

**Leith Central Community Council (LCCC),**  
**Minutes of meeting held at 7.30pm on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> September 2010 in the Nelson**  
**Room of McDonald Road Library.**

**Present**

Stewart Blaik	Chair LCCC
Roland Reid	Secretary LCCC
Jenny MacKenzie	Minute taker and Pilmeny Development Project
Stan Eadie	LCCC and Convenor Transport sub-committee
Juan Garcia	LCCC
Harald Tobermann	Pilrig Residents Association (PRA)
Charlotte Encombe	LCCC and Greener Leith
Dominic Moran	LCCC
Julian Siann	LCCC and Redbraes Community Garden
Geraldine Debard	Friends of Montgomery St Park
Cllr Louise Lang	(Lib Dem) Leith Walk ward)
Mark Armstrong	Resident
Peter Mellor	Resident
PC Andrew Johnson	Lothian and Borders Police
Jim Scanlon	Chair of Leith Links CC

**1. Introductions and Announcements.**

The Chair introduced PC Andrew Johnson.

**2. Apologies for Absence**

Joan Corbett	LCCC
Anne Munro	Treasurer LCCC and Pilmeny Development Project
Rob Hainsworth	LCCC
John Hein	LCCC
Roisin Farrington	LCCC
Walter Dods	LCCC
Ann Stark	Friends of Calton and Hillside
Mark Lazarowicz	MP North Edinburgh
Annette O'Carroll	LCCC and Convenor Planning sub-committee
Malcolm Chisholm MSP	North Edinburgh (Lab)
Loraine Duckworth	Leith NP
Cllr Deirdre Brock	(SNP Leith Walk ward)
Cllr Gordon Munro	(Lab) Leith Harbour ward)

**3. Approval of Minutes for August 16<sup>th</sup> 2010**

Approved by Stan Eadie  
Seconded by Roland Reid.

#### **4. Living Streets**

It was put to the meeting that a representative be sent to a conference scheduled for 28<sup>th</sup> September. Cost would be £109. Booking needed to be made by 20<sup>th</sup> September. Not approved, but a representative to be invited to make a presentation to the LCCC at a future date.

#### **5. Community Police Officer's Report**

Safer Neighbourhood Teams (SNTs) have been rolled out across A division. There are seven community beat officers allocated to Leith and eight Neighbourhood Action officers. A rebranding of both combines the commitment to more community policing. This will allow more coverage in the evenings. Communities will also have more of a say. The Housing and Built sub-committee will be asked to highlight 10 problems that need attention in the area. Anyone wishing to contribute to this list should contact a representative on that committee. This can be done via the CC. The SNT will choose three issues from the list of 10 and report back in six weeks. Attention to these duties will be carried out on top of normal duties. An example issue might be the alcohol use and drug dealing which is currently described by some members of the local community as regularly taking place openly.

The police are pressing for the re- installation of the camera at the Foot of the Walk. This has been out of action since the start of the tram works. BT cabling is needed.

Other matters: PC Alison Wiley is the local officer for the area.

Tesco is opening on 20<sup>th</sup> September. There is some concern at poor lighting near the ATM site in the area which is likely to be much more frequently used.

There has been an increase in numbers of bicycle thefts. Police urge the marking of bicycles as per the recent campaign and all owners to record their bicycle frame serial number.

There were three house break-ins in Albion Street.

Members of the public are urged not to leave SatNavs or mobile phones in cars – this is usually the reason for break-ins to cars.

#### **6. Community Council Away Day.**

This will be held on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> October at Citadel Youth Centre from 10am to 1pm. Attendees to be confirmed by 14<sup>th</sup> September. Names passed to secretary. Issues to be considered will be 'how CCs can be engaged in important issues' and general consideration of the role of CCs in the community.

#### **7. Officers' and Councillors' Reports.**

Report from the Chair on the meeting of the Licensing Forum -- an advisory group to the Licensing Board. In a number of submissions, the Forum made recommendations regarding the following issues:

**Children and young people in licensed premises:** While family friendly premises should thrive, licensees take on an additional responsibility to protect children from harm. They should not be exposed to violence, strong language or disorder.

**Overprovision.** The Board should take account of local CC concerns when considering new licence applications. CCllrs should also have the opportunity to attend the appropriate training to enable them to fulfil this duty.

**Promotions and events**, including discount schemes, organised drinking events and consumption of alcohol at sporting and music events. It was agreed that Police and Licencing Standards Officers should be informed of such events in advance. It was acknowledged that many sales of alcohol occur because of off-sales and price promotions in supermarkets.

