

New Town & Broughton Community Council

Minutes of the meeting held

at Drummond Community High School,

Monday 6th July 2010

Community Council Members Present: Ian Mowat (Chair), Judy Conn, Bill Dunlop (Treasurer), Jonathan Finn, Maria Hart, Gaby Holden, John Knight, Henry Sutherland, Alan Welsh, Diane Willis,

Members of public present Alan Mackintosh, John Ross Maclean.

Ex officio members present:

Apologies: Duncan Thorp, Cllr D Beckett, Cllr Stuart McIvor, Cllr. Angela Blacklock, Gordon Burrows, Gaby Holden Cllr Charles Dundas, Cllr Lesley Hines, Gordon Burrows Mark Lawzoriwicz. Iain McGill, Anne Casson, Patrick Hutton, Robert Lagneau, Audrey Cavaye, Cllr Joanna Mowat, Jo Simpson

1. Apologies for absence - as stated.

Minutes of meeting:

June's minutes were accepted. Proposed and seconded by Bill Dunlop & John Knight

2. Chair's report: Ian Mowat

The Chair and John Knight attended the Association of Community Councils AGM. Discussion about who should represent NTBCC. Agreed representative - Ian Mowat.

Eileen Hewitt had requested news for the forthcoming newsletter –responses to Eileen Any thing for their newsletter?

3. Police report: No representative

Ian would circulate the Police news letter

IM to email Dane to ensure the police know the dates and change of venue

4. Neighbourhood partnership

John Knight reported on the June meeting: theme was waste. Noted that analysis of black bags was 37% edible food. Thinking about brown box scheme and there may be trials forthcoming.

Noted 'seagull' proof bag were on display. Mike Penny was considering a trial of these bags.

In discussion – Alan Welsh noted Margaret Williamson from World Heritage was very helpful on matters.

Noted Council now agreed containers can be on the garden side of road where, as in Royal Crescent, residential properties are only on other side – although concerns that these are unlit.

In tardiness for the consultation on Containerisation IM asked members to consider suitable sites for containers in case they are to be trialled on any streets in the area. Noted that number of bins per household also needs to be considered.

Action - CC to encourage use of recycling. John & Judy to champion brown box and query the number of containers proposed with Mike Pennie. Ian to draft letter suggesting second new town good place to trial food waste recycling box and let the West End CC know what we are proposing.

Re audits CC want dialogue with CEC – if no response forthcoming - Judy to write to Mike Penny about audits.

5. Environment: Judy Conn

Transition Edinburgh, an environmental group has produced a draft proposal for a piece of land by the Royal Bank opposite Royal Crescent. Proposal is to turn it into a Community Forest have asked the bank for a 10yr lease and are now looking for support

Action: Judy to send letter of support

Needs headed letter – IM & DW to scan header in

7: Planning Convener: John Knight

- The planning sub-committee has not met this month
- Since the June meeting 12 WHS applications and 3 non WHS have been examined. None has required comment. I discussed the proposal to build 2no. semi-detached mews houses in Cumberland Street Lane SW with Ian Hall of the Great King Street Association as the footprint seemed overlarge to me taking up too much garden ground at the rear of the Great King Street houses (the owners of which were selling the ground in fact), but we agreed a precedent had already been set by a new house at the east end of the lane. The design itself while contemporary in door and window detail is traditional in shape and will be built in stone and slate. JK will take **action** on Great King Street.
- A full application for 130 McDonald Road (now 132) has been submitted by Hackland and Dore who gave the PAN presentation to us at the April meeting. As no “automatic” statutory consultee letter has been received from CEC for this large development, I have formally requested one. Noted successful in removal of shop units, bathroom windows on gable & drop in level McDonald place housing. Action J knight to write to architects and then if statutory consultee granted organise concordate to make an approach to the local residents. Spurtle to help with advertising this.
- The Neighbourhood Partnership Walkabout took place in the Calton Hill terraces on 24 June and was well attended. A vigorous post-promenade discussion on Waste Management was useful in understanding the CEC's and residents' viewpoints (thanks to Anne Casson for assisting with planning the route and for the hospitality). I attended my last NP meeting on 17 June, and Audrey Cavaye was introduced as my successor.
- Two new consultation requests have been received: Building Heights and Roofscapes and Accessibility in the Built Environment. We have until 6 August to comment, so if anyone is particularly interested in either topic please let me know.
- I attended the Scottish Government's Development Management Forum – Experiences of Pre-application Consultation at Victoria Quay on 18 June. This was well attended by Local Authority planning officers (mainly from the Central Belt), developers, and a handful of community councils. I was able to lead on our experience since last August (Haddington Place etc) and received good support from some other attendees. It is clear that CEC is ahead of the game in notifying community councils of major developments and agreeing meetings etc as they have an officer specifically dedicated to this purpose which no other LA in the room said they could afford, but not good in notifying changes to the schemes. Although the new Act does not require this, the meeting felt it was desirable if not essential if the PAN process was to be fully satisfactory. After all if Third Party Right of Appeal had been granted it would have come at the end of the

process not at the beginning. An interesting fact released by SG planners is that the volume of letters of objection has dropped considerably countrywide, so the new system must be working to a certain degree.

- I attended the Civic Forum on 22 June at which there was more discussion on this topic and we learnt that 41 PANs are being processed across the city. We also heard that there had been a good response to the “Open Space Strategy” consultation.
- Not strictly planning, but to record I attended the CEC/CC Joint Meeting on 21 June, ostensibly on “The Role of Community Councils on Neighbourhood Partnerships”. Unfortunately this turned into basic training for CCs with virtually no mention of how the NPs are working overall – so a wasted evening.
- Revised application made in Aug 2009 re Logie Green Road next to poppy factory. Neighbourhood notification for this had been issued.
- Primark circular to residents re Rose Street about the programme of works in Aug.

8. Licensing: Iain McGill

No report

9. Traffic and Transport: Patrick Hutton

TRO on trams now seems to be September however if issued the transport sub-group could meet in between. Discussed proposed redesign of A roads - A and B roads. The (a) may have bracket off. Clarification needed about York Place tram stop. **Action:** Ian Mowat to take forward.

10. Treasurer’s report: Bill Dunlop

Figures - June £955.05

Outgoings: Annual subscription to Cockburn Association £40

Rent for Drummond High School £40

Web hosting £129.99

Rental for church £ 20

Total left £731.91p

Eileen on holiday for the next CC grant – **Action:** Bill to chase

Web hosting: now using storm Internet – is still having teething problems but hope to be active for the new session. Bill will follow this up with help from Rodger Preece. In meantime CC to think about what goes on website and add website to advert in Spurtle. **Action:** Bill to email CC members when up and running.

11. Notice Board

Due to heavy commitments DW is unable to keep notice board up-to date. Ross Maclean to take over duties.

Other places to advertise meetings: Royal Bank by Dundas Street bus stop. **Action:** Ian Mowat to write and enquire about having a space and if they would support it.

Broughton Street school: **Action:** Ian to contact Norman Prentice

Your Edinburgh - public notice board provided in McDonald Road library, Alan Welsh’s Gardens & Sue Jarvie - West End Gardens, Glass and Thomson, St Andrew Place and St Georges. Note people have to commit to do this regularly – revisit in September

12. Activities of Local Street and Amenity Associations

Rose Street - incident with a recycling bin lid - suggestion to report this to David Sinclair
Drummond Place Garden Party went well

13. Any Other Business

Possible laundry on 19a Abercrombie place - has been handed over to the authorities. Also suggestion to contact planning residential building as this may be a change of use.

14. Details of next meeting:

6th September 7:30 Drummond High School Library.