

West End Community Council

9th January 2018 at Ashfield, 61 Melville Street, Edinburgh EH3 7HL

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

In attendance: Cllr. Claire Miller, Cllr. Hal Osler, Sunil Varu (West End BID)

Presentation

This presentation aimed to explain the two key planks of the work of the BID:

1. Giving value back to BID businesses - The intention is to make the BID levy cost-neutral through our work, grant scheme and through partners, while also beginning to focus on reducing business crime.
2. Improving the West End as a destination (Placemaking) by improving the Place branding, marketing (including social media) and events to drive footfall into the area and around key sectors (health and beauty, food and drink, West End Arts Festival, celebrating the character of the West End, Christmas).

| Discussion | Action |
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| <p>1. Apologies and welcome Apologies were received from Deidre Brock MP, Ruth Davidson MSP, Cllr. Alasdair Rankin, Cllr. Karen Doran, Cllr. Joanna Mowat, Cllr. Gavin Barrie, Cllr Iain Whyte, Cllr. Max Mitchell, Cameron Buchanan,</p> | |
| <p>2. Minutes of meetings held on 5th December Were approved.</p> | |
| <p>3. Matters Arising 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> | Cllr Rankin |
| <p>4. Police Report Sgt Casey was unable to attend but had emailed the following:- housebreaking figures for the month of December below,</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 30/11 -01/12 - 278 Morrison Street. • 04/12 - 05/12 - Whisky Shop, 28 Victoria Street. • 05/12 - 06/12 - Garage at 3 Roseberry Crescent Lane. • 06/12 - 07/12 - Union Gallery, 4 Drumsheugh Place. • 06/12 - 07/12 - Dry Cleaners , 5 Drumsheugh Place. • 10/12 - 11/12 - Cheynes, 3 Drumsheugh Place. • 14/12 - 15/12 - Au Bar, 101 Shandwick Place. • 20/12 - 21/12 - Caffeine Drip, 10 Melville Place. | |



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| <p>The Community Officers were involved in Operation Winter City (Police response to Edinburgh's Christmas) from 17/11/17 - 06/01/18. As you can imagine this was extremely busy with over 137,000 people attending one venue alone in a single day. The Operation passed without significant incident and there was a lot of good work carried out. Community Officers were supported by other officers from Edinburgh and neighbouring divisions and specialist resources from across the country.</p> | |
| <p>5. South East Locality/Neighbourhood Partnership Ms Sarah Burns will attend our March meeting.</p> | |
| <p>6. Councillors' Report Councillor Claire Miller spoke of current issues at the Council. Councillor Hal Osler advised the diversions on Water of Leith were only temporary.</p> | |
| <p>7. Correspondence There were no items requiring attention.</p> | |
| <p>8. Financial Report The balance in the Community Council's favour will be £876.78p.</p> | |
| <p>9. Planning Mrs Thom spoke to and was thanked for her Report.</p> | |
| <p>10. AOCB GDPR – It was agreed that JM would approach Community.Councils@edinburgh.gov.uk and seek advice. GR – Spoke about the noise made by the trams. Chair – JM advised he would be stepping down from the CC at the AGM.</p> | JM |
| <p>11. Date of the next meeting 6th March</p> | |