A copy of a report of a public themed meeting held in September 2009 and submitted to the Licensing Board on September 13<sup>th</sup> was also made available. The NP Board welcomed the opportunity to feed into the Licensing Board's consultation on Policy. The public event was called Alcohol and its Impact on Leith. Listed below are some of the NP action groups' responses to issues raised at the public meeting.

#### Health and Wellbeing Action Group

- North East Drugs and Alcohol Forum has been established to share information.
- The Health and Social Care's Adult Referral Team have a new Alcohol Referral Team funded by the Alcohol and Drug Partnership. A worker is covering the Leith area for people aged 16+ with addictions.
- The Junction has appointed a worker funded by the Alcohol and Drug Partnership for North Edinburgh. She will support young people in one-to-one and group work.
- Edinburgh and Lothians Council for Alcohol is providing sessions for women at Link-up in Lochend, half of whom are Leith residents.
- NHS Primary Care is to be kept informed of the development of community services to enable appropriate referrals to be made.
- The Junction is in discussion with pub owners about raising awareness using pub quiz techniques.
- The Action Group agreed to make Health Services aware of the needs of older people who are experiencing alcohol problems.
- Children and Families Action Group
  - Funding has been secured to run an event for parents and carers on teenage alcohol use.
- Housing and the Built Environment Action Group
  - Lothian and Border's Police's Operation Align is aimed at off-licences selling alcohol to underage people through test purchasing by a young person.

- Lothian and Border's Police's Operation Array tackles alcohol related anti-social behaviour (asb) in young people in partnership with the Rock Trust and Fast Forward. Youths under the influence or in possession of alcohol are taken to the police station and their parents are contacted to attend. Dangers and health risks are explained to the young person and their parents as well as emphasising the correlation between alcohol and asb and how this impacts on the community .

### **No Treasurer's Report Secretary's Report**

- Thanks extended to CC Liaison officer Eileen Hewitt who has been seconded to another position within the council. She has served as liaison officer to CCs for ten years. At a recent EACC meeting (September 2<sup>nd</sup>) , thanks were extended for Eileen's service and flowers were presented on behalf of CCs across Edinburgh.
- Notice highlighting the responsibilities of private landlords to sign up to the public register of landlords. A penalty fee of £5,000 can apply for breaking this law. Registration must be renewed every three years. Register online at [www.landlordregistrationscotland.gov.uk](http://www.landlordregistrationscotland.gov.uk).

### **Report from Cllr Deidre Brock**

In a written report to the CC, Cllr Brock submitted a report from Robert O'Malley in the Property Conservation department of the council regarding the Janitor's House at Leith Walk school. He noted that though the Housing (Scotland) Act 2006 has come into force, he is 'unaware of any department within the Council which is actively serving notice in line with the terms of the Act'. He went on to describe minor repairs that have been carried out to the building. The meeting agreed that this was an unsatisfactory response to the request that the owner be required to take more responsibility for the state of disrepair of the building. The secretary to write expressing LCCC's disappointment at the level of response given to date.

Cllr Brock also submitted a report by Mark Bannon on Dog Fouling Initiatives. There have been a number of Action days held, supported by Leith Police and Community Safety Team North local officer to tackle both littering and dog fouling. A list of notices served for April '09 to March '10 included 19 for dog fouling, 63 for littering and 40 fixed penalty notices for trade waste. .

### **8. Matters Arising**

**Community Council Communications.** Joan Corbett has been nominated by Jenny MacKenzie and seconded by Roland Reid to act as communications officer for LCCC. Joan will be approached to see if she wishes running the website to be part of those duties. If not, another appointment will need to be made for this duty also.

#### **Leith Decides:**

Applications for an allocation of the community money available under the Leith Decides scheme must be in by 23<sup>rd</sup> September. The public will be given an opportunity to vote

for the projects that they think should win the awards at an event to be held at Leith Academy on 27<sup>th</sup> November.

A newsletter will be produced by Leith Central CC, with funding from the three Leith CCs to carry publicity about this event for wide circulation. It will follow the format of previous newsletters and be edited and produced by Jenny MacKenzie. Members agreed. The newsletter will also carry stories on the Leith Gala survey, plans for Leith Walk and other local issues.

**Leith Biomass Plant:** Members expressed disappointment that a public meeting has still not been held to enable more information to be given to the public about plans for the Leith Biomass Plant. Forth Ports have expressed unwillingness to hold a meeting, which they are not legally obliged to do, that could result in loud and critical opposition being expressed.

**Open Forum, AOB.**

The proposals to amend the ASCC constitution had been circulated in the first week of September, with no objections raised. Leith Central therefore supports the two motions proposed by Area Representative Norman Bonney to amend the constitution.

**10 Date of Next Meeting: Monday 18<sup>th</sup> October, 2010.**