

## West End Community Council

7 June 2016 at Ashfield, 61 Melville Street, Edinburgh EH3 7HL

Present: Jock Miller (Chair), Alan Weddell, Isabel Thom, Gordon Renton, Colin Johnston, Ian Robertson, Martha Baur, Gordon Wylie, Cllr. Joanna Mowat  
In attendance: Chloe Rayner (minutes), Peter Gregson

Discussion	Action
<p><b>1. Apologies and welcome</b> Apologies were received from Deidre Brock MP, Ruth Davidson MSP Cllr. Karen Doran, Cllr. Alasdair Rankin.</p>	
<p><b>Proposed Cycle Route development – taken as extra item at start of meeting.</b></p> <p>Peter Gregson has started a petition against the proposed plans for the Cycle Route development. Proposed route is to impact 54 businesses, of which 20 are in the WECC region. Concerns were expressed that the cycle track may disrupt traders' deliveries, parking spaces and taxi rank. The fire service and bus companies have shared concerns about the proposed route. Peter Gregson's group propose a new route, and has support of local business areas, he asked for WECC to support his proposal.</p> <p>WECC generally supportive of new proposals, in particular ideas regarding Devon Place, however, concerns were expressed around lack of detail in the plans for the WECC ward and problems found with Eglinton Crescent and Haymarket Junction. For full support WECC require more information.</p>	<p>WECC plans to speak to Cllr. Leslie Hinds, Cllr. Frank Ross and Cllr. Adam McVey</p>
<p><b>2. Minutes of meetings held on 3 May 2016</b> Accepted with no changes.</p>	
<p><b>3. Matters Arising</b></p> <p>2 Dewar Place. Ref: 16/01929/PAN. IT to invite the developers to a meeting. <b>Completed – developers coming in September.</b></p> <p>1 India Buildings Ref:15/04437/LBC et al. IT to contact Old Town CC to ask whether they would like WECC to speak. <b>Completed – it was decided that WECC would not present at the planning meeting.</b></p>	
<p><b>4. Police Report</b> No police present.</p>	
<p><b>5. Neighbourhood Partnership</b></p> <p>Neighbourhood Management is changing will now be managed under four localities. City Centre ward will be connected to the South-East</p>	<p>Cllr. JM to ask that</p>



<p>area of the city. There will still be some centrally organized services, but the aim is for health and social care to work within localities. Police in agreement with this plan and have same locality management.</p> <p>Some members of the WECC expressed concern that priority will be given to City Centre when paired with the South-East as priority will go to areas of detriment. WECC hope to kept informed of changes that may occur. For the moment Katie Swann is still the first port of call for WECC. The change should be in place by January 2017.</p>	<p>WECC are informed of any changes.</p>
<p><b>6. Councillors' Report</b></p> <p>Cllr. JM reports that the Boundary Commission has sent its recommendations for Edinburgh. If accepted, West End remain largely the same but will become a four-member ward. It will not include Murrayfield stadium, but should however include the far side of Donaldsons or the A8. The changes should be implemented for the elections next year.</p> <p>Parking Action Plan went to Committee today. The plan will introduce Sunday parking restrictions between 12:30 and 18:30, in zones 1-4 and along the main arterial routes. The plans will not be publicised until next year, and will not be implemented until 2018.</p> <p>WECC support certain aspects of parking plan, such as increasing resident spaces and looking at visitor services for central and zones next to them. Suggestion to introduce shared use space.</p> <p>CEC will no longer be maintaining stair lights in tenement flats. CEC have stated that residents own the lighting in the stairs. There are still questions around the changes to the stair lighting.</p>	<p>Cllr JM to continue to make enquiries.</p>
<p><b>7. Correspondence</b> Nothing to report.</p>	
<p><b>8.1 Financial Report</b> £214.28 and no outstanding debts.</p>	
<p><b>8.2 Planning</b></p> <p><u>2 Dewar Place. Ref: 16/01929/PAN</u> Concerns were raised over noise nuisance, access to buildings and implications on flow of traffic around the area. Following the public consultation on 15th June, WECC will have a presentation from the developer's Planning Consultant in September.</p> <p><u>India Buildings Ref: 15/04437/LBC</u> Granted at Committee.</p>	<p>IT to attend 15<sup>th</sup> June exhibition to comment.</p>



<p><u>Draft Edinburgh Concordat 2016</u> Amongst other changes is a requirement for developers to arrange an early meeting with community counsellors.</p> <p><u>Edinburgh World Heritage Site Management Report.</u></p> <p><u>Hotel Development Appeal</u> The DPEA offer of a slot at the Hearing or Inquiry into the former Royal High School hotel development Appeal is to be accepted by IDT with the agreement of the New Town/Broughton CC.</p> <p><u>Civic Forum</u> IT updated the meeting on the agenda items.</p> <p><u>Scottish Government's Independent Review of the Planning System</u> The most significant proposal for WECC is with regard to the powers given to Community Councils. It is suggested that CCs have statutory rights to be consulted on Major Applications and have less involvement in Local Applications.</p>	<p>IT to attend meeting and inform WECC of date.</p>
<p><b>8.3 Environment and Transport</b></p> <p>Cycle Network: Next section at Melville Street going over into Randolph Place and Queensferry Street - site visit to this location – advertised with local businesses community.</p> <p>Council Street Notices have not been cleared up when no longer relevant in streets.</p> <p>William Street Paving Works are dangerous as road is not finished and uneven. Pavement held with metal plate and a wooden board. The board is disintegrating.</p> <p>Landscaping on Coates Crescent and Atholl Crescent: Concerns shown as plans for landscaping consultation appear to have been dropped. The work on the landscaping has also been dropped.</p> <p>Douglas Crescent Pavement: Concerns shown over state of pavement. The pavement surface is not the responsibility of the owners of the crescent properties. The cellars beneath the pavements are the responsibility of the owners.</p>	<p>JM to take up issue with council.</p>
<p><b>9.0 AOCB</b></p> <p>Ian Buchanan is changing role, Sarah Burns will be the new Locality Manager in for Edinburgh South East CEC.</p>	
<p><b>10. Date of the next meeting</b></p>	



Walkabout next month, 5<sup>th</sup> of July, so no meeting.  
Any issues will still be discussed.

JM to speak  
to Katie  
Swann.

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