

TRINITY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

13 December 2010 Meeting

**Approved Minutes of the meeting of Trinity Community Council
held on Monday 13 December 2010 at St Serf's Church Halls at 7pm**

Present:

Trinity Community Council: Ken Jobling (Chair), Janet Ruddiman (Vice Chair), Richard Scott (Treasurer), Tricia Brindle, Bunty Lind, Tom Kelly, Ina Kruk, Mike Wallace, and Clive Preston (Tree Warden);

Also: CEC Councillors Allan Jackson and Elaine Morris; and local resident Rod Shearer.

Apologies for absence had been received from: Alyson Cameron, Stewart Fowlie, Liz Grant, John Harper, and Lesley Ann Weir; and from Mark Lazarowicz MP, Malcolm Chisholm MSP, and Councillors Steve Cardownie and Cammy Day, and PC Graeme Gow.

Abbreviations in Minutes

CEC - City of Edinburgh Council

Cllr - CEC Councillor

FNP – Forth Neighbourhood Partnership

Member(s) – Member(s) of Trinity Community Council

SEPA – Scottish Environment Protection Agency

SNH – Scottish Natural Heritage

TCC – Trinity Community Council

TCC BUSINESS

1. TCC *approved* the **Minutes of the previous meeting held on 8 November**, with correction of dates of meetings, as proposed by Ina Kruk and seconded by Mike Wallace.

Action: TK to post up amended minutes of meeting on 8 November.

2. TCC reviewed Action Points from previous meetings and noted that:
 - a. Cala Homes were rearranging their open meeting on new plans for Trinity Park House to take place in the middle of January 2011.
Action : TCC to notify members of rearranged meeting on Trinity Park House site.
 - b. The consultation document on future management of Victoria Park was expected to issue in January. Tom Kelly would convene a meeting of the **Victoria Park Sub Committee (VSPC)** to discuss the consultation document.
Action: TK to arrange meeting of VPSC in New Year.
 - c. The Chairman had written by e-mail to Pilton Tenants, copied to CEC and Councillors, suggesting an alternative plan to ensure large items of refuse would still be uplifted.

- d. The Chairman (KJ) reported that no progress had been possible in arrangements for Lothian Police to work with TCC because of sick absence of the senior officer.
3. The **Treasurer reported** 10p of interest had been received and that the Bank Account stood at £1303.92p. It was agreed to make a small, one-off contribution of £400 to Victoria Primary School for pupils who could not otherwise take part in school activity.

Action: Treasurer to offer one-off grant of £400 to Victoria Primary School for pupil activity.

PLANNING

4. Tricia Brindle (TB) gave an update on planning matters. For previous applications the latest news was
 - a. There was again no progress on the application to build a new house in the gardens of **144 Newhaven Road** (*CEC reference 09/03295/FUL*).
 - b. There was no news on the proposal for a **Phone Mast just off Clark Road** (*10/02406/FUL*).
 - c. The application for **127-130 Lower Granton Road** (*10/02023/FUL*) was refused but an appeal was likely.
 - d. The contractor was now on site at **St Columba's Hospice**. The side road had been closed as a car park and access for works vehicles had been opened at the north end from Lower Granton Road.
 - e. The application for a large extension at **11 Clark Road** (*10/02816/FUL*) had been granted. Few neighbours had objected so it had not gone to Committee.
 - f. Listed building consent to demolish the **Gasometer at Granton** had been refused because there had been no attempt to market or sell without demolition.
 - g. The application for an extension to a house at **88 Dudley Avenue** (*10/02573/FUL*) had been refused.
 - h. KJ and TB had met representatives of the prospective developers of the **Trinity Park House site** (*10/02951/PAN*). TCC agreed that there were concerns about road access (during and after construction) and retention of trees. Further consideration would be needed after the open meeting had taken place.
 - i. The CEC timetable for the Waterfront and Leith Area Development Programme (ADP) had slipped
5. It was also reported that a new application had been lodged for a large major development of the nursing home at **Trinity Lodge, 80 Craighall Road** (*10/03268/FUL*).

