

## West End Community Council

6<sup>th</sup> February 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. Joanna Mowat, PC Chris Green, PC Derek Barbour, Edward Scott, Hilary Smith, Anne Tod, Angus Tod, Sam Scott, Alasdair Guild

Discussion	Action
<p><b>1. Apologies and welcome</b> Apologies were received from Deidre Brock MP, Ruth Davidson MSP, Cllr. Alasdair Rankin, Cllr. Claire Miller, Cllr. Hal Osler, Cllr. Karen Doran, Cllr. Gavin Barrie, Cllr. Iain Whyte, Cllr. Max Mitchell, Cameron Buchanan,</p>	
<p><b>2. Minutes of meetings held on 9<sup>th</sup> January</b> Were approved.</p>	
<p><b>3. Matters Arising</b> 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><b>4. Police Report</b> Housebreaking figures for the month of January 2018. 30/12-30/12 - 16 Lynedoch Place (garage) 01/01-01/01 - 14 Morrison Street 09/01-09/01 - 26-28 Shandwick Place (business) 11/01-11/01 - 10 Queensferry Street (business) 11/01-11/01 - 13 Queensferry Street (business) 11/01-11/01 - 31 Maitland Street 12/01-12/01 - 66 Haymarket Terrace 20/01-20/01 - 21 Lynedoch Place (attempt) 21/01-21/01 - 262 Morrison Street 31/01-31/01 - 9a West Maitland Street (business)</p> <p>07/01-07/01 - Douglas Gardens Mews (vehicle)</p> <p>Ongoing problems at Haymarket Terrace/Magdaia Crescent - cyclists on pavements on Wednesday and Thursday early morning visits. Present with us were James McGee and Stuart Reeves who are Class One operatives, contact telephone number 07517805103. Approx. 10 cyclists spoken to on Wednesday and about 2-3 again spoken to on the Thursday.</p> <p>Speeding on Magdala Crescent e-mailed colleagues, and speed camera to be used.</p> <p>Eglington Crescent - Safety issues in relation to using speed camera and stopping vehicles</p>	



<p><b>5. South East Locality/Neighbourhood Partnership</b> Ms Sarah Burns will attend our March meeting.</p>	
<p><b>6. Councillors' Report</b> Cllr Mowat referred to the ongoing process of finding smarter ways of working at the City Council, as a result of which a number of savings had been made and services maintained despite cutbacks in personnel. Mr Weddell referred to the difficulties encountered regarding making representations regarding Licensing and Cllr Mowat agreed that this is an area requiring treatment and the introduction of modern working practices. Although it is easier to make representations on Planning matters. this too has not been without its difficulties and in particular it has not readily been possible (if at all) to obtain copies of relevant illustrations with officials citing considerations of copyright that did not always seem appropriate. This too will be looked into by the Councillor. A number of those attending raised questions re lack of neighbour notification in issues such as Licensing, and also one of the developments covered in Mrs Thom's planning report, where a hotel restaurant had in a licensing variation proposal transmogrified into more like a public house. Cllr Mowat also explained but did not excuse the lack of progress on street lighting matters, including a number of issues which Mr Weddell knew were longstanding.. Mrs Mowat was thanked for her report and asked to convey to the appropriate Committees and officials the grave concern felt by those present anent the alterations proposed and in progress at 6 Grosvenor crescent, in which connection an application for Listed Building consent was due to be heard the following day.</p>	
<p><b>7. Correspondence</b> There were no items requiring attention.</p>	
<p><b>8. Financial Report</b> The balance in the Community Council's favour will be £776.78p.</p>	
<p><b>9. Planning</b> Mrs Thom spoke to and was thanked for her Report.</p>	
<p><b>10. AOCB</b></p>	
<p><b>11. Date of the next meeting</b> 6<sup>th</sup> March</p>	