

**Draft Minutes for Leith Central Community Council Meeting held on 16th
January 2012 at MacDonald Road Library, 7.30-9.00pm**

Attendance

John Hein	Acting Chair LCCC
Roland Reid	Secretary LCCC
Anne Munro	Treasurer LCCC
Jenny MacKenzie	Communication and minutes LCCC,
Harald Tobermann	LCCC
Annette O'Carroll	Convenor Planning sub-committee LCCC
Jim Scanlon	Chair of Leith Links CC
Ann Stark	Friends of Hillside Crescent Association
Jim Scanlon	Chair of Leith Links Community Council
MSP Malcolm Chisholm	Lab. North Edinburgh
Loraine Duckworth	City of Edinburgh Council
Charlotte Encombe	LCCC and Greener Leith
PC Mark Hamilton	Lothian and Borders Police
Julian Siann	LCCC
Juan Gardia Navarro	LCCC
Sarah Marsh	Resident
Peter Mellors	Resident
Phil Attridge	Pilmeny Youth Centre.
Seamus Skinner	SNP candidate
Nick Gardner	Labour candidate

1.0 Introductions and Announcements.

2.0 Apologies for absence

Cllr Deidre Brock	City Councilor Leith Walk (SNP)
Stan Eadie	Convenor Transport sub-committee LCCC

3.0 Approval of Minutes of the Meeting of 12th December 2011.

Approved by Anne Munro
Seconded by Nick Gardner

4. Community Police Officer's Report..

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5. Closure of Leith Water World.

Seamus Skinner reported on behalf of Cllr Deidre Brock in response to the first motion carried at the last meeting (December 12th) 'that Leith Water World should be kept open until the opening of the RCP'.

The Chair put two motions to the committee:

6.0 Matters Arising

6.1 Seafield Community Wind Turbine Funding Bid

Charlotte Encombe for Greener Leith reported that the funding bid for £80,000 for the proposed Seafield Wind Turbine was successful, attracting more than 4,000 signatures of support. The joint application was submitted by Pedal Power and Greener Leith. The project could generate a surplus of £25,000 for 25 years for community projects. Cllr Brock noted that there are various models, including Development Trusts, which can be considered when seeking to disperse community funds. Charlotte said that a great deal of work now needs to be done in working towards making the wind turbine a reality.

The CC asked the secretary to write to Scottish Water expressing noting Cc support for the project.

6.2 Gaelic Medium Education Bonnington PS

The decision to open the Gaelic School in Bonnington Primary School has been approved and the school will open in August 2013.

6.3 Web Site Development

LeithcentralCC site/blog is now functioning and up to date. Jenny has posted recent minutes, Psc meeting reports, dates of meetings for 2012 and several stories about recent new and events. Jenny resumes her role as communications officer with LCCC. It was suggested that notices be placed in McDonald Road library announcing the website details.

6.4 107A Ferry Road. Cllr Blacklock reported that there had been no further reports of noise disturbance. Cllr Brock is to meet with a Cyrenians' representative in one week's time.

7. Open Forum

Hoardings at the front of the Shrub Place empty building site blew down in the recent gales. Cllr Brock noted that City and Leith NP manager Mike Penny is involved in ongoing discussions with the developer about how to improve the appearance of the site. Members noted that there are already too many derelict (gap) sites in the Leith area.

8. Future of the Transport sub-committee

In Stan Eadie's absence, discussion was postponed until the January meeting.

9. Officer and Councillor Reports

No Secretary's Report

Treasurer's Report. The account reflects a balance of just over £1840. It was agreed by members that, in the event of no further progress being made with the project planned by the previous Chair Stewart Blaik, the remaining approximate £600 of the Leith Decides money should be returned.

Planning

Roland Reid gave a summary of the last Psc meeting (December 5th) in convenor Annette O'Carroll's absence. Notes of the meeting to be posted on the website under Minutes and Reports.

Under Update on Current Applications 1.7. 222 Easter Road. LCCC had supported the Psc objection to a proposed conversion of a redundant shop into two very small flats. This application has been refused. Members supported recording an objection

raised to the ‘unacceptably threatening language’ that had been used by the developer in response to the LCCC objection.

In response to a query by Nick Gardner about LCCC’s response to the application for Prior Demolition at 2-8, 3-11, 15, 17 & 19 West Bowling Green Street and 26

Anderson Place, Harald Tobermann confirmed the Psc’s concern that buildings should not be demolished until planning approval had been granted in order to avoid adding to the many gap sites already existing in Leith.

Charlotte Encombe described the uncertainty surrounding the development of the Forth Ports land at Ocean Terminal and surrounding dockside areas and raised objection to the public being kept in the dark about the future of the area. Many local people who had invested a lot of time in attending consultations events over many months now have no idea about plans for the area. Cllr Brock committed to requesting more details from Forth Ports.

10. Date of next meeting.

The next meeting will be held on Monday February 20th 2012

Further meeting dates are as follows:

March 19th, April 23rd, May 14th (AGM), June 18th, August 20th, September 24th, November 19th, December 17th.