

# Meeting of Leith Central Community Council

Monday, 16th November 2015 at 7.00pm

McDonald Road Library, Nelson Hall



## AGENDA

1. Introduction, attendance and apologies
2. Approval of Minutes of the Meeting of 19th October 2015
3. Matters Arising
  - a. actions of previous minutes
4. Main Presentation or Discussion
  - a. *to agree*: LCCC position on [Draft Revised Student Housing Planning Guidance](#) (consultation finishes on Friday 20th November 2015)<sup>1</sup>
  - b. *to note*: developer's pre-application presentation on a residential development with associated parking, landscaping and accesses at 2 - 8, 3-11, 15,17, 19 West Bowling Green Street Edinburgh EH6 5PG ([15/04781/PAN](#))
5. Community Police Officer's Report
  - a. *to note*: Insp [Alan Carson's emails](#) (October 2015) and [letter 30/09/15](#) CS Mark Williams to Malcolm Chisholm, MSP
  - b. *to note*: update on [fire incident at Haddington Place 07/10/15](#)<sup>2</sup>
  - c. *to note*: update on CEC plans to cut current £2.6 million community police grant by £500,000 in 2016-17
6. LCCC Office Bearers' Reports
  - a. *to note*: update on potential CC interim election<sup>3</sup>
  - b. *to agree*: plan of action to temporarily (Mar-Oct 2016) replace LCCC Minutes Secretary

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<sup>1</sup> The revised guidance is intended to provide better locational clarity and ensure that regard is had to the character of each site's particular context, whilst continuing to promote or safeguard mixed, sustainable communities. This consultation gives LCCC an opportunity to influence downwards the amount of student accommodation. R McEwan stated that student accommodation cannot be converted to flats, while a resident stated that HMOs can be a costly option for students. D Giles stated that a building near Holyrood that had been planned as student accommodation but is now a hotel. B Ryan suggested that students should be accommodated in university-owned residences – privately-owned flats rented to students tend to be substandard.

<sup>2</sup> Spurtle 246: Three teenagers are sought in connection with a fire at the Haddington Place building site on 7 Oct. The lower-groundfloor blaze – started deliberately – caused £250k+ damage.

<sup>3</sup> CEC guidance: at interim election at least half of the maximum permitted elected seats (16) must be filled, so at least 8 elected nominees. This would involve current elected members re-applying.

The timescale would be as follows: Nomination period – 3 weeks; Notice of Poll (if necessary) – 10 days after close of nominations; Polling day (if necessary) – 3 weeks from Notice of Poll.

With reference to the Local Interest Groups, as per the Scheme, they would be required to re-register with the Council before the election.

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- c. *to agree*: refresh of nominated representatives<sup>4</sup>
- d. *to agree*: nomination of LCC Councillor to monitor LCCC comms activities (or temporary suspension of social media account)

## 7. Planning

- a. *to note*: update on Shrubhill ([13/00241/FUL](#)) approved drawings vs. as built
- b. *to note*: update LCCC's Index of Sites of Interest (<http://goo.gl/6a15e6>)

## 8. Transport

- a. *to note*: Water of Leith Walkway: (June?) closure between Newhaven Road and Anderson Place for safety reasons<sup>5</sup>
- b. *to note*: Leith Walk Repairs and Improvements
  - i. timeline of [St James Centre](#) works<sup>6</sup>
  - ii. update: Leith Walk repairs stakeholder meeting 26/10/15
  - iii. recap: [TRO/15/29](#) and [RSO/15/23](#) Leith Walk: Brunswick St to Dalmeny St: public consultation stage (20/10/15 to 17/11/15)<sup>7</sup>

## 9. Friends of Parks Report

## 10. Councillors' reports, MSPs' reports, MP's report

## 11. Open Forum<sup>8</sup>

## 12. AOCB

## 13. Dates of Future Meetings (3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the month):

2015: 21 December

2016: 18 January, 15 February, 21 March, 18 April, 16 May, 20 June (AGM)

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<sup>4</sup> CEC request: Greener Leith to nominate representative; Leith Business Association to provide the information required to complete their application; Friends of Pilrig Park to register with the Council as a Local Interest Group.

<sup>5</sup> Caroline Paterson, Natural Heritage Office (CEC: a boundary wall between the Walkway and adjacent land is in an unstable condition. We are currently working with the adjacent land owner to resolve this and I am in the process of obtaining quotes for some of the work required.

<sup>6</sup> see [email](#) to TH Real Estate 9/11/15

<sup>7</sup> Once this period has finished a decision about reporting to committee will be taken.

<sup>8</sup> space for *local* residents (non-LCCC members) to raise issues of *local* concern