



West End Community Council

4th April 2016 at Ashfield, 61 Melville Street, Edinburgh EH3 7HL

Present: Jock Miller (in the Chair), Alan Weddell, Colin Johnston, David Johnstone, Gordon Renton, Isabel Thom,

In attendance: Cllr. Joanna Mowat, PC Fleming

Discussion	Action
<p>1. Apologies and welcome Apologies were received from Deidre Brock MP, Ruth Davidson MSP, Cllr. Karen Doran, Cllr. Alasdair Rankin, Cameron Buchanan, Ian Robertson, Gordon Wyllie, Martha Baur</p>	
<p>2. Minutes of meetings held on 7th March Were approved.</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. Cllr Day that CEC would pay for electricity but owners to maintain.</p> <p>CCTV report to be passed to JM</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>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.</p> <p>All other matters dealt with.</p>	<p>Cllr AR</p> <p>Cllr JM</p> <p>Cllr JM</p> <p>Cllr JM</p>
<p>4. Police Report PI5408 David Robertson update: Overall recorded crime in the city centre is down compared to the 5-year average, which is great news. Violent crime is down almost 3% compared to last year and serious violent crime (group 1) is down almost 7%. Crimes of dishonesty are down by almost 8% compared to the 5-year average. And housebreakings are down 10% compared to the 5-year average.</p>	



PC5985 Seona Fleming (Licensing officer) update:

1st Mar – 31st Mar

Vehicle Crime: 1 (Rothesay Place) stolen motorbike

Assaults: 7 All during the NTE between 00.00 – 04.00hrs

Housebreakings: 6 domestic/businesses & 2 licensed (back street) public houses

Noise: 12 (6 Haymarket Terrace & 6 Morrison Street near to but not caused by Thomson's Bar) Early evening and late night,

ASB: 0

Licensing

3 Queensferry Street Lane - New nightclub is currently operating on occasional licences for past month and a half. Unclear if this has been trading. Applying for a Premises Licence (previous one was surrendered due to licence holder going into liquidation). A new premises licence will be submitted in due course once building warrants obtained.

Bars under new ownership – Carters, Foxy Fiddler & Mercat. No issues evident and more a decrease in incidents as all are more food / drink friendly with children's access for meals.

Early Licences – venues have been applying to open earlier in the mornings during sporting events such as Six Nations, to serve breakfasts etc. No issues have arisen from these being granted

Off Sales – venue in Queensferry Street is possibly selling alcohol to street drinkers who then go on to cause annoyance in the surrounding area. Any information / observations from residents and members greatly appreciated.

WECC Member queried 'Foxy Fiddler' table & chairs (T&C) permit, size of outside seating area & persons standing drinking outside – PC Fleming attended directly after the WECC meeting and observed a valid T&C permit on display in the window permitting outside drinking until 22.00hrs. The area was not probably sized out using sufficient barriers and this was brought to the attention of management as well as being advised to ensure that no patrons are permitted to stand outside with drinks. Apologies made and advice accepted.

5. Neighbourhood Partnership

JM noted Katie Swann was no longer with the Neighbourhood Partnership and wished her well in new role at CEC.



<p>6. Councillors' Report Cllr Mowat was commended on her attempt to get silent fireworks. A report is awaited on who has been given dispensation to set off fireworks after 11pm.</p> <p>A discussion took place with regard to Short Term lets (airBnB) and to whether they were a commercial business or residential. The CC was supportive of CEC approach to Scottish Government and change to the legislation.</p>	
<p>7. Correspondence Deal with by email.</p>	
<p>8. Financial Report There was £524.57 in the bank. There was however concern that two cheques for £100 each had not been cashed by Morton Fraser.</p>	
<p>9. Planning Isabel Thom spoke to her report and drew the meeting's particular attention to a number of matters, including 2 Dewar Place where the CC is to respond, 37 Palmerston Place which has been ongoing since 2013 – Cllr JM to investigate, 4 – 6 Melville Street where CC to oppose the enlargement of windows and doors and Glencairn Crescent where CC to oppose the access stair.</p> <p>The CC was supportive of Murrayfield CC to keeping the subsidy for No 13 Bus. Cllr JM advised that the next Transport and Environment Meeting was not until 1st August. It was noted that the Scottish Government did not fully recompense the £1.60 for OAPs.</p> <p><u>World Heritage Day 18th April</u> Hustings at St. Stephen's Church 6.00-8.00pm.</p> <p><u>Edinburgh World Heritage Trust</u> Draft Management Plan 2017- 22 launched for public consultation 03.04.2017 see CEC Consultation Hub to comment.</p>	<p>IT Cllr Mowat IT IT</p>
<p>10. AOCB JM to advise DJ social media details which the CC endorsed the use of.</p>	<p>JM</p>
<p>11. Date of the next meeting 2nd May</p> <p>6th June AGM. Discussion took place regard to our year end. Possibly change for next year. AW to investigate.</p>	<p>AW</p>