

**Minutes of the ordinary Meeting of Leith Harbour
and Newhaven Community Council
held in the Trinity Room, Leith Community Centre
on 03 September 2014**

1 Introduction, attendance and apologies

1.1 Attendance

Jan Brown	LHNCC (Sec & stand-in chair)		
Heather Ford	LHNCC	Malcolm Chisholm	(MSP)
George Johnston	LHNCC	Adam McVey	(SNP Leith)
Yvonne Murray	LHNCC	Chas Booth	(Green Leith)
Robert Weir	LHNCC	Alex Wilson	LBA
Denise Jones	LHNCC	Deirdre Robertson	Resident
John Langton	LHNCC	George Rosie	Resident
Jim Scanlon	LLCC	Don Giles	(FOWL B)
		Mark Coull	Police Scotland

1.2 Apologies for absence

Bruce Ryan	Minutes Secretary
Sandra Burns	Treasurer
Neil Wilson	FOWL B NR
Allan Mackie	LHNCC
Gordon Munro	Labour Leith

2 Minutes of the meeting of 04 June 2014

2.1 Approval

2.2 There was some confusion as to whether AM had resigned as chair, or had actually just intimated his intention to resign. AM confirmed he had stated his intention, but has now permanently resigned as from 09 September 2014. After this discussion, minutes were approved *nem con.*

2.3 Matters arising

2.4 Silt Update

Cllr AMcV attended a meeting with various council members regarding this matter, although no report is available yet. He will forward this report when he has received it.

GJ & DG attended a separate meeting with E Robson SEPA Flood Manager, Tom Dougal CEC and a representative from Historic Scotland Monuments and others. The notes have been circulated in draft for agreement at the next meeting. Once agreed they will be

shared on a wider basis including LHNCC. During the meeting SEPA stated that there is medium flood risk for some parts of Leith as shown on the SEPA flood risk maps SEPA also indicated that insurance companies must not use the SEPA flood risk maps to set premiums. It was reported the some of the Sandport residents have been quoted higher premiums since the issue of the flood risk maps. CEC stated that in their view removal of the silt that has built up in the Water of Leith basins will not change the flood risk

Action: Cllr AMcV to provide report when available.
DG to provide notes of meeting with SEPA.

2.5 Police Box on Shore

JB reported that a condition of the sale of these Police Boxes is that they must be painted a different colour from the originals.

2.6 GJ advised that the tables and chairs outside the Cruz do not have planning permission. It was felt that no further action should be taken at this time.

3 Community Police Officer's Report

- Community Surveys. Police Scotland are undertaking a Public Consultation Survey to obtain the views of Policing issues for those who live and work in Leith. 40,000 of the survey will be completed across Scotland and the views of locals will be taken into account in determining priorities for the forthcoming months.
- Crime trends – nothing new to report in the area to give particular cause for concern other than an increase in pedal cycle and motorcycle thefts at Western Harbour. Enquiries are ongoing regarding this in a bid to identify the persons responsible.
- Ocean Terminal – PC Martin Allan continues to patrol the shopping centre on each of his shifts. He has carried out talks to staff in various shops about crime prevention and his patrols have been well received from staff. Boy racers continue to drive round the car parks. Roads Policing officers are aware of the situation and patrol as often as possible.
Youth issues – main problems continue to be at Great Junction Street and Cables Wynd House area and work is ongoing with the Community Safety Team. Work is progressing with the Council to obtain Antisocial Behaviour Orders where possible

5 Treasurer's Report

The community council account = £ 1,713-14

Special events account = £ 34.97

6 Secretary's Report

JB gave a brief summary of events which occurred during the summer break.

- 6.1 A Self-Assessment Form** was filled in detailing our work in the community. 200 leaflets were handed out during the Leith Gala, 160 leaflets were left in the post office and all were taken. Leaflets were also left in The Junction and Leith Library.
- 6.2 Trade Waste Recycling.** It was agreed that this seems to be working on Leith Walk as it looks much tidier. However, there was a long way to go as far as the rest of Leith is concerned. JB and Cllr McVey had worked together to get an overflowing bin and assorted rubbish removed from outside the Cruz ship on the Shore.
- 6.3 New Recycling Service.** Again, this looks good in theory, however, if existing wheelie bins are to be replaced with much small bins, the CEC must do their part by ensuring that communal recycling bins are emptied on a regular basis. It was felt unnecessary to invite a CEC representative to a future meeting. However, the situation will be monitored and this may change in the future.
- 6.4 Leith Neighbourhood Partnership** are looking for a new Representative Substitute to take the place of AM. Please contact Loraine Duckworth for more details.
- 6.5 Model Constitution for Community Council.** This was agreed and signed.
- 6.6 Local Development Plan – Second Proposed Plan.** This is about to be put out for 6 weeks of representations. Now that Forth Ports are planning on turning Leith Docks into Rotterdam as opposed to Amsterdam, there is a real danger of the biomass rearing its ugly head again and this is something we need to be aware of. JB & HF have been attending meetings with West Pilton/West Granton CC, who are trying to arrange a conference with Nation Grid, Forth Ports and CEC regarding their plans for the Waterfront from Cramond to Portobello. It is hoped this meeting will take place on Saturday 27 September – 10am till 2pm at Edinburgh College. If anyone would like to attend, please email Willie Black at w.black@blueyonder.co.uk.
- 6.7 Planning Concordat Engagement Fund.** JB received an email saying only two CCs had taken up this financial support and asking if there was any reason LHNCC hadn't. She responded that there had been no reason to take it up so far, but it was generally felt that the funds were insufficient for any large scale development.

7 AOCB

- a. **Life Saving Equipment on the Shore/Newhaven.** JB had received emails regarding the lack of life saving equipment in these locations. Having contacted CEC, it was confirmed that Water of Leith 2000 are responsible for the Shore. Unfortunately three emails to WOL2000 have received no response. Thanks to Cllr Munro, Forth Ports have agreed to place life saving equipment at Newhaven Harbour. However, the general consensus was that they are no sooner placed, when they are stolen!
- b. **Renovation of Newhaven.** JB and Cllr McVey had received emails from a resident asking if/when Newhaven Main Street was to be renovated. She thought it looked sad and uncared for. JS suggested that Crops in Pots might be able to help to bring a bit of colour to the area. EM said she would look at it.
Action: EM to report back.
- c. **Community Payback Orders.** JB had received an email asking for suggestions for work to be done as community payback. HF suggested that a clean up of Warriston Cemetery would be an excellent project, as it was in a shocking state.
Action: HF to email Julie Dickson with this suggestion.
- d. **Flytipping.** HF advised there was a real problem with flytipping in West Cromwell Street. Needles, old washing machines, etc. Also dog fouling is a major problem. Perhaps another project for Community Payback.
Action: MC to look into problems in West Cromwell Street.
- e. **20mph Speed Limited.** There is a drop in session to give your views on this on 24th September between 6-8pm at the Business Centre, McDonald Road Library.

8 Capacity Building

JB reiterated the amount of leaflets, explaining the purpose of Community Councils, that had been handed out and where, but we will continue to look at this and any suggestions are welcome.

9 Dates of next meeting

01 October 2014