

West End Community Council

6 September 2016 at Ashfield, 61 Melville Street, Edinburgh EH3 7HL

Present: Alan Weddell, Colin Johnston, David Johnstone, Gordon Renton, Gordon Wyllie, Ian Robertson, Isabel Thom, Jock Miller, Martha Baur,

In attendance: Cllr. Alasdair Rankin, PC Susan Purnell, PC Seona Fleming, Cathy Maclean (West End BID)

Discussion	Action
<p>1. Apologies and welcome – Cllr Alasdair Rankin Apologies were received from Deidre Brock MP, Ruth Davidson MSP Cllr. Karen Doran, Cllr. Joanna Mowat, Cameron Buchanan.</p>	
<p>2. Election Results Cllr Rankin advised that Alan Weddell, Cameron Buchanan, Colin Johnston, David Johnstone, Gordon Renton, Gordon Wyllie, Ian Robertson, Isabel Thom, Jock Miller (Nominated), Martha Baur had been elected as Community Councillors.</p>	
<p>3. Election of Office Bearers/Constitution/Standing Orders Jock Miller was appointed Chair. Gordon Wyllie was appointed Vice-Chair. Secretary post without making any formal appointment, the Community Council was content that duties of Secretary be co-ordinated by the Chair. Alan Weddell was appointed Treasurer. Isabel Thom was appointed Planning Convener.</p>	
<p>4. Minutes of meetings held on 6th September Accepted with no changes.</p>	
<p>5. Matters Arising 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>William Street paving to be completed shortly.</p> <p>CCTV report to be passed to JM</p> <p>Public Spaces Protocol – GW/IT/JM to meet Anna Herriman.</p> <p>All other matters dealt with.</p>	<p>Cllr JM</p> <p>Cllr ?</p> <p>Cllr AR</p> <p>GW/IT/AH</p>
<p>6. Police Report PC Purnell reported on rough sleepers, theft of motor bikes/cycles and behavior of students newly arrived in Edinburgh.</p>	



<p>PC Fleming (licensing) spoke about Silk being open until 3.00am, the targeting of the newly arrived students, how the pubs were working together to stop trouble, Home free food for the homeless on a Monday afternoon and Weatherspoon's opening 6/12 at Picture House Caley.</p>	
<p>7. Neighbourhood Partnership Gordon Wyllie had nothing new to report.</p>	
<p>8. Councillors' Report The City Council welcomes public participation in the budgetary consultation exercise and under the Transformation scheme is proceeding with technological innovation in its efficiency drive and attempt to cover the duties of officials who voluntarily leave the Council's employment. It was noted that at the present time approximately 400 new people take up residence in Edinburgh every month.</p>	
<p>9. Correspondence Alastair Guild email re-speeding. PC Purnell advised that Operation Switchback was an initiative targeting speeding drivers and cyclists to use more common sense within the 20 mph zones.</p>	
<p>10. Financial Report There was £831.17p in the bank.</p>	
<p>11. Planning Isabel Thom discussed her report September 2016 which can be found on the WECC website.</p> <p>It was noted that despite the chronic ponding situation at the foot of Rosebery Crescent being noted over a number of annual walkabouts led by City Council officials, it had still not been remedied. It was also noted that in the area of Atholl and Coates Crescents the gardens had a very scruffy appearance and the paladin bins were overflowing with rubbish.</p>	
<p>12. AOCB Catherine Maclean, Operations Manager West End BID, introduced herself and looked forward to working with the CC on initiatives that would boost footfall in the area.</p>	
<p>13. Date of the next meeting 1st November. It was agreed to put back the January meeting to 10th January.</p>	