

TRINITY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Meeting of 14 March 2011

**Approved Minutes of the meeting of Trinity Community Council
held on Monday 14 March 2011 at St Serf's Church Halls at 7pm**

Present:

Trinity Community Council: Ken Jobling (Chair), Janet Ruddiman (Vice Chair), Richard Scott (Treasurer), Tricia Brindle, Alyson Cameron, Stewart Fowlie, Liz Grant, Bunty Lind, Tom Kelly (TK), Tim Parker, Betty Shorthose, and Clive Preston (Tree Warden);

Also:; CEC Councillors Allan Jackson and Elaine Morris; local residents Neil Adams, John Scott, and Ian Temple; Helen Blackburn (The Salvation Army) and (*part meeting only*) PC Graeme Gow and CEC officers Andrew Sikes, Damian McAfee, and Steven Cuthill.

Apologies for absence had been received from: Ina Kruk, Mike Wallace, and Lesley-Anne Weir; and also from Mark Lazarowicz MP, and Malcolm Chisholm MSP; and Councillors Steve Cardownie, and Cammy Day.

Abbreviations in Minutes

CEC - City of Edinburgh Council

Cllr - CEC Councillor

FNP – Forth Neighbourhood Partnership

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

TCC – Trinity Community Council

VPSC – Victoria Park Sub Committee of TCC

WLADF – Waterfront and Leith Area Development Framework

TCC BUSINESS

- 1 TCC *approved* the **minutes of the previous meeting held on 14 February** as proposed by Richard Scott and seconded by Tricia Brindle.
Action: TK to post up amended minutes of meeting on 14 February.
2. The Chairman advised that Tom Kelly had agreed to serve as secretary for TCC but only until July 2012 but only on condition that successor would take over from that point. TCC agreed to appoint Tom Kelly as its Secretary.
3. TCC reviewed Action Points from previous meetings and noted that the annual cycling event would be moved from Victoria Park to Gypsy Brae for 2011.
- 4 The **Treasurer reported** that a balance of £1339.35p was expected after receipts of interest of 16p and payment of a grant of £500 from the Community Engagement Fund and payment of £29.28p for the Secretary's expenses on printing and postage.
- 5 The **Chairman** reported that he had applied for a one-off grant of £500 from the Community Engagement Fund to assist TCC to publicise its work and promote more local involvement. After discussion, TCC agreed that a regular article should be

placed and paid for in the local magazine “*Trinity Spotlight*” from April 2011 and that consideration should also be given to other events such as an open evening.

- Action: a. Submit article for April and subsequent issues of “Trinity Spotlight”;*
and;
b. Consider at future TCC meeting other events to increase community involvement in work of TCC.

WATERFRONT AND LEITH – AREA DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK (WLADF)

6. CEC had issued a consultation paper in February outlining its proposals for an Area Development Framework (ADF) for planning of the Waterfront and Leith. Andrew Sikes and Damian McAfee gave a presentation on the purpose, scope and process of the exercise.
7. WLADF was the first ADF for Edinburgh. It was intended to be a fresh look which would stimulate better quality of design and coherence of planning applications for smaller areas and individual sites in Leith, Newhaven and Granton. . It would identify priority areas (“hearts” such as Granton Square) as well as key connections (“great city streets”) and green spaces. The consultation document had been based on a series of interactive workshops (“charettes”) with local interests, including Community Councils, and national agencies.
8. In discussion, the importance of more amenities and green space on the landholdings of CEC itself and Forth Ports Authority were noted. Interim land uses such as allotments should be considered for areas unlikely to be redeveloped for many years. There should be an opportunity to influence consents that were not yet finalised and future applications for master plans or detailed planning permission. Existing planning consents would not be rescinded though developers might well review and resubmit plans delayed by the downturn.
9. TCC members were concerned about the adequacy of plans so far to improve open or public space, community uses, and cyclists and pedestrian movement, and to relieve congestion of east to west road access. The isolation of tower blocks north of the shore road was a major setback for new residents and the area as a whole. Efforts would be needed to ensure that FPA contributed more to the community development of the harbour areas than it had so far. More emphasis in the ADF should be given to new and more varied types of development, community and amenity facilities, and greenways as part of the transport strategy, and tree planting and management.
10. Andre Sikes confirmed that responses to the consultation paper should be submitted by the end of March. CEC Planning Committee would then review the draft ADF at its May meeting in the light of the comments it received.
Action: TB to submit TCC response to draft WLADF based on discussion at the meeting.

