

1 Minutes of the Leith Harbour and Newhaven Community Council meeting, held at Leith Community Centre on Tuesday 28 November 2017 at 7.00pm

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

2 Attendance and apologies

2.1 Attendance

Stewart Auld	LHNCC	Bruce Ryan	Minutes secretary
Elaine Dick	LHNCC	ClIr Chas Booth	Leith ward
Rob Levick	LHNCC chair	ClIr Gordon Munro	Leith ward
Jennifer Marlborough	LHNCC secretary	Sgt Niven Bull	Police Scotland
Douglas Tharby	LHNCC treasurer	4 residents	
Arthur Young	LHNCC		

2.2 Apologies for absence

James Duff	LHNCC	Don Giles	LHNCC/Friends of Water of Leith Basin
Allan Mackie	LHNCC	Ben MacPherson MSP	Edinburgh Northern & Leith
Robert Weir	LHNCC	Deidre Brock MP	Edinburgh North & Leith

3 Minutes of previous meeting

Approved without changes (proposed D Tharby, seconded R Levick, *nem con*)

3.1 Matters arising

3.1.1 Hawthornvale (item 5.2 in October minutes)

ClIr Booth has raised the issue of drivers idling their engines with CEC environmental health, and of speeding with CEC's Transport and Environment Committee, and Police Scotland. No environmental action can be taken under current legislation. Road Safety will increase frequency of patrols. A resident stated that she and her neighbours are contacting Police Scotland (PS) more frequently.

3.1.2 SS Explorer visit (AOCB in October minutes)

This will take place in 2018.

4 Reports

4.1 Police

Sgt Bull reported

- Rape at Links Place (25 October): 30 year-old male has been arrested and reported to the procurator fiscal.
- Fireworks incidents on 5 November:
 - This did not affect LHNCC's area, but took place mostly in Drylaw.
 - Both incidents are being investigated. (They involved damage to cars, fireworks fired at PCs, cars etc.)
 - There is also an internal review of 5 November policing: police will patrol in strength next year, but details are to be decided.
- Christmas will be very busy for police:
 - CEC will provide some funding for relevant overtime/extra officers on street, especially at peak times and hotspots. (Officers will volunteer their off-time to serve their communities.)
 - PS will use this to execute warrants (e.g. for domestic or violent crimes) and perform road safety checks.
- On 21 October, a 49 year-old male was found with controlled drugs, thanks to intelligence from the community. Money and drugs were seized, and the person reported to the procurator fiscal.
- A 35 year-old male has been arrested for recent robberies and house-breakings
- The drinkers at Sandport bridge (see item 5.3 of October minutes) have moved on, possibly just up river.
 - Drinking in public is not per se illegal but an Edinburgh bylaw makes it illegal if there is public nuisance.
 - ClIr Munro noted that some drinkers are camping by Junction bridge, and so the CEC homelessness unit should step in. ClIr Booth responded that this is in progress.
- Concerning the fight outside Genting casino (see item 5.1 of October minutes), Sgt Bull noted there are incidents there from time to time. Such issues are always flagged up to CEC's licensing department.
 - ClIr Munro stated that local police stations must record such incidents, and inform CEC's licensing dept.
 - The CPO team also reports such issues to Sgt Bull. Patterns of such issues make such premises 'intervention premises'. Genting is not intervention premises at this point.
 - ClIr Munro stated that the [Civic Government \(Scotland\) Act 1982](#) covers public drunkenness. Sgt Bull confirmed this, but noted that PS' priority is care, rather than prosecution, of the individuals.
 - ClIr Booth noted that anyone can apply for a premises license review. However, he cautioned against using this lightly. In the meantime, evidence should be gathered and incidents reported by phoning 101.

4.2 Secretary

See also appendix.

4.2.1 Neighbourhood partnerships and localities

- There has been much ado but little clarity about replacement of NPs with localities. Northeast locality CCs are trying to coordinate about this.
- Cllrs Munro reported that CEC decided to postpone setup of localities, and to undertake further dialogue to get consensus within CEC. Currently, it is planned that CEC councillors will be decision-makers within localities. Review will probably take place in June 2018. It has not yet been decided whether NPs will be abolished. **ACTION: B RYAN TO CIRCULATE HIS NOTES FROM LAST NIGHT'S LEITH CENTRAL CC MEETING.**

4.3 Treasurer

Current balance £1484.83. There are two outstanding invoices for £60 for minuting.

