

TRINITY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Meeting of 11 April 2011

**Approved Minutes of the meeting of Trinity Community Council
held on Monday 11 April 2011 at St Serf's Church Halls at 7pm**

Present:

Trinity Community Council: Ken Jobling (Chair), Janet Ruddiman (Vice Chair), Tom Kelly (Secretary), Richard Scott (Treasurer), Tricia Brindle, Alyson Cameron, Stewart Fowlie, Ina Kruk, Bunty Lind, Tim Parker, Betty Shorthose, and Mike Wallace;

Also:; CEC Councillors Cammy Day, Allan Jackson and Elaine Morris; local resident Neil Adams; and (*part meeting only*) PC Graeme Gow.

Apologies for absence had been received from: Liz Grant, and Clive Preston (Tree Warden); and also from Mark Lazarowicz MP, and Malcolm Chisholm MSP; and Councillor Steve Cardownie.

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

TCC BUSINESS

- 1 After discussion of PC Gow's report (*see paras 12-15 below*), TCC approved the **minutes of the previous meeting held on 14 March** on the proposal of Betty Shorthose seconded by Tim Parker, subject to
 - a. noting the wish of Councillor Morris supported by Tim Parker to record dissent from the adequacy of para 13 on policing as an adequate record; and
 - b. amendment of para 4 as proposed by the Treasurer.

Action: TK to post up approved minutes of meeting on 14 March as amended.
2. TCC reviewed **Action Points from previous meetings** and agreed to pursue further
 - a. Transport issues on which the Secretary was invited to draft a letter listing issues which TCC would wish to discuss with a representative of CEC;
Action: TK to draft letter for further consideration
 - b. the request for a senior police officer from Lothian Borders Police to attend a meeting to discuss new neighbourhood safety arrangements;
Action: ongoing
 - c. the request for a meeting of Forth Neighbourhood Partnership to be held in the Trinity area.
Action: ongoing.
3. The **Treasurer reported** that a balance of £1189.33p was expected after payment of £150 for 3 slots in Trinity Spotlight and addition of no interest.

4. The **Chairman** reported that a revised Code of Conduct for Councillors was issued by the Standards Commission for Scotland in December 2010. CEC had suggested that TCC would need to consider how its provisions might apply to community councillors taking part in the work of FNP and its Action Groups.

Action: Secretary to circulate copies of guidance highlighting sections likely to be relevant to TCC members.

5. The next AGM of TCC was due to take place In May. TCC agreed that the AGM should take place before the next regular meeting in May.

Action: Secretary to issue agenda and draft minutes of previous AGM

PLANNING ISSUES

6. Tricia Brindle reported that there were no new planning applications of great note. On ongoing cases, she reported that:

- a. There had been no response as yet to TCC's representations on **Cala Development proposals for housing on the Trinity Park House site.** (*Application CEC - 11/00387/FUL*). Her understanding was that it was a matter of where not when access to the cycle path would be opened up. Safeguarding trees was still a major concern. On traffic flows, the revised scheme should mean only 30 or so vehicle movements at peak hours which would be a good deal less than when Trinity Park offices were in use or the previous scheme would have caused.
- b. As previously reported, CEC's refusal of permission for a new house with offices at **127-130 Lower Granton Road** (*10/02023/FUL*) had now gone to appeal, but the timeline and procedure for the appeal were not yet known.
- c. CEC Planning Committee would consider its formal response to the **Leith Biomass project** (power station in Leith docks) at the May meeting,

POLICING

7. PC Graeme Gow indicated that he was attending the meeting in his capacity as a member of the Safer Neighbourhood policing team to put their role in context, He wished to clarify comments made at the previous meeting, when off duty, in a personal capacity.
8. The Safer Neighbourhood Team had been set up as a pro-active force to work with the community in 4 teams of 6 officers. Priorities for action would be discussed and set at the FNP Clean, Green, Safe Action Group on which TCC was represented. Deployment of officers had to be based on needs. In general, Trinity had not had the same demand level as other areas particularly in daylight hours. Recently there had been major issues with youths in other parts of the Forth Ward and 1 of the 3 officers intended for the Trinity area had been re-assigned to the Muirhouse/West Pilton area. When necessary, the resources assigned to Inverleith area could be called upon for support.
9. During day shifts PC Gow (and WPC Black if he was not available) would seek to cover the Trinity area. There was no change in the arrangements to respond to 999 calls according to a grading system (from Grade 1 down to Grade 4). Other problems

could be notified by e-mail to the Safer Neighbourhood Team's mailbox which would ensure that these are picked up and assigned. TCC *noted* PC Gow's report on the new arrangements.

10. PC Gow reported that cycle paths had been given policing priority for the whole city. Although there were no particular hotspots of trouble in the Trinity area, it was important that anything unusual was reported. PC Gow had been set upon himself but was able to deal with that incident.
11. Over the past month there had been 34 recorded crimes – 14 thefts, 10 cases of vandalism, and 10 others including one of cannabis cultivation. There would be a note about local crime in the forthcoming issue of "*Trinity Spotlight*". Traffic problems had eased with fewer trucks using Craighall road. The bottleneck in East Trinity Road was irritating for local users but did have the effect of slowing down through traffic.
12. The Chairman thanked PC Gow on behalf of TCC for his attendance and his contribution at the meeting.

VICTORIA PARK

13. Smaller but more litter bins were to be provided as part of a programme of standardisation across the city. Members commented that choice of location and frequent emptying of the new bins were important if problems of litter and dog-fouling were to be reduced.

FORTH NEIGHBOURHOOD PARTNERSHIP

14. The next business meeting of FNP would take place on 19 April followed by a public meeting on Wednesday 9th June from 6.30pm - 8.30pm at Edinburgh's Telford College with the theme of "*Regeneration activity across Forth*".
15. Janet Ruddiman reported that the meeting of Health & Social Care Action Group on 23 March 2011 and the joint strategy on mental health.

FUTURE MEETINGS

16. The **next TCC meeting** would be held on Monday 9 May in St Serf's Church Halls, Clark Road following the AGM which would start at 7pm.

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