

West End Community Council Minute

4th of June 2019 at Ashfield, 61 Melville Street, Edinburgh EH3 7HL

Present: Gordon Wyllie (in the Chair), Ian Robertson (Vice Chair), David Duncan (Secretary), Alan Weddell (Treasurer), Isabel Thom (Planning), Colin Johnston, Martha Baur, Gordon Renton, Cllr. Joanna Mowat, Andrew Munis, Steven Mckenna, Euan Glen and Jeremy Scott

Discussion	Action
<p>1. Apologies and welcome</p> <p>A warm welcome was extended to everyone attending. Apologies were received from or on behalf of Deidre Brock MP, Ruth Davidson MSP, Cllr. Alasdair Rankin, Cllr. Karen Doran, Cllr. Gavin Barrie, Cllr. Hal Osler, Cllr. Iain Whyte, Cllr. Max Mitchell, Susan Purnell (Police Scotland), Cameron Buchanan, Alex Milne and the Very Rev'd John Conway.</p>	
<p>2. Minute of meeting held on the 7th of May 2019</p> <p>The Minute from last meeting was approved.</p>	
<p>3. Community Council development and forthcoming elections</p> <p>Those wishing to submit Community Council nomination forms must do so to Andrew Gallacher at the Edinburgh Council.</p>	
<p>4. Police Report</p> <p>As no members of the Police Force were in attendance, no Police report was delivered.</p> <p>The West End Police did not respond to emails sent by David inviting them to attend.</p> <p>Cllr. Mowat said that if she was emailed our meeting dates that she would pass these onto the Police in a bid to try and get them to attend.</p>	
<p>5. South East Locality and Neighbourhood Partnership</p> <p>There was nothing to report.</p>	
<p>6. City Councillors' report</p> <p>A consultation is taking place on Airbnb restrictions, which is moving "faster than anything has before". More time is required to bring about legislation.</p> <p>The low emission zone consultation is now published to take part in. Diesel burning HGV vehicles and buses will have to pay a levy as they enter the city (zone 1), most likely taking effect on the bypass. There will be a second more restrictive zone in the city centre (zone 2)</p>	
<p>7. Finance</p> <p>The balance in the Community Council's favour was £720.52</p>	

<p>8. St Mary's Cathedral Workshop SC017273</p> <p>No further developments on this were brought up.</p>	
<p>9. Planning</p> <p>A presentation was delivered regarding the nature of the proposals due to be carried out on Meldrum House. Mapeley Estates has let the property to HMRC until 2021 after which it is to be repurposed to become an apartment hotel. They are currently seeking an operator, two are in contention for this. A number of differing options for the project were considered from new build residential, offices, student accommodation to serviced apartments and a hotel. Serviced apartments were found to be the most suitable and economically viable. The focus at this stage is for the business community to be the main target market for the hotel apartments.</p>	
<p>10. AOCB</p> <p>Cllr. Joanna Mowat wants an email of our meeting dates to then email the Sergeant at the West End Police Station.</p> <p>Palmerston Place Church facilitator is Paul Mitchell</p>	
<p>11. Date of the next Community Council meeting</p> <p>2nd of June</p> <p>Subsequent dates: 6th of August, 3rd of September, 1st of October, 5th of November and the 3rd of December.</p>	