management Sub-Committee 25 May 2016: WECC has been offered a 5 minute CC slot for a presentation at the Hearing.</p>	<p>IT to invite the developers to a meeting.</p> <p>IT to contact Old Town CC to ask whether they would like WECC to speak.</p>
<p>8.3 Environment and Transport</p> <p>JM caught flytippers on his CCTV at Ormadale Terrace. The CEC has said that this is not sufficient evidence as two witnesses are required.</p> <p>The ponding situation at Belford Bridge, Haymarket Terrace and Rosebury is ongoing. The CEC are not clearing drains, they only do maintenance, and the maintenance is not sufficient.</p> <p>IT reported that taxi drivers have been using lanes on Douglas Crescent and Magdala Crescent as a loo. A resident reported the taxi-driver, but nothing appears to have been done.</p>	
<p>9.0 AOCB Ian Robertson reported that Ian Buchanan the WECC ward Neighbourhood Manager at CEC will be moved to a new role within the council. There are many changes forthcoming, and it is unclear who will</p>	



be the new Locality Manager.	
<p>10. Date of the next meeting 7 June 2016.</p> <p>Proposed 7pm start if the developers for 2 Dewar Place. Ref: 16/01929/PAN can attend.</p> <p>The AGM will also take place on this date.</p>	