

West End Community Council

1 December 2015 at Ashfield, 61 Melville Street, Edinburgh

Present: Jock Miller (Chair), Alan Weddell, Isabel Thom, Gordon Renton, Colin Johnston, Rory O’Riordan, Martha Baur, Ian Robertson, Cameron Buchanan MSP,
In attendance: Phil Noble (Strategic Planning Team CEC), James Macintyre (resident), Naomi Rayner (minutes).

Discussion	Action
<p>1. Apologies and welcome Apologies were received from Marco Biagi MSP, Sarah Boyack MSP, Cllr. Joanna Mowat, Cllr. Alasdair Rankin, Cllr. Karen Doran, Gordon Wylie, Alexander Hamilton</p>	
<p>Phil Noble (PN) from City of Edinburgh Council (CEC) distributed <i>Roseburn to Leith Walk cycle link and street improvements</i>. Roseburn proposal provides an East-West link through the city with the aim of increasing the use of walking and cycling within Edinburgh, in order to help ease congestion in a growing city. PN outlined the suggested route through the West End, and the options surrounding segregated cycleways. PN distributed large scale plans of Haymarket Terrace and Melville Street.</p> <p>There would be no parking on Haymarket Terrace, but there would be loading bays. Coates Garden would be one-way Southbound, there is a query regarding whether or not Magdala Crescent would be two direction, as there is conflicting information on the plans distributed by CEC to residents.</p> <p>Melville St. would only have kerb-side parking, and no central parking. Ian Robertson (IR) suggested that a cycle way would impact on the Melville Nursery.</p> <p>RO brought up the extended parking hours. PN explained that this is still very much under consultation. Shared-use bays would be available for residents and the public. PN asked CC members to go the web link sent to council members and respond to the consultation.</p> <p>GR questioned whether more parking for bicycles would be included on this plan. PN: CEC are looking at this and have already announced new ranks.</p> <p>RO asked about the closing of Manor Place. PN explained that this is a question up for debate within the local community.</p> <p>James Macintyre and Phil Noble left the meeting.</p>	<p>PN to confirm whether or not Magdala Cres. will be one-way.</p>
<p>2. Minutes of meetings held on 5 November 2015 Accepted.</p>	
<p>3. Matters Arising</p>	



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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

JM to enquire at Haymarket visit regarding signs for "Alight here for the Gallery of Modern Art." **Outstanding**

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Cllr JM to investigate whether it is possible to influence the routes on Google Maps. **Outstanding**

Cllr JM to look for more info regarding conditions on HMOs.

Outstanding

Cllr JM to chase response as to when Magdala bins will be emptied.

Outstanding

1/20 Douglas Crescent 15/02691/LBC

Cllr JM to investigate why change to a principal room have been allowed under a LBC. **Outstanding**

Jock Miller to contact the chairman of the Old Town CC to offer support regarding India Building at Victoria Street. **Completed IT email Planning Dept.**

Cllr JM to contact CEC regarding gully clearance. **Outstanding**

Cllr JM to investigate why anti-jaywalking fence was removed at St John's Church Princes Street. **Outstanding**

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IT to submit statement supporting the Grassmarket CC with regards to 6-8 King Stables Road. **Completed.**

Mixed use development – Old Town. Refs: 15/04437/LBC 15/04438/LBC 15/04439/FUL IT to support Old Town CC in their objection. **Completed.**

27A Douglas Crescent. Ref: 15/04600/FUL IT to submit objection. **Completed.**

1-3 Rutland Street. Ref: 15/04505/FUL Renewal of temporary permit for artificial grass and parasols. WECC to object on the ground of



<p>unseasonality. Completed.</p> <p>IT to speak to Mairi Williams at the Cockburn Association. JM to ask for meeting at Haymarket within the next 3 weeks. Completed.</p> <p>JM to contact Cllr JM regarding outstanding actions. JM contacted Cllr JM, still awaiting response.</p>	
<p>4. Police Report No police present.</p>	
<p>5. Neighbourhood Partnership Nothing to report.</p>	
<p>6. Councillor's Report MSP Cameron Buchanon (CB)</p> <p>CB discussed local parking including extended hours for Sundays, shared space and the 20 mph limit, which are all still up for consultation.</p> <p>CEC propose to stop maintaining tenement stair lighting; CB has contacted the CEC to express an objection, and the CEC have responded saying that this is still at consultation. CB advises residents to submit objections.</p> <p>CB explained the double parking bill will be debated next week, it aims to prevent parking on pavements and double parking.</p>	
<p>7. Correspondence None outstanding.</p>	
<p>8.1 Financial Report £609.18 and no outstanding debts.</p>	
<p>8.2 Planning IT presented Planning Convener's report.</p> <p>West of 2 Dewar Place. Ref: 15/05132/PAN. There is a presentation at the Mercure Hotel on Gardener's Crescent the 2.30 – 7.30pm 9th December. Concerns were expressed about traffic flow, and another hotel, with bar and restaurant, going into a residential street.</p> <p>204 Rose Street, (Charlotte Chapel) Ref: 15/05261/FUL...4/LBC Change of use to dance studio.</p> <p>There are concerns that 3 Torphichen Street has multiple beds in the front rooms visible from the street.</p>	<p>IT to submit supportive comments.</p>
<p>8.3 Communications and Publicity Nothing to report.</p>	
<p>8.4 Environment and Transport</p> <p>RO reported that the tram extension is currently on hold.</p> <p>RO was invited to a talk on snow clearance; there is to be a pilot scheme whereby CC will become a first response in bad weather.</p>	



<p>Money would be provided to purchase snow shovels to be held centrally with the CC for deployment when required. 2 pathfinder CC will be selected to pilot the scheme. WECC was generally not in favour of joining the pilot scheme.</p>	
<p>8.5 Liquor/Gambling Licensing Nothing to report.</p>	
<p>8.6 Civic Licensing Nothing to report.</p>	
<p>9.0 AOCB GR asked for his request to remove the gull bags on Torphichen Street be minuted.</p> <p>IR CEC's transition (the cutting of c. 2000 jobs) will be starting in the new year. The focus will be on retaining front line services, but inevitably some services will have to be cut.</p>	
<p>10. Date of the next meeting 5 January 2015</p>	