5 Councillors', MSP's, MP's reports

5.1 Cllr Booth

- He urged response to CEC's budget consultation (deadline 19 Dec), and pressuring MSPs to fund councils.
- The Licensing Board 'statement of policy' consultation will have two stages.
 - The stages are roughly (1) 'what changes should be made to the previous policy?' (2) 'is this draft new policy satisfactory?' The deadline stage 1 is 22 December.
 - Leith NP has previously stated that Leith is overprovided with alcohol outlets, with accompanying hospitalisation and crime. Hence Cllr Booth suggested that LHNCC should urge recognition of Leith's overprovision in the new policy.
- Cllr Booth recommended that LHNCC takes a view on plans for Picardy Place. (Deadline is 15 December.) He noted that there has been brief consultation, and that many people are unhappy with current plans.
 - **ACTION: B RYAN TO CIRCULATE DETAILS OF MEETING OPPOSING THE CURRENT PLANS.**

5.2 Cllr Munro

- Cllr Munro encouraged participation in the consultations mentioned by Cllr Booth, especially the budget consultation – £142m cuts are needed. Cllr Munro fears loss of services and compulsory redundancies.
 - Cllr Munro suggested that SG ignored former MSP Marco Biagi's report on local government finance.
- Leith Christmas tree lighting takes place 7 December at 4pm, at the Kirkgate.
- Various primary schools are singing carols in the Kirkgate on 13, 15, 19, 20, 21 December.

6 Victoria Primary School Christmas tree lighting

This takes place on Monday 4 December at 6pm. **ACTION: D THARBY TO BUY CHOCOLATES.**

7 Planning update

7.1 Planning Application to redevelop former Art Deco cinema in Leith submitted by Glencairn Properties/Hobbs Scott/ISA architects presentation 13/11/17

J Marlborough reported that this is in Great Junction Street, and is planned to contain 23 apartments. Affordable and private accommodation will be mixed, with all ground-floor flats opening up onto 1 courtyard.

The developers are very interested in receiving comments from LHNCC (They hope to present to LHNCC in January) but submitted their planning application on 17 November. J Marlborough and two other LHNCC members met with the developers: the only issue LHNCC has is with the access to the proposed underground parking. Work is in progress to improve this aspect of the plans. 3 shops underneath the site are privately owned, so co-ordination between these and the accommodation-developer is needed.

7.2 Planning Application 17/01856/FUL (Industry Lane) update

Resident report that there are still issues here. (See previous minutes.)

- Cllr Munro stated that the CEC officer dealing with this is on long-term sick leave. It will be dealt with at some point. Cllr Munro advised writing to CEC's head of planning (David Leslie) to ask him to expedite this.

7.3 Planning Application 16/03684/FUL (Cala) public hearing 13/12/17

J Marlborough reported that CEC's Development Management subcommittee recommended refusal of this planning application, because it doesn't meet the local development plan, and because not enough retail or business is planned. There will be a hearing on Wednesday 13 December – JM has been invited to attend and speak here. While JM acknowledges that Cala has addressed some of the issues, e.g. offering bollards to protect private parking, spreading affordable housing across the whole site. However, a road that might bear heavy traffic is still planned, and the exit from the neighbouring 'Skyliner' site will be just next to Cala site's entry. This may become a 'rat-run'.

- JM and others have queried why applications in this area not being considered holistically.
- Also neighbour notification for the planned distillery appears to have been defective.

7.4 MV Fingal

- J Marlborough reported that there is nothing to indicate that the boat was to be moved from Prince of Wales dock to Alexandra dock, but that she has been informed that the site has changed after submission of a revised application.
- A resident reported that the boat is temporarily in PoW dock for repairs, albeit not in the planned position. An application to moor the boat in PoW dock had been granted, and the local community was happy with this. (Only 1 objection was submitted.) However, the owners then applied to moor the boat in A dock, a former dry dock which is much closer to accommodation. This received 14 objections. Britannia Trust, who own the boat, apparently have not stated the reasons for the move.
- The resident stated that it would be better if the boat was further from accommodation, to minimise the impact of noise. He suggested that the A dock application was went through on convener Cllr Ritchie's casting vote, despite opposition from Cllr Mowat, and Cllr Booth's request for a site visit.
- The resident requested that LHNCC writes to Britannia Trust, objecting to mooring the boat in A dock, and supporting the PoW dock location. **ACTION: J MARLBOROUGH TO LIAISE WITH THE RESIDENT TO WRITE SUCH A LETTER.**
- J Marlborough also suggested that residents create a petition, which can be supported by LHNCC. Any petition should be grounded on the local development plan.
- Cllr Booth suggested that although planning permission had been granted, the owners will still need alcohol licensing: LHNCC could object to this on the grounds of potential for public nuisance.