FORTH BIOMASS PROJECT – IMPERIAL DOCKS LEITH

6. Michaela Sullivan and Daniel Jeffs of Forth Energy gave a presentation on the plans for a “Renewable Energy Plant” (power station) at Imperial Docks in Leith.
7. Forth Energy planned to submit the formal application for approval on 10 January. Copies of the proposals – which would be bulky and detailed – would be available for

inspection in libraries and on the Forth Energy website. There would then be a 28 day period for public consultation on the initial proposals and then a further 28 day consultation period after the responses from SEPA and SNH. CEC would have 4 months to consider its response. A public local inquiry would follow if there were objections from the statutory consultees or – if there were no objections - the applications would be decided by the Scottish Minister.

8. There had been 74 responses to the public exhibition in November. Of these 39 recorded concerns about the impact on the environment, transport of fuel and waste. sources of fuel, and visual impact. In the discussion the main points raised by members *and additional information given by Forth Energy (FE) - shown in italics* – were as follows:
 - a. *The plant would not be fired up until 2015 at the earliest. At full operation it would supply heated water to customers mainly in Leith. The electricity output of 200 megawatts would meet 54% of the total requirement of Edinburgh.*
 - b. *Fuel would be mainly wood from sources certified as “sustainable” or “recovered biomass” but not household or plastic waste. Dr Preston questioned whether the fuel could count towards Scotland’s climate change targets as it was not “renewable” in the full sense of the term. FE said the biomass for this – and 3 similar projects in Rosyth, Grangemouth, and Dundee - was accepted by the Scottish Government as contributing to its targets. Fuel would have to be imported as the UK sources would not be sufficient.*
 - c. *Members were concerned about lorry movements and spillage of waste in building, fuel delivery, and disposal of ash. FE said most of the fuel would be delivered by ship and that the ash was to be recycled rather than dumped in lagoons as it was at many coal-fired power stations. There would be about 1000 tonnes of ash to remove from site each month and strict protocols would apply to lorry movement in construction and operation of the plant.*
 - d. *Members were also concerned about the scale of the plant and its impact on views, and on amenity, for residents in Leith and the wider area. FE confirmed that the main generating hall would be 65 metres high and large in visual mass and that the stack would be 120 metres high and easily visible from distance. They thought this was not a major issue given that there were other high structures already in Leith Docks. The plant had a planned life of 25 years and would be demolished leaving a cleared site for later stages of development of the docks.*
9. The Chairman thanked FE for their presentation and answers to questions and invited them to return to a TCC meeting in the future

FORTH NEIGHBOURHOOD PARTNERSHIP

10. KJ reported that FNP were to hold a **public meeting** on 15 December at Spartans Football Club to discuss the role of the voluntary sector which he hoped some members might attend.

TRANSPORT, ROADS AND POLICING

11. Members were concerned about the slow progress in gritting roads and clearing pavements of snow and ice. Cllr Jackson advised that residents could request additional bins of rock salt.
12. PC Gow had sent an e-mail report that:
 - a. Over the past month the traffic wardens had been out on several occasions in the Craighall Road, Newhaven Road and Stanley Road area due to complaints of **speeding trucks and vehicles**. Over 5 days speeds of 525 vehicles had been checked. The average speed of the vehicles was 23.56mph. Of the 525 vehicles, 35 were trucks and none were speeding. The fastest speed recorded was 41mph. PC Gow said this suggested speeding is a perceived problem on which these statistics should bring closure.
 - b. **Parking at schools** continued to be a safety concern. PC Gow had undertaken two weeks of high visibility patrols outside Holy Cross and Trinity Primary Schools. Parents still persisted in parking in restricted areas putting children at risk of being hit by moving vehicles. Several parents had been warned regarding their parking habits. However the day after parents continued to park in the same manner.
 - c. There had been a reduction in the number of **recorded vandalism** over the month. This was due at least in part to the re-introduction of CCTV cameras in Newhaven Road. There were a few cases of vandalism in the Summerside area over October. A positive DNA match had been made from a blood swab taken from one of the damaged vehicles. Enquiries were continuing to trace the suspected person

NEXT MEETING

13. The next TCC meeting would be on Monday 10th January 2011 in St Serf's Church, Clark Road at 7pm.

Final version agreed by TCC at its meeting on 10 January 2011