

## West End Community Council

7<sup>th</sup> November 2017 at Ashfield, 61 Melville Street, Edinburgh EH3 7HL

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

In attendance: Cllr. Alasdair Rankin, SGT Scott Cassey (Item 4 only), Gene & Kathryn Tiddrick

Discussion	Action
<p><b>1. Apologies and welcome</b> Apologies were received from Deidre Brock MP, Ruth Davidson MSP, Cllr. Claire Miller, Cllr. Hal Osler, Cllr. Karen Doran, Cllr. Joanna Mowat, Cllr. Gavin Barrie, Cllr Iain Whyte, Cllr. Max Mitchell, Cameron Buchanan, Ian Robertson,</p>	
<p><b>2. Minutes of meetings held on 3<sup>rd</sup> October</b> Were approved.</p>	
<p><b>3. Matters Arising</b> All other matters dealt with.</p>	
<p><b>4. Police Report</b> Sgt Casey reported that although there had been a single case of housebreaking and thirteen cases involving damage to motor cars, there had been no other examples of serious crime in recent weeks, and no serious disorder connected with the recent football match at Murrayfield involving Hearts. A number of bicycles had been stolen, though, and a number of "rough sleepers 2 had been reported. Attempts are being made to enforce the new 20-mph speed limit and a scheme of Community Speedwatch is being considered. It has proved possible when dealing with vagrants to move them on using Section 129 of the Roads (Scotland) Act 1984. (This deals with matters like obstructing the highway.)</p>	
<p><b>5. South East Locality</b> It was noted that from the City Council Ms Sarah Burns might attend on a future occasion.</p>	
<p><b>6. Councillors' Report</b> Councillor Alasdair Rankin attended and was congratulated upon being re-elected to be the City Council's Convenor of Finance and Resources. The Scottish Government has required the local authority to find savings of £21M and 45 measures to achieve that end are currently out for consultation per the Council's website. On the income side, consideration is being given to a potential tax on developers' landbanks and the Scottish Government is again being asked to allow local authorities to levy a discretionary locally-set</p>	



<p>sojourn tax or "overnight-bed tax" on tourists. This is currently before an Expert Advisory Panel. Cllr Rankin also responded to a number of points put by Mr Weddell regarding street lighting failures and Mr Miller regarding the slippery new pavement surface in Douglas Crescent : he undertook to look into the position .</p>	
<p><b>7. Correspondence</b> There were no items requiring attention.</p>	
<p><b>8. Financial Report</b> After a cheque for £100 has cleared, the balance in the Community Council's favour will be £891.68.</p>	
<p><b>9. Planning</b> Mrs Thom spoke to and was thanked for her Report. Concern was expressed regarding yet another request for consent regarding the erstwhile hotel premises at 6 Grosvenor Crescent, at this point only for Listed Building Consent to alterations proposed. It was agreed that although this offered limited opportunity for comment, the Community Council would object. It was noted that under the most recent proposals anent the West to East Cycle Link the exit from Rosebery Crescent would remain open, but it would no longer be possible to enter from Haymarket terrace (contrary to previous advice) and accordingly the loading bay at the end of the Crescent would no longer be accessible by the shops in Haymarket Terrace. Representations would be made against these proposals and in favour of retaining the status quo.</p>	
<p><b>10. AOCB</b> <b>Proposals anent Melville Crescent</b> It was agreed that the most suitable treatment would be to construct a stone setted curtilage around the statue.</p> <p><b>Use of Princes Street Gardens</b> It was felt that current use and proposals by the local authority infringe the protection afforded by relevant legislation. (Upon a check being made after the meeting closed, it was thought that the most current provisions were contained in the City of Edinburgh District Council Confirmation Act 1991 which provides as follows in the Appendix hereto.)</p> <p>Mr Weddell asked Cllr Rankin to find out when the setts on Coates Crescent were going to be repaired/reinstated. This was to be done following the completion of the tram works</p>	<p>Cllr Rankin</p>
<p><b>11. Date of the next meeting</b> 5<sup>th</sup> December</p>	

# APPENDIX

## *22Restrictions on buildings in certain parks*

Subject to the provisions of this Order there shall not be constructed in any of the parks specified in the first column of the following table any permanent buildings other than buildings of the description specified in the second column of that table in relation to such park:—

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<b><i>Park</i></b>	<b><i>Description of buildings</i></b>
The Meadows, Bruntsfield Links, Leith Links	Bandstands, public conveniences, police boxes and buildings for housing apparatus for the supply of electricity or gas.
Princes Street Gardens	Lodges for gardeners and keepers, hothouses and conservatories, monuments, bandstands, public conveniences, police boxes and buildings for housing apparatus for the supply of electricity or gas.  Monuments, observatory, churches, museum or other public buildings including facilities for a restaurant, public conveniences, police boxes and buildings for housing apparatus for the supply of electricity or gas.
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