

West End Community Council Minute

2th of October 2018 at Ashfield, 61 Melville Street, Edinburgh EH3 7HL

Present: Gordon Wyllie (in the Chair), Ian Robertson (Vice Chair), Alan Weddell (Treasurer), David Duncan (Secretary), Isabel Thom (Planning), Colin Johnston, Gordon Renton, Marta Baur along with Cllr. Joanna Mowat, Sue Milne, Robert Milne and Cameron Buchanon.

Discussion	Action
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Apologies and welcome <p>Apologies were received from Deidre Brock MP, Ruth Davidson MSP, Cllr. Alasdair Rankin, Cllr. Karen Doran, Cllr. Gavin Barrie, Cllr Iain Whyte, Cllr. Max Mitchell, Susan Purnell (Police Scotland) and Alex Milne.</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Minute of meeting held on 4th of September <p>The minutes from last meeting were agreed in substance to be correct, subject to some typographical corrections.</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Matters Arising <p>There were no matters arising</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Police Report <p>As no members of the Police Force were in attendance, no Police report was delivered</p>	

- **South East Locality, Neighbourhood Partnership and Councillor's Report**

Cllr. Mowat gave an update on the continuing discussions within the City Council regarding the actual and potential interaction between the Localities and Neighbourhood Partnerships. Gordon Renton suggested that some of the community council areas were too small and it might be helpful if the city council could facilitate a common website. It was pointed out that the Edinburgh Association of Community Councils would be capable of fulfilling this role and it was noted that Professor Norman Bonney, who used to chair the WECC, was heavily involved with this.

Cllr. Mowat also referred to the consultation exercises currently or about to take place and mentioned that one suggestion regarding the Localities might be to have periodic meetings of the ward councillors with the relevant community councils. The Community Council congratulated the city authorities on the forthcoming ban effective 2nd of November on A boards on city streets.

The Community Council also voiced strong support for the City Councils initiative in seeking permission to impose a levy on tourist visits which could be used to improve the general condition of the city including the highways and pavements.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Correspondence from the City Council <p>The Treasurer had received and circulated correspondence on the following matters on which those present were encouraged to make individual responses:</p> <p>Consultation on budget Community Council review Common Good fund</p> <p>It was noted that in general the roads and pavements of the Old and New Towns of Edinburgh and the erstwhile Burgh of Leith form part of the Common Good fund. Gordon Renton referred to the list of assets contained in the consultation and it was noted that were these where monuments situated on the ground the ground itself would form part of the common good assets.</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Financial Report <p>The balance in the Community Council's favour will be £1157.81</p>	

- **Planning**

Mrs Thom spoke to and was thanked for her Report, which introduced the following topics:

Nothing further on Haymarket development as yet.

The televised enquiry into the planning decisions anent the former Royal High School Buildings is expected to take six weeks rather than five. It was noted that the Planning (Scotland) Bill is making its way through the Parliamentary process and while the resultant legislation may contain more detailed provisions and a restriction on applicants' rights of appeal it was unlikely to contain third party rights of appeal.

A detailed discussion took place regarding the venting proposals for a commercial outlet on the corner of Rosebery Crescent and Clifton Terrace and it was agreed that the Community Council would make appropriate representations.

- **AOCB**

Cllr. Mowat talked about the consultation on the usage of West Princes Street Gardens, Councillors and public were encouraged to participate in this.

- **Date of the next meeting**

It was agreed to meet again on Tuesday the 4th of December and forego a meeting next month.