

Actions and decisions are RED ITALIC UNDERLINED SMALLCAPS. NEM CON means that no-one spoke or voted against a decision. URLs added by minutes' secretary.

1.1	<b>Attendance</b>
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## 1.2 Apologies

Bruce Ryan	Minutes secretary	Cllr Nick Gardner	Leith Walk ward (Labour)
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## 2 Minutes of the AGM of 18 May 2015

2.1 **Approval.** The minutes were approved with no changes (proposed C Encombe, seconded H Tobermann, *nem con*). There were no matters arising.

### 3 Chairperson's annual report, and questions from the floor

No report, no questions

**Secretary's annual report, and questions from the floor:**  
Members' Attendance Record below:

Members present			May 18	Jun 22	Aug 17	Sep 21	Oct 19	Nov 16	Dec	Jan 18	Feb 15	Mar 21	Apr 18	
Marion	Donaldson	elected/co-opted members	P	P	A				NO MEETING					
Charlotte	Encombe		P	P	A	A	A	P		P	P	P		
Anne	Finlay		P	P	P	P	P	P		P	P	P		
Adrian	Graham		P	P	P	P	P	P		P	P	P		
John	Hein		P	A	A	P	P	P		P	P	P		
Ross	McEwan		P		P	P		P		P	P	P		
Julian	Siann		P	P	P	P	P	P		P	P	A	P	
Irene	Sweeney		P	P	P	A								
Harald	Tobermann		P	P	P	P	P	P		P	P	P	P	
Leah	Lockhart		P											
Katherine	Chisholm											P	A	
Robert	Colasuonno											P		
Jeremy	Darot							P		P	A	P	A	P
Stan	Eadie											P	A	P
Loraine	Moore											A	A	P
Michael	Pisanek									P	P	P		
			10	7	6	6	6	7		7	11	7	11	
not a member		A = Sent apology					P = Attended							

**Treasurer's annual report and questions from the floor:****Accounts for Financial Year 2015 – 2016 – correct?**

Income	£ 989.06
Expenditure	£ 610.58
Cash in bank	£ 1655.44
Cash surplus.	£ 378.48
Net current assets	£ 2033.92

**4 Election of Office Bearers**

There was only one nominee for each post, so the following were re-elected *nem con*:

Position	Nominee	Proposed	Seconded
Chair	John Hein	C Encombe	H Tobermann
Vice chair	Herald Tobermann	John Hein	Anne Finlay
Secretary	Charlotte Encombe	Jeremy Darot	John Hein
Treasurer	Anne Finlay	H Tobermann	C Encombe

**5 AOCB****6 Introduction, attendance and apologies****7 Approval of Minutes of previous meeting (16 May 2016)**

The minutes were approved with the exception of item 6.4.2 to be finalised during meeting of 15 August 2016 (proposed C Encombe, seconded J Darot, *nem con*).

**8 Matters Arising**

It was agreed to share the cost of the Leith Gala stall and pay £15 in charges

**9 Community Police Officer's Report**

There has been a significant reduction in fire-raising. In the last month police have carried out educational visits to local schools. During the weekend after Hibbs' victory they had to close 4 bars due to the large number of people, however on the whole the event was very successful with very few arrests. Recorded crime is down by 12% (figures are compared to the 5-year average) and violent crime down 5%. Alcohol offences are down to zero, but this is perhaps due to them no longer being reported. House breaking is down by 27% and non-dwelling house breaking up by 40%. The latter was mainly due to one person who has now been apprehended. A Police Surgery is being held every Wednesday between 12-2pm at McDonald Road Library and the police is happy to be contacted to train householders in crime prevention.

**10 Presentation: TH Real Estates, developers of the new St James Centre**

TH Real Estate, owners of other shopping centres in the UK, will spend an estimated £500 on the new St James Centre, which will comprise of 850,000sqft retail space, a 5\* hotel, 152 residential units and student housing. Demolition will start at this Autumn and will last for 14-16 months. Principal access to the St James Centre demolition/Quarter development will be via York Place, but with a dedicated service lane on Leith St. There will be holding areas for surplus lorries on Regent Rd. Spoil will be crushed in Granton, with new building elements prefabricated off site. Work will be carried out 6 days per week, weekdays 0800–1800 and Saturdays 0800–1200, using up to 200 lorries per day. There will not be any parking for staff on the premises. Picardy Place is likely to be redeveloped towards 2020 and it is envisaged that the tram will be part of its redevelopment. There will be 1500 parking places. John Lewis will continue to trade from this location.

The exact routes for construction traffic are still being planned using the Council modelling system. As this system has shown its shortcomings in the past, there were several CC members who voiced their concerns over this issue, particularly as the routes as they currently stand, are through often narrow and/or cobbled streets, with traffic jams more than likely.

**11 Office Bearers' Reports**

none

## 12 Planning

- a)
- b) Dwelling house in Pilrig Park. It was agreed to object to this application
- c) Cambridge Avenue. A planning application for a back extension was turned down. Developer is now proposing a new scheme. It was agreed to object to this proposal as well.

## 13 Transport

- a) A consultation asking the public's views on new flight paths has been launched by Edinburgh Council: <http://www.letsgetfurther.com/>. Comments please by 17<sup>th</sup> August 2016.
- b) It was agreed to write in support of an application for a Car Club parking bay in Dalmeny Street [TRO/16/49](#).

## 14 Environment

- a) Friends of Parks Report: the summer picnic was very successful
- b) Cleanliness in our area. The statistics are still below par. As Edinburgh's the most densely populated area Leith produces a lot of rubbish and the resources to deal with this should match.

## 15 Councillors' reports, MSPs' reports, MP's report

Cllr Lewis Ritchie reported that Lidl are close to applying for planning permission for a store on the B&Q site in Easter Road with 78 parking spaces. As this would cause increased traffic he suggested Lidl should attend a future LCCC meeting.

Cllr Marion Donaldson reported that the Garden District Plan, a proposal to build over 1300 homes on Greenbelt land at the western end of the city, had been approved although she personally voted against it. She is currently looking at health provision in the ward and is visiting GP practices and she would welcome any feedback. She also reported that there are plans for another pedestrian crossing in Pilrig Street.

## 16 Open Forum

It was agreed that the issue of controlled parking should be discussed and Andrew McKay, Traffic Orders & Project Development Office should be invited to a future meeting

## 17 AOCB none

## 18 Dates of Future Meetings (3rd Monday of the month):

The following proposed dates were agreed for 2016: 15 August, 19 September\*, 17 October, 21 November, 19 December, 16 January 2017, 20 February, 20 March, 17 April, 22 May, 19 June AGM.

\*19 September: Paul Lawrence, new Executive Director "Place".