

West End Community Council

4th July 2017 at Ashfield, 61 Melville Street, Edinburgh EH3 7HL

Present: Jock Miller (Chair), Alan Weddell, Gordon Renton, Gordon Wyllie, Ian Robertson, Isabel Thom, Martha Baur,

In attendance: Cllr Claire Miller, Stuart Meadows and Rod Duncan of JM Architects (Presentation only), Scott Kyle of Scott Hobbs Planning (Presentation only), Sgt Scott Casey (Item 4 only), Sam Scott and Steven Fraser

Discussion	Action
<p>1. Apologies and welcome Apologies were received from Deidre Brock MP, Ruth Davidson MSP, Cllr. Alasdair Rankin, Cllr. Karen Doran, Cllr. Gavin Barrie, Cllr. Joanna Mowat, Cllr. Gavin Barrie, Cllr. Hal Osler, Cllr Iain Whyte, Cllr. Max Mitchell, Cameron Buchanan, Colin Johnston, David Johnston,</p>	
<p>2. Minutes of meetings held on 6th June Were approved.</p>	
<p>3. Matters Arising CCTV report to be passed to JM IT asked for an updated list of planners. All other matters dealt with.</p>	<p>Cllr AR Cllr JM</p>
<p>4. Police Report Robbery - 0 Sexual offences - 0 Attempt Theft of Motor Vehicle x 1 Theft of motor vehicle x4 15/06/2017 - Motorcycle from Castle Terrace carpark. 16/06 - 17/06/2017 - Motorcycle stolen from outside 1 Rothesay Place. 19/06/2017 - Motorcycle stolen from the West Port. 01/07/2017 - Two motorcycles stolen from Eglington Crescent/Glencairn Crescent.</p>	



<p>Attempted Housebreakings x 1</p> <p>01/06/2017 - 11 Lynedoch Place.</p> <p>Housebreakings x 6</p> <p>Domestic x 2</p> <p>31/05/ - 01/06/2017 - 7 Morrison Circus.</p> <p>29/03 - 24/06/2017 - 1B Glencairn Crescent.</p> <p>Business x3</p> <p>02/06/ - 05/06/2017 - 13 Atholl Place (subject of a previous housebreaking on 29/05/2017).</p> <p>07/06 - 08/06/2017 - CG Insurance Lloyds Brokers, 21 Melville Street.</p> <p>10/06 - 11/06/2017 - Apex Hotel, Grassmarket.</p> <p>11/06 - 12/06/2017 - 19 Queensferry Street.</p> <p>Fatal Road Accident x 1</p> <p>31/05/2017 - Female killed by bus after falling from her push bike at Lothian Road/Princess Street.</p>	
<p>5. South East Locality</p> <p>Cllr Miller advised that our new Locality Manager was Sarah Burns and additional post had been created of City Centre Programme Manager which was Anna Herriman. Cllr Miller agreed to circulate "Your Localities Directory". PMN this has been done.</p>	
<p>6. Councillors' Report</p> <p>Cllr Miller advised that an administration had finally been formed between the SNP & Labour administrations. Committee system has been streamlined and details can be found here http://www.edinburgh.gov.uk/news/article/2311/council_streamlines_committee_system .</p> <p>Discussion took place regarding state of pavements in the West End, specifically surfaces around Haymarket. The relatively new tram stop has loose paving in a very heavily trafficked area, poses health and safety hazard. Photos presented at meeting. SF had previously written to Council, provided evidence of widespread poor quality</p>	<p>Cllrs JM/CM</p>



<p>workmanship when recent slabs were laid. The sub-surface has quickly disintegrated, slabs become loose / wobbly.</p> <p>On pavement outside 14 Magdala Crescent, the Council has fitted a bizarre sign to railings stating “No bins to be stored in this garden. If bins are causing an obstruction please contact City of Edinburgh Council”. Four large, ugly wheelie bins now permanently left on pavement as well as food waste bins. CM confirmed J Mowat is looking into this. SF pointed out the footpath to the front door (where all other bins on Magdala are stored) is legally shared access for whole stair, not owned exclusively by ground floor flat. Why has Council acted without proper investigation?</p> <p>Water of Leith footpath has been closed below Dean Path since 2012 due to a landslip (except for one brief period after a failed repair). SF tabled 2005 planning approval of 61 Dean Path, modern house above the collapsed footpath. One page has been completely redacted on Council website where Planning Conditions were likely set out in relation to steep slope. Their driveway is now collapsing down the hill and has been coned off. CM will investigate.</p> <p>Trams have for years created a noise nuisance at Haymarket due to sound of wheels squealing loudly on steel tracks, due to tight radius corner. SF had emailed Transport for Edinburgh / Lesley Hinds in past to report problem of unpleasant noise starting at 5:20am, will retrieve relevant correspondence so that technical feedback can be obtained from CM, roles within TFE / new Council structure identified.</p> <p>Stephen Fraser to email last correspondence to Cllr Miller/JM. PMN this has been done.</p> <p>Discussion took place about the slippyness of the new paving slabs. The actual product being fitted is Marshall’s Scoutmoor Diamond Sawn paving. Bird droppings and tree sap causes slippery surface, big problem in autumn / winter at Magdala end of Eglinton Crescent. Only gritting it had helped.</p> <p>Rubbish caused by communal bins being overflowing, with photo evidence. CM said street cleaning had just started with hand pushed cart (I saw a man today).</p> <p>We also talked about regular rubbish strewn outside Pirries Hotel on Coates Gardens, said to be caused by basement property.</p>	<p>Cllr CM</p>
<p>7. Correspondence Dealt with by email.</p>	
<p>8. Financial Report There was £433.91 in the bank.</p>	



<p>9. Planning Isabel Thom spoke to her report.</p> <p>Discussion on the railings opposite the Yellow piano were temporary and should be replaced as original.</p>	
<p>10. AOCB Alan Weddell discussed the degradation of World Heritage status by the Roads Department replacing the cast iron coal hatches with metal and stone. The Douglas Crescent Residents Association is dealing with this.</p>	
<p>11. Date of the next meeting 5th September</p>	

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