

# West End Community Council

6th January 2015 61 Ashfield Melville Street Edinburgh 7.30 pm.

Minutes of Meeting  
7.30 pm Meeting starts

Present Gordon Renton Secretary, Jock Miller Chair, G. Wylie, I. Thom, A. Weddell, R. O'Riordan. M. Baur, Colin Johnston, Ian Robertson, Dr Herbert,

Apologies. Marc Biagi, Karen Doran, Joanna Mowat Jim Cunnie,

In attendance PC Scott Dunlop and PC Chris Smart

Minutes of meeting 2nd December were approved subject to spelling error Travelodge spelling Biagi and some other matters. Jock Miller wanted it recorded that he was unaware of other members of the CC being informed of communications by BCC emails. Statutory notice had previously been discussed but not recorded. It was agreed not to invite firm of Building Surveyors.

Matters arising smartwater information to be sent to secretary.

Data protection discussion Chair thought that BCC should not be used. G. Wylie thought that email addresses should be transparent to all. Dr Herbert stated that council members email addresses are public but he felt his email address should not be circulated. Community Council members are to be cc by email G Wylie stated that the secretary is acting on behalf of the Community council and should also have email addresses of lay members who have been notified. Gordon Renton felt uncomfortable about redistributing email addresses the meeting decided /agreed and that the secretary should CC to everyone who was contacted including lay members.

Police Report PC Scott Dunlop, Chris Smart  
Smartwater information handed out to meeting.

Crime mainly by forcing main doors mainly in old properties. Seven serious assaults four solved. Seven bicycles stolen one recovered and a charge given to the culprit. New Drink drive laws effective fewer offences than last year. Smartwater areas found 23% decrease in break-ins. Gordon Renton asked about problems at platform 5 after football match opposite Haymarket Station. In general when large populations converge at busy sites a police presence is necessary.

No Neighbourhood Partnership

No Councillor present.

Treasurer £727.26p

Planning Isabel Thom

Discussion about advertising boards on Western Approach Road by Scottish Power site. Rutland Street change of use at No. 15 to service apartments. GVA Development consultation on the 12th January for interested parties.

PDF file to be found on website. Large advertising posters on 24-28 Torphichen Street, outside city dressing guidelines, further week to be given for resolution as many residents wanted them removed. Development at Donaldsons School uncertain about what building plans are to be presented for new build at rear.

Communications and Publicity

Notice board to be erected. The chair asked why the Secretary was still using the old Gmail account and not [secretary@edinburghwestendcc.org.uk](mailto:secretary@edinburghwestendcc.org.uk) to send emails which were also BCC to members of CC and for lay members. Gordon Renton felt that enough had been said about it at length last meeting and with considerable chagrin resigned his post with immediate effect. Martha Baur felt that we find a way round this. Gordon Wylie gave a vote of thanks for Gordon's tenure of the post and that the chairman should find a new secretary.

Transport and Environment Rory O'Riordan. Mentioned the new trams enquiry and the teeth it would have to question unwilling participants. Isabel Thom raised the issue of new permits for new buildings in the city no permits for students but unsure if when a property was subdivided into flats whether one permit per sub division would be allowed or one per building. Taxi problem at Roseberry Crescent cannot be solved by rank along west Haymarket Terrace as there are two bus stops. Rory thought we should support measures to fight

global warming and in relation to water of Leith efforts like this should be supported as a token gesture to raise awareness of the problem. Gordon Renton thought the gesture would amplify and reverberate with the younger generation. Power from the river had been used in the past.

Civic licencing nothing to report

Liquor and Gambling nothing to report.

AOCB Alexander Hamiltons discussion about Coates Crescent dropped. Original constitution held by Gordon Renton and to be handed on to Chair.

Date of next meeting 3rd February 2015

Meeting closes 9pm approx