7.5 Planning Application Appeal 17/00091/REF – Malt & Hops, The Shore

J Marlborough stated that this is still under review.

7.6 2 new applications

- demolition of the Porthaven carehome, erection of flats (This has been granted, according to Cllr Booth.)
- conversion of a pub at Yardheads (Henderson St) into 2 flats. Comments deadline is 22 December.

8 Events

8.1 Campaign for Leith Museum, 26/10/17 (Henderson St), 6.00pm – feedback

Mark Lazarowicz has presented about this campaign. Further information is due to follow.

8.2 Leith Festival Pageant 2018 meeting, Dalmeny St. Drill Hall.

- It has been suggested that Victoria Primary School and LHNCC could have their own floats in this.
- A further planning meeting is due in January.

8.3 Leith Fort official opening 31/10/17 – feedback

- J Marlborough highly commended this event and the development.
 - Cllr Munro suggested that the excellence stemmed from community involvement in the design, but that reduction of SG funding led to solar panels not being part of the finished development.

8.4 Public consultation event 17/04708/PAN, Ocean Terminal 31/10/17, 7.00pm – feedback

J Marlborough stated that this event, about the 'Skyliner' development, was interesting but not well attended.

8.5 Leith Chooses launch and funding workshop, Newkirkgate 22/11/17

- D Tharby reported that this was a successful launch event.
 - Leith Chooses has £116,000 to disburse. More information will follow, via workshops for applicants.
 - Leith Chooses needs volunteers from LHNCC.
 - **ACTION: LHNCC MEMBERS TO PROMOTE LEITH CHOOSES AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE.**
- DT also reported his attendance at the national participatory budgeting (PB) conference.
 - By 2021, 1% of LA budgets will be allocated via PB.

8.6 Age Friendly community event, Dalmeny St. Drill Hall 29/11/17 – feedback

This item was for LHNCC members and others' information

8.7 Invitation for group visit to Guru Nanak Gurdwara (Sikh Temple)

ACTION: J MARLBOROUGH TO CO-ORDINATE VIST BY LHNCC TO GURU NANAK GURDWARA

8.8 LHNCC public event at Leith Library update

- J Marlborough is investigating a joint local CC event. **THIS WAS SUPPORTED NEM CON**

9 AOCB

9.1 Personal email addresses for CC members

The treasurer supported limited extra spending on this to avoid using private email addresses for CC business.

- **ACTION: B RYAN, E DICK TO ASCERTAIN ACTUAL COSTS**
- Cllr Booth invited LHNCC members to the green group Christmas party (4pm, 15 December, City Chambers)
- **ACTION: B RYAN TO INVESTIGATE WHAT LHNCC NEEDS TO DO TO COMPLY WITH DATA PROTECTION/GDPR**

10 Appendix: additional information

10.1 Leith Chooses

City of Edinburgh Council - Finance Guidance for Community Councils - Small Grants Funds. Further information available from Fraser Rowson (fraser.rowson@edinburgh.gov.uk, 0131 469 3166)

10.2 Council Budget 2018/19

See <https://consultationhub.edinburgh.gov.uk/ce/2018-19-council-budget-engagement>.

10.3 Edinburgh Community Councils: Managing your records and protecting your data. Further Information.

The Council's Information Governance Unit can provide advice and or facilitate training on any of the information governance matters addressed in this briefing if required. Please contact them with any questions at: information.compliance@edinburgh.gov.uk.

10.4 CEC Local Development Plan

Community briefing on LDP Action Programme for northeast Edinburgh: Links Room, Leith Community Education Centre, 12A New Kirkgate Wednesday 6 December, 5.00pm – 6.30pm (light refreshments served from 4.45pm. Phone Judith Fordham, Development Plan team on 0131 529 4692. (Only 2 places available)

10.5 City of Edinburgh Licensing Board: Licensing (Scotland) Act 2005 Statement of Licensing Policy 2013.

The City of Edinburgh Council provides administrative support for the Board: You can access this document on the Board's website at: www.edinburgh.gov.uk/info/20171/licensing_board/1034/the_licensing_board

10.6 University of Edinburgh: Edinburgh Local Small Grants Scheme

information available at www.ed.ac.uk. Contact details: 0131 650 4063: Email: local@ed.ac.uk

10.7 Leith Community – Crops in Pots

Christmas Carol Singing, Community social event, 6.30pm, Tuesday 12 December on Leith Community Croft.

10.8 DoorStep Crime Bogus Workman

Alert from Caroline Lamond. See [post on LHNCC website](#).

10.9 Guru Nanak Gurdwara

J Marlborough has been invited to coordinate a visit by LHNCC.