OTHER PLANNING ISSUES

11. Tricia Brindle gave an update on other planning matters

- a. Comments were due on **Cala Development proposals for housing on the Trinity Park House site.** (*Application CEC - 11/00387/FUL*). TCC agreed that the plans were an improvement on the previous scheme in terms of design, quality of houses, and more appropriate density. Attention was still needed to enforcement of the landscape and tree management plan, retention of the boundary wall, access to the cycleway from South Trinity Road, safety of pedestrians at the corner of Ferry road and South Trinity Road, and lorry access for refilling the excavated “hole in the ground”.
Action point: TB to submit comments on behalf of TCC as discussed at the meeting.
- b. The refusal of permission for a new house with offices at **127-130 Lower Granton Road** (*10/02023/FUL*) had now gone to appeal.

POLICING

12. PC Graeme Gow reported that there had been 31 recorded crimes. 5 of these had been vandalism which was a big improvement. There were 6 road traffic accidents possibly because of works on the Shore route. Despite the strict enforcement of parking restrictions at schools - resulting in issue of 15 penalty notices - some parents were still reluctant to comply.
13. PC Gow explained the new Safe Neighbourhood Teams arrangements under which 3 Community Officers were assigned to the wider Trinity area. The intention was to have more preventative policing and to work with Environmental Wardens and address nuisances as well as crimes. TCC would be invited to discuss and recommend priorities for attention. In practice it was noted that cover for less troubled areas such as Trinity and for weekends might be less because of having to deploy available officers on call-out of response teams to incidents elsewhere in North Edinburgh.
14. In discussion, members re-iterated local concern about excessive speed of vehicles in Craighall and Newhaven roads and some of the time limitations and road markings for parking restrictions. There was also concern that merger of police forces at a national level would mean less responsive and more remote communication with police. TCC **agreed** to renew its invitation for a senior officer of Lothian and Borders police to attend a future meeting. The Chairman thanked PC Gow for attending this meeting on his day off duty.
Action: Invite senior police officer to a future meeting.

VICTORIA PARK

15. Stephen Cuthill gave an update on responses to the consultation on future management of Victoria Park. There had been 379 responses (18% return rate) from households to the questionnaire. Analysis of these was not yet complete and comments (other than yes/no answers) had yet to be collated.
16. On some of the main questions the responses had been positive, particularly on management and safety of the park. But there was more to discuss on others. The responses were encouragingly positive

17. There was majority support overall (306 out of 335 responses) – and in responses from residents of New Cut Rigg (27 out of 35) - for the new line of lights across the south of the park. There was a 2/3rds majority (243 out of 373 responses) in favour of a single, modern play area but more thought would be given to qualifying comments and the minority view. On the proposals for lighting up the teenage ball courts again, there was majority support overall for lighting on Sundays and until 9pm at nights and a split view among residents of New Cut Rigg. A majority overall also favoured retention rather than removal of the circle of trees that had been planted prematurely.
18. The responses and comments would next be summarised in a document to be posted up on the FNP website as baseline information for updating the detailed development plan. This in turn would be used for revision of the Management Plan in consultation with TCC, VPSG, and Clean Safe and Green action Group. There would also be an assessment of Victoria Park for “Green Flag” status this summer.
19. After discussion TCC agreed to support 1. installation of the new lighting route; 2. early replacement of damaged equipment in the play areas; and 3. discouragement of access of dogs to the ball courts. TCC also suggested that the views of neighbouring Community Councils covering Leith Central and Newhaven should be included in the planning and consultative process.
Action: TK to follow up views of TCC with FNP and neighbouring Community Councils, and to arrange a further meeting of VPSG to discuss the baseline summary.

OTHER MATTERS

20. Members indicated a wish for further discussion or representations on
 1. traffic congestion in East Trinity Road,
 2. late issue of papers for meetings of FNP Action Groups

FUTURE MEETINGS

21. The **next TCC meeting** would be held on Monday 11 April 2011 in St Serf’s Church Halls, Clark Road at 7pm.

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