

Minutes of the Leith Harbour and Newhaven Community Council meeting, held at Leith Community Centre on Tuesday 23 May 2017 at 7.00pm

Actions and decisions are **RED ITALIC UNDERLINED SMALLCAPS**. *Nem con* means that no-one spoke or voted against an item.

1 Attendance and apologies

1.1 Attendance

Stewart Auld	LHNCC	Bruce Ryan	Minutes secretary
Elaine Dick	LHNCC	PC Colin Spence	Police Scotland
James Duff	LHNCC	PC Mhairi McDonald	Police Scotland
Allan Mackie	LHNCC secretary	Don Giles	Friends of Water of Leith Basin
Jennifer Marlborough	LHNCC	Gillian Meek	Victoria Primary school parent council
Douglas Tharby	LHNCC	Michael Traill	Leith Links CC
Arthur Young	LHNCC	Cllr Chas Booth	Leith ward (Green)
Robert Weir	LHNCC chair	Dr Ryan Woolrych	Heriott-Watt university

1.2 Apologies for absence

Colin Brown	LHNCC	Blyth McLucas	LHNCC
Rob Levick	LHNCC vice-chair	Bonita Preacher	NTBCC treasurer

2 Minutes of previous meeting

These were approved without changes, *nem con*.

3 Matters Arising

3.1 Police report

PCs Spence and McDonald reported

- No crime statistics have been made available to them. (it was noted that statistics were also not reported in April, despite an agreement for consistent reporting across Edinburgh since June 2016.)
- There was recently a major incident on Lindsay Road – a suspect has been arrested and is on remand.
- There was recently a stabbing on Rossie Place – a suspect has been arrested.
- Operation Mondana is countering doorstep crime/bogus workmen across Scotland.
- Operation Rigoletto was a re-organisation of community policing. The largest part of this was a reduction in CPO numbers, but it enabled CPOs to actually do community work
- The number of calls about boy-racers has decreased. A road safety assessment carried out by CEC has led to no changes to roads. **ACTION: CLLR BOOTH TO LOOK INTO ROAD ASSESSMENT ACCURACY**
- Concerning the 20mph speed limits, police officers are educating and enforcing as needed. There is at least 1 radar speed-gun per Edinburgh police station in Edinburgh.

The PCs were invited to attend a residents' association meeting (8 June)

3.2 Waterfront plaza and other planning matters

- J Marlborough reported that that the waterfront planning application is at a standstill – it was withdrawn from Development Management Sub-Committee on 2017_03_19 due to (1) allow further consideration of how to proceed; (2) transport issues; (3) high planning authorities wanting shops in main block. Hence Cala is deciding whether to continue with the application as-is, submit a revised application or withdraw altogether. The next opportunity for CEC to consider this application is 7 June.
- Planning permission for the **hotel** now out of date, but the site still being advertised for sale.
- The **boardwalk** is now operational. Planning Application 17/01081/FUL for 'Wheeled Indoor Sports Facility' in Ocean Terminal (the former BHS site) has been granted temporary change of use of Unit 2 for period of three months.
- The **'Skyliner' Rettie/Taylor-Wimpey** site is for sale (Brochure emailed 2017_03_02). The closing date for this sale was 2017_03_30 but there is still no evidence of as ale on site.
- **Malt & Hops** application will be considered at CEC's Development Management Subcommittee on 7 June, following a site-visit on 5 June (if this committee is formed in time).

3.3 Place-making with older people

Dr Woolwich presented as follows

- He is an associate professor at Heriott-Watt University, investigating how cities and communities can be better designed to support aging populations. The current 3-year project, started in May 2016, has 2 aims:
 - To understand how older people experience aging within their communities
 - To make recommendations on how 'age-friendly cities' and 'age-friendly services' can be developed.

- There are some 'age-friendly cities' in the UK, including Edinburgh and Manchester. These cities are not necessarily currently age-friendly but have committed to identify what they can do at local levels to support older people. Such measures include making housing and transport suit older people, building respect and social inclusion, reducing causes for social exclusion, improved health and social care delivery.
- It has been noted that some age-friendly features also suit other people. For example dropped kerbs suit prams and wheelchairs. Hence the project asked local authorities whether they are asking older people what they want – the basic response was 'very little'.
- The project has chosen 3 case-study cities: Edinburgh, Manchester and Glasgow. Within Edinburgh, it is studying Leith, Morningside and Craigmillar. Leith and Craigmillar have been assessed as having strong senses of community.
- The project is trying to gather data from as many over-60-year-olds as possible. (≥ 60 was chosen by the WHO as the definition of 'older'.)
- Quantitative survey data on living in Leith has already been collected. From this, some priorities have been developed. Researchers are now gathering qualitative data via interviews etc – they have collected research subjects via community organisations, care organisations and follow-ups to 'door-knocks'. The researchers want to speak with people having a range of ages >60 .
- It has been found that green space – and the quality thereof – is very important. Similarly, inter-generational communities are important – older people do not want to be ghettoised.
- It has been difficult to contact certain groups, such as other ethnic groups. Language barriers can impede access to and take-up of government and other social services. Hence researchers are asking people to capture images, and are using family members as interpreters.

It was suggested that the project could obtain data from recent CEC consultations, and that recommendations could include actions for private organisations, not just CEC. It was suggested that currently local authority budgets for community actions are quite small, and that CEC should have a 'champion' for older people.

- *ACTIONS: B RYAN TO ADVERTISE STUDY VIA LHNCC AND LCCC WEBSITES, M TRAILL TO ADVERTISE IT VIA LLCC WEBSITE*

3.4 Speeding on Ocean Drive

See police report above

3.5 Raising awareness of LHNCC

3.5.1 Arranging LHNCC's work

It was agreed to hold a meeting before the AGM (June) to arrange convenors and working groups. *ACTIONS:*

- *B RYAN TO SET UP DOODLE POLL TO HELP DECIDE WHEN TO MEET*
- *A MACKIE TO BOOK VENUE*
- *A MACKIE TO CREATE INSTRUCTIONS FOR LHNCC'S REPEATING COMMITMENTS (E.G. GALA, XMAS-TREE LIGHTING)*

3.5.2 Promoting LHNCC

- An advert has been placed in *The Leithier*
- Posters and flyers have been circulated quite wildly. *ACTION: E DICK TO CO-ORDINATE FURTHER DISTRIBUTION*

It was noted that LHNCC has 'branding', so it should be relatively easy to produce advertising for future events.

3.5.3 Leith Gala

ACTIONS: M TRAILL TO ARRANGE GAZEBO FOR LEITH CCS, AND CIRCULATE GOOGLE SPREADSHEET TO ARRANGE STAFFING THEREOF

4 Reports

4.1 Treasurer

Current balance is £1052.33 but there are uncleared cheques for minutes (£30), posters and flyers (£102), paramedics for Gala (£130)

5 AOCB

- There have been no developments about the proposed new school.
- There is now a floating pontoon in Newhaven harbour. This implies that the harbour is likely to be used more frequently for sea [passenger/cruise] vessels. J Marlborough stated that Forth Ports advises local businesses when vessels will dock – 44 are expected this summer.
- J Duff was asked about parking for a local business' delivery van. *ACTION: CLLR BOOTH TO FOLLOW UP.*
- J Marlborough reported that the Water of Leith is currently home to 2 families of swans. However, one of the nesting sites (near Coalie Park) is badly polluted.

6 Date of next Meeting

27 June 2017