

West End Community Council
3rd February at Ashfield 61 Melville Street Edinburgh at 7.30 pm
Minutes of Meeting

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

In attendance: Joanna Mowat, Iain MacPhail, Dr Herbert, Gina Miller (Minutes)

Apologies: Marco Biagi, Sarah Boyack, Mark Lazarowicz, Cameron Buchanan, Alasdair Rankin, Karen Doran, Dr. Gordon Wyllie,

Previous Minutes: Minutes of meeting 6th January were approved subject to aid at the bottom of page 1 being changed to fight.

Matters Arising:
None

Police Report:
There were no police present.

City Centre Programme Manager:

Iain MacPhail discussed the consultation as per previously circulated email with regard to the use of tables and chairs at venues later at night. A general discussion took place about wider issues especially areas like outside the Huxley. Iain explained there would be a review of civic space starting in March. Dr Herbert talked of a restriction at the exit from Haymarket Station. **Action** Joanna to contact Roads team. Gordon Renton talked about outside seats being used by smokers. Iain also explained that Atholl & Coates Crescents were being looked at by designer Fiona Rankin and he was working with Edinburgh World Heritage to bring forward a consultation in this financial year. Gordon thanked Iain for getting the planter at the Torphichen Street triangle but the CC wondered if there could be more and the boxes camouflaged with artwork or something.

Councillor's Report: Joanna Mowat

Big issue with the Council is balancing the budget next week following a major overspend in social health. A discussion took place about toilet provision. **Action** Joanna Mowat to see whether there was a response to her previous questions. Discussions took place with regards to St Andrew square, bins and tram subsidies and Rosebery Crescent taxi rank. Joanna pointed out this was a police issue although it was progressing with roads. Isabel asked if anything further had happened with Haymarket Terrace re taxis. **Action** Joanna Mowat. Marta discussed issue of gull proof bags in Torphichen Street. **Action** Joanna to raise issue with Murray Black Environmental Warden and fire crew.

Correspondence:

HMICS Local Policing Survey email circulated. Comments required next meeting. **Action** All community councillors. All other correspondence had been circulated by email.

Reports from Conveners:

Financial Report: Alan Weddell, Treasurer
£677.26 balance.

Planning: Isabel Thom

Isabel went through her report highlighting Donaldson's School PAN, Springside - Fountainbridge and a number of other properties. It was agreed to write our concerns regarding parking in relation to the properties in Rothesay Mews and Canning Street Lane. Isabel to look at plans for 24 Walker Street. Isabel attended EACC workshop last Saturday. We await output. Jock advised of request for monies. Isabel drew our attention to 100 Years of Planning in Edinburgh Exhibition.

Communications and Publicity: Jock Miller

Jock reported the keys had been lost in transit for the noticeboard. He has requested another set go direct to him. **Post Meeting** - Ian Robertson felt the use of social media to attract people to the meeting. It was agreed. **Action** Jock Miller.

Environment & Transport: Rory O'Riordan
Waiting for tram enquiry.

Liquor/Gambling Licensing: Alan Weddell
Nothing to report.

Civic Licensing: Jock Miller
Nothing to report.

AOCB:

Jock advised he attended the Neighbourhood Partnership - Business Forum where the number one priority was getting a hop on bus to take people from one area to another.

Date of Next Meeting:

Tuesday 3rd March.

Post Meeting Note - Joanna advised environmental wardens had been out to Torphichen Street.