

West End Community Council

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

Present: Jock Miller (in the Chair), Alan Weddell, Colin Johnston, Gordon Renton, Ian Robertson, Isabel Thom, Martha Baur,

In attendance: Cllr. Joanna Mowat, PC Green, PC Barbour, Paola Manzini, Cathy Maclean (West End BID), James Hart, Owen Garner, David Harper (for presentation only)

Discussion	Action
<p>Presentation by David Harper, Cutler & Stag Property Management David talked about the role of professional factors in the management of communal areas of property.</p>	
<p>1. Apologies and welcome Apologies were received from Deidre Brock MP, Ruth Davidson MSP, Cllr. Karen Doran, Cllr. Alasdair Rankin, Cameron Buchanan, David Johnstone, Ian Robertson, Gordon Wyllie</p>	
<p>2. Minutes of meetings held on 7th February Still to be circulated.</p>	
<p>3. 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>CCTV report to be passed to JM</p> <p>All other matters dealt with.</p>	<p>Cllr JM</p> <p>Cllr AR</p>
<p>4. Police Report PC Green reported there had been three cycle thefts, three acts of vandalism, three housebreak ins, one actual motorbike and four attempted motorbike thefts.</p> <p>CJ advised that he had seen two people inhaling butane gas.</p> <p>There is a joint operation going on between Police Scotland and ... charity to allow homeless Polish and Romanians who cannot afford to return home.</p>	
<p>5. Neighbourhood Partnership JM advised of the meeting at the City Chambers on Thursday from 6.30 – 8.00pm.</p>	



<p>6. Councillors' Report</p> <p>Cllr Mowat advised that the anti-social behaviour at Atholl/Coates crescents should be removed following the pruning back of the trees/shrubs. Next phase of the cycle route is being worked up. A discussion took place regarding the repair of street lighting which could have been the reason for break-ins at William Street. It is hoped that a Public Open Space Policy will be forthcoming which will deal with worries of the over-commercialisation of public space. Hopefully we deal with issues like the big wheel next to the Scott Monument.</p> <p>IT asked for an updated list of planners.</p> <p>Cllr Mowat to look at why the Temporary Bus Stop in Queensferry Street is still there.</p>	<p>Cllr Mowat</p> <p>Cllr Mowat</p>
<p>7. Correspondence</p> <p>Spiegletent Jazz Festival – it was felt this was a sensible location but there are concerns by over-commercialisation of public open space.</p> <p>Edinburgh Timebank to be reviewed by CC http://www.edinburghtimebank.org.uk/timebanks/west-edinburgh-timebank</p> <p>There was deep concern regarding the letter sent by the Haymarket Edinburgh date 1/3/17. The lowering of the floor was agreed with but there were concerns that the changes were not de minimis but would have a material effect on the current consent. There was concern that the CC had not been consulted with. The changes can be found under application 10/02373/FUL.</p>	<p>Community Councillors</p> <p>Cllr Mowat</p>
<p>8. Financial Report</p> <p>There was £531.17p in the bank.</p>	
<p>9. Planning</p> <p>Isabel Thom spoke to her report and drew the meeting's particular attention to a number of matters, including the Haymarket (see above) and the reduction of parking – discussion took place regards Business parking and Trades permits. Cllr Mowat said she would investigate. There was a general discussion on the lack of electric car parking provision within the city.</p> <p>CM was concerned about the amount of CofU in the West End from business to residential. It was agreed there need to be a balance but many of the changes were just going back to what they were built as. It was agreed to support 8 West Maitland Street but concerns with 1/14 Drumsheugh Gardens.</p>	<p>Cllr Mowat</p> <p>IT</p>
<p>10. AOCB</p> <p>JM to speak to David LeSueur to open Ashfield for meeting 2nd May.</p>	<p>JM</p>



11. Date of the next meeting 4 th April	
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