

# New Town & Broughton Community Council

## Minutes of the meeting held at Drummond Community High School, Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June 2010

**Community Council Members Present:** Anne Casson, Judy Conn, Audrey Cavaye, Bill Dunlop (Treasurer), Jonathan Finn (Vice Chair), John Knight, Iain McGill, Jo Simpson, Henry Sutherland, Alan Welsh, Diane Willis (Secretary),

**Ex officio members present:** Sgt. Lorna Cottier (Lothian and Borders Police)  
Cllr Charles Dundas,

**Apologies:** Ian Mowat, Duncan Thorp, Cllr David Beckett, Cllr Deirdre Brock, Cllr Joanna Mowat, Cllr Louise Lang, Cllr Lesley Hinds, Gaby Holden, Patrick Hutton, Mark Lawzarowicz MP, Cllr Stuart McIvor,

Members of public present - Alan Mackintosh, John Ross Maclean, Luke Cotton, Ashley Lloyd.

### Extraordinary General Meeting

The Treasurer presented the annual accounts, which were not available in time for the 3 May AGM for the EGM's approval. Accounts approved by Alan Walsh & Henry Sutherland

Question - insurance for community councilors: Treasurer advised there was public liability insurance.

### 1. Question and Answer session with Mike Penny, Manager, City Centre Neighbourhood Partnership

Mike Penny gave a brief explanation of the neighbourhood partnerships – further information see <http://www.edinburghnp.org.uk/neighbourhood-partnerships/city-centre>

#### Questions

- Neighbourhood walkabouts useful way to identify problems, which are generally resolved quickly
- State of Pavements: Difficult to respond to due to differing needs of areas and numbers of people. Recent focus on bus shelters and new bins with metal linings. Leakage from new bins was being addressed
- Waste collection in the centre in World Heritage Site (WHS): Need to move away from black bag. Plan to, increase recycling including food waste and plastics collection and use larger containers. This will be discussed at the next neighbourhood meeting. **ACTION:** Audrey Cavaye to present summary to NTBCC.
- Allocating public space (pavement space): This is regulated. The 'A boards' are planned to be removed from Rose street and High street. Street furniture – backlog in removal of redundant features.

### 2. Apologies for absence - as stated above.

**Minutes of meeting:** 3rd May: were accepted with minor changes.

### 3. Chair's report: Jonathan Finn (Vice Chair)

- Leith Neighbourhood Partnership – Iain McGill volunteered to attend on 9<sup>th</sup> June.
- Red Leith Event - 11<sup>th</sup> June
- Role of Community Council on neighbourhood partnership 21<sup>st</sup> June 6:30 -9pm. John Knight

- & Audrey Cavaye to attend
- 22<sup>nd</sup> Civic Forum - John Knight will try to attend
- 29<sup>th</sup> June 6:30 VoIce – no volunteers

#### 4. Police report: Lorna Cottier

- Last month - Car theft on Dublin Street Lane South.
- Break in via scaffolding - awareness not to leave windows open if building has scaffolding.
- City centre break-in to cars for sat navs – raise awareness not to leave them in.
- Anti social behaviour late at night as people return home from York Place - Dublin Street - signage going up - reminding people it is a residential area.
- Cycling on pavements is increasing with the re-opening of tunnel – is being dealt with
- Incident outside mosque on Annandale Street – rumour of stabbing was untrue
- Parties in private gardens - incidents re suspected underage drinking: advice to telephone police as soon as alcohol is seen, not when it starts to get noisy.
- Cars jumping red lights around Randolph Crescent. **ACTION** Police to follow up.
- Break-in on Broughton Street April- May – **ACTION** Police to follow up.

