

West End Community Council
7th October 61 Ashfield Melville Street Edinburgh at 7.30 pm
Minutes of Meeting

Present: Jock Miller, Ian Robertson, Martha Baur, Dr. G. Wyllie, Alan Weddell,

In attendance: Joanna Mowat, Sgt. Stephen Lamb (Police Scotland)

Apologies: Marc Biagio, Sarah Boyack, Mark Lazarowicz, Alasdair Rankin, Karen Doran, G. Renton, Isabel Thom, Rory O'Riordan, Colin Johnston,

Previous Minutes: Minutes of meeting 2nd September were approved subject to a number of amendments.

Police Report: Sgt. Stephen Lamb

Sgt. Lamb reported there had been 500 incidents in an area wider than that of the CC. **Post Meeting Note:** it would be helpful to know what this area was. Would it be possible for a plan to be brought to the next meeting. A discussion took place with regard to rough sleepers. Sgt. Lamb asked that the community phoned 101 and reported the issue.

Neighbourhood Partnership:

Dr Wyllie reported that the Douglas Crescent Safety Island had been included in works to be carried out before next April 2015. Joanna Mowat confirmed funding was in place.

Councillor Report: Joanna Mowat

Although not within the CC boundaries Joanna Mowat informed us about the works that were happening at Waverley Station to improve pedestrian access. The CC was also advised to engage in the budgeting process refer to the CEC website <http://www.edinburgh.gov.uk/budget>. **Action** All. A discussion took place with regard to the state of our roads. Joanna Mowat advised that a report had been written for Council Officials and expected it to be given to the elected members quite soon. **Action** Joanna Mowat. The on-going discussion with regards to Public Conveniences continued and Joanna Mowat advised she had received a response from Cllr. Hinds which was inadequate. The CC asked whether the existing ones could be re-opened prior to a construction site start or whether temporary ones could be made available until the new ones are built. **Action:** Joanna Mowat.

Financial Report: Alan Weddell, Treasurer
£812.06p balance.

Planning: Isabel Thom

Jock Miller thanked Isabel in her absence for all the hard work she had put in in responding to the Draft Development Plan. Jock Miller drew attention to 6 Torphichen Street 14/03853/FUL which was an application for change of use from office to serviced apartments. Alan Weddell drew our attention to 140 Princes Street 14/03712/FUL for the conversion, sub-division and alterations to form 5 flats on the first, second and third floors. The bringing back into use of the upper floors of property in Princes Street is welcomed and the application should be supported by the CC. Alan Weddell advised that 59 -60 Belford Road planning application should be submitted by the end of the month. **Action:** Community Councillors are encouraged to give their comments on these applications to Isabel Thom.

Communications: Jock Miller

Jock Miller reported that the website, Facebook, Google+ and Twitter accounts were now live. He also requested news stories with or without a picture to put out on this social media. Easiest way to get involved is by going to our website <http://www.edinburghwestendcc.org.uk/>.

Environment & Transport: Rory O'Riordan

Following the successful launch of the Harlaw Hydro scheme a question was raised about the Water of Leith scheme. **Action** Rory O'Riordan.

Liquor/Gambling Licensing: Alan Weddell

Nothing to report.

Civic Licensing: Jock Miller

Nothing to report.

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It was agreed to postpone any discussion with regards to “Our vision for the City Centre”

Date of Next Meeting: Tuesday 4th November.