

TRINITY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

APPROVED MINUTES OF MEETING OF 10 OCTOBER 2011

PRESENT

TCC members Janet Ruddiman (Vice- Chair), Richard Scott (Treasurer), Tricia Brindle, Alyson Cameron, Stuart Fowlie, Liz Grant, Ina Kruk, Bunty Lind, Betty Shorthose, Lesley Anne Weir, Clive Preston (Tree warden) also: Cllr Cammy Day , Cllr Allan Jackson, and local residents: Clifford Lutton, Roderick Shearer.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Ken Jobling, Tom Kelly, Tim Parker (all TCC), Helen Blackburn (Salvation Army), Mark Lazarowicz MP, and Malcolm Chisholm MSP.

MINUTES OF MEETING OF 12 SEPTEMBER 2011

1. TCC approved the draft minutes (proposed Richard Scott and seconded Betty Shorthose) subject to the amendments listed below

TCC Business para 1 -“correfction” to read “correction”

Planning Matters para 6a - Cala Housing - add to end of paragraph.....traffic flows on Ferry Road.

para 6d Newhaven Road - “Chesser Home” to read “Children’s Centre”.

MATTERS ARISING AND ACTION LIST

3. There were no matters arising which were not covered in the agenda. Members noted the update of Action Points agreed and ongoing from previous meetings.

VICE CHAIRMAN’S REPORT

4. JR confirmed that officers from CEC will give presentations on the planning process and traffic and transport issues at the November and December CC meetings. Members expressed thanks to Cllr Jackson for his help in organising these presentations. JR asked members to note that the Salvation Army were holding an open evening at Ashbrook, 492 Ferry Road on 30 October (6. 30 - 8pm). It was hoped CC members would attend.

TREASURER’S REPORT

5. RS confirmed that the CC’s account stood at £1505.11p. There was no income or expenditure during the month.

PLANNING MATTERS

6. a) The second application for a mobile phone mast Clark Road (11/00387/FUL) was refused by the Committee on the grounds that it was contrary to a number of approved policies.

- b) The application for Cala's housing development in South Trinity Road (11/00387/FUL) had been formally approved subject to some reserved matters. Two items remained outstanding:
- (i) the entrance to the footpath/ cycleway. This has not yet been formally approved, and discussions were ongoing about details of the design, lighting and CCTV.
 - (ii) Proposed temporary site access from Ferry Road. There has been no formal application or decision, but CEC planning officers would be unlikely to support such a proposal. Their reservations include damage to the listed wall, damage to valuable trees on the site, and probable traffic congestion on Ferry Road.
- c) The application for a children's nursery at 159 Newhaven Road has been approved. Members expressed concern about the signage, although this may be temporary and will be monitored.
- d) There had been no new applications and recent decisions of great significance, other than an application for additional mobile phone masts on the roof of Trinity Academy.
- e) There was nothing new to report on either the Biomass plant (this may be due to the recent change of ownership of Forth Ports) or the Waterfront and Leith Area Development Framework.
- f) Points arising from the presentation to the meeting on the proposed demolition of Granton Gasholder are set out in a separate paper (*to follow*).

ROADS, TRANSPORT AND AMENITY ISSUES

Victoria Park

7. The Green Flag was raised in the park on 6 October by Cllr Jackson. It was a very successful event attended by children of Primary 1 of Trinity School, Mark Lazarowicz, Forth councillors, members of the CC, the local police and safer neighbourhood team and officials from CEC. Erection of the new play equipment and improvements to the play area are ongoing. The work should be finished by the end of October.
8. A C reported that as well as CEC vans which have a legitimate reason for entering the park, it appears that officials are also parking their vehicles within the park boundaries. Cllr Jackson agreed to take this up with the N P officers.

Heriots tree planting

9. Strong opposition from local residents and other could have caused the matter to become extremely contentious and unpleasant. However thanks to the intervention of Cllr Jackson, office bearers of the CC and others the school agreed to move the trees to a more suitable location, which it is hoped will not impact on important views of the city skyline. CC members agreed that the Chair should write to the school expressing thanks for their promise of remedial action. *Action : Chairman to write to Heriots trust acknowledging their decision to remove trees*

Dudleys Walkabout 14 May

10. TCC noted the NELO report updating progress on action points identified in the Dudleys walkabout in May.

CRIME AND POLICING

11. Chief Inspector Denise Mulvanney, the officer in charge of Drylaw police station, was due to come to the meeting. Unfortunately, operational reasons appear to have prevented her from attending. Members expressed their great disappointment and asked that the Chief Inspector is invited to a future meeting, as they felt it was important for a senior officer to give an overview of the Safer Neighbourhood project and other issues related to crime and security in the area.

Action: Chairman to renew request for Chief Inspector Mulvanney to attend a TCC Meeting.

12. PC Lawrence gave a brief summary of the incidence of crime in the area over the previous month.

- a) Housebreaking - 7 reported, none solved yet. He felt the recent spate of housebreakings in the area were opportunistic. However night patrols in the area have been increased. He also stressed the need for local residents to be security aware, vigilant, and report any suspicious activity.
- b) Youth calls - 3 underage drinking in Victoria Park, also some problems associated with Trinity Academy.
- c) Vandalism 6 (4 incidents in one night)
- d) Parking on zig-zag lines near primary schools. This problem continues. There is now a Park Smart initiative. Until now police have been warning offending motorists at both the beginning and end of the school day. After the half-term holiday the regulations will be enforced.
- e) Following a number of metal thefts from church buildings the churches have been advised to security mark any metal used. A police officer is working with the metal dealers to try and identify and recover stolen materials.

13. In total, 34 crimes were reported in the month. Of these 8 have been solved, 18 enquiries are ongoing, and 8 have not been solved. PC Lawrence said that police and council officers are working together to improve security in parks and on the walkways. The police will increase the use of bicycle patrols on the walkways.

14. The recent police surgery held in Newhaven church was not well attended. Although the event was noted in the TCC page of the Trinity Spotlight it was felt that there should have been wider publicity, amongst community groups, schools, churches etc.

15. BS asked that wherever possible the police should provide information about where incidents were occurring, progress with enquiries and outcomes of investigations. LG reported an assault on

a cyclist in Rosebank Road. IK wished it to be recorded that the police provided a prompt, appropriate and sensitive response to an incident before a recent service in St Serf's church.

REPORTS OF OTHER MEETINGS ATTENDED AND FNP ACTIVITIES

16. JR had attended a meeting of the Health and Welfare Action Group and BL had attended a meeting of the Children and Families Action Group.

TREE WARDEN'S REPORT

17. CP said there was nothing major to report although he was closely monitoring activity on the Cala site.

ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

18. TCC agreed to discuss at a future meeting how to respond to CEC (Eileen Hewitt's) e-mail about how TCC was going to develop its activities in the future. *Action: TCC to discuss response at next meeting.*

OTHER BUSINESS

19. R. Shearer expressed some concern about whether stones which had been removed from the west wall between Manor House and Challenger Lodge (the original Hospice site) had been safeguarded.

20. S Fowlie raised the issue of the Edinburgh Tram Project. It was generally felt that the CC had no locus to comment as an organisation but that members, if they wished, could comment as private individuals.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

21. Monday 14 November 2011 in St Serfs Church Hall Clark Road.

Approved at meeting on 14 November 2011