#### 5. Planning Convener: John Knight

- The planning sub-committee met on 25 May.
- Since the May meeting **4 WHS** applications have been examined, none has required comment
- Following the Site Visit by the Reporter on 4 May to **40 Heriot Row** the appeal has been dismissed and Listed Building Consent refused for the removal of chimneypieces. This is good news and is some compensation for the Planning Department's failure to act on 44 Great King Street.
- Statutory Consultee status was granted on **91-93 Princes Street** (Primark) and after detailed examination of the scheme by 3D Reid (which was seen by us in outline at the February meeting) a full response is in the process of being submitted (copy in the box). Major comments/recommendations concerned: overscaled development in Rose Street; excessive number of materials used on the Princes Street facade; daylight/sunlight study required to assess effect on Rose Street and Frederick Street properties; Rose Street Lane to be kept at current width; undergrounding of waste storage.
- Responses have been submitted to CEC consultations on **Developer Contributions for Public Realm** and **Student Housing** (copies in the box). No acknowledgements received.
- Copies of the CEC adopted **Local Plan** and the draft **S E S plan** (Strategic Development Plan for Edinburgh and South-East Scotland prepared by the Strategic Development Planning Authority in McDonald Road) have been received. Comments on the Main Issues report have to be submitted by 27 August. Anyone interested in perusing either document please let John Knight know.
- The Scottish Government's Directorate of the Built Environment is seeking feedback on how the new Planning Act is working in practice with particular reference to pre-application consultation. As this only became law last August and we have had just a couple of cases go through the PAN process - though developers were being encouraged to adopt this practice earlier - it would seem a little premature. Nevertheless with Haddington Place we have evidence to contribute if needs be!
- 22 Scotland Street – removal of original sash windows – strong objection going in
- 40 Regent Terrace – lifting of paving slab to make formal garden – agreed NTBCC should object.
- Concern raised by resident about Herriot Hill – JK gave an up-date on development – awaited the formal planning application.

#### 6. Traffic and Transport: Jo Simpson

- Good progress on a number of structures from Haymarket to Airport: in particular the two major viaducts  
the Haymarket viaduct (which we learned is to be clad with stone)
- Track laying mostly complete on former bus way.
- The depot is coming along rapidly and the building is now substantially complete with fit-out under way. The tram fleet will be delivered here later in the year and testing will take place on

- the depot to airport section (not sure of the start date for this).
- Utility diversion under way from Ocean Terminal to Newhaven.
- TIE are hosting a number of visits from others around the world to see the project - most recent is a visit from French engineering students - short film on this on TIE web-site.
- TIE cannot say anything at the moment re Haymarket to the Foot of the Walk, due to obvious commercial/contractual issues.
- Date of publication of TRO 1 report. Cllr Dundas suggested this may not go to July meeting
- Presentation by Ashley Lloyd -Moray Fues - impact of pollution around Randolph Crescent area. Noted Great Stuart Street now third most polluted residential street in Scotland. Air quality will affect community yet no impact statement has taken account of this. Concern that Great Stuart Street will be used as a cut through for HGV 24/7.
- Cllr Dundas – noted Ashley’s points

#### **7. Environment: Judy Conn**

- Response draft to Open Space strategy - as noted in minutes of last meeting
- The CEC is addressing the excessive number of business waste containers in the city centre, many of which are not identified and some of which are clearly redundant. Initial measures will include trying to persuade businesses to cut down the number of bins and instead sign up for more frequent emptying of fewer bins, also allocating specific sites for individual business containers and marking bins with agreed times of collection to try to ensure that these are adhered to.
- Clean up - Neighbourhood Partnership will now be undertaken by the Right Track Project and will target Broughton Street Lane.
- Neighbourhood Partnership keen on views re Neighbourhood Agreement – general feeling not the CC remit. Useful numbers in documentation. **ACTION:** Judy to pass on the list of useful numbers for the notice board. Spurtle to get a copy of numbers as well.
- Parks Events Strategy. Rent for Taste Festival at Inverleith Park £3,500. A group unconnected with the community council staged a protest due to event organisers charging entry fee.
- Black bags on railings – dispute of bin people is being resolved. their Union has asked members to sign an agreement.

#### **8. Licensing: Iain McGill**

Olive Branch on Broughton St - opening up a deli

#### **9. Treasurer’s report: Bill Dunlop**

As EGM

- Consideration of alternate venue for meetings – it was agreed to continue with use of Drummond CHS whenever possible.

#### **10. Activities of Local Street and Amenity Associations**

The annual Drummond Civic Association garden party will be taking place on 26 June

#### **11. Any Other Business**

Concern that 21a Abercromby Place – being used as a laundry - operating out of an Edinburgh flat. **ACTION:** Cllr Dundas to look into this.

#### **12. Details of next meeting:**

5<sup>th</sup> July Drummond Room, Broughton St Marys