

Minutes

25th August 2021

DTCC meeting 7pm on Zoom

Present: Pam Higgins, Vicky Nicholson, Hal Osler, Max Mitchell, Dave Pickering, Alex Dale, Penny, Donnelly

Apologies: Gavin Barrie, Jenny Williams

1. All welcomed
2. June minutes approved
3. Edinburgh Association of Community Councils. I was approached and asked if we could be listed on their website and kept up to date regarding their meetings. EACC is an advisory body that is there to help CC's with issues that they may be experiencing. It also acts as a place where CC's can come together to discuss common issues and ways of solving them. It also allows Edinburgh Council to communicate with 1 body rather than 45 separate entities. www.edinburghcommunitycouncils.org.uk
4. External Defibrillator now installed at the front door of Drylaw Parish Church for community use. All instructions on its use are on the unit itself, however you must phone 999 to be given the code to open the unit. The unit is on the left hand side of the door and is bright yellow. The installation is part of an Edinburgh wide church project, initiated by the Church of Scotland and is now extending to other denominations and faith traditions. It reflects the churches' commitment to support health and wellbeing and is in conjunction with St John's Ambulance Defibs across the City of Edinburgh. Drylaw Parish Church are also seeking to support health in other ways by starting to offer contributions towards mental health, in partnership with PCHP. I have posted a flyer on our facebook page with information on this - Capaciter – which is an internationally used way to support people enabling them to support themselves. This is on Monday lunchtime at 12.30pm and is open to anyone who might appreciate 45 minutes of body/mind relaxation and reflection.
5. Edinburgh Agroecology Group – Lauriston Farm Walkround – looking for volunteers who may be interested
6. Drylaw Shops Landscape – Cllr Whyte has received complaints regarding the state of Drylaw shops in terms of weeds, landscape etc. Elaine Lennon has spoken to the maintenance team who have advised that they will be starting to weed soon and will also schedule a deeper clean. Could we discuss what we would like to happen with the vicinity of the shops and I could take it back to Elaine Lennon and discuss the possibility of a community grant? Separate meeting to be arranged to discuss options going forward.
7. Inverleith Neighbourhood Network Funding Panel – 2 reps from Drylaw – Dave Pickering from DTCC and Alex Dale from DTCA
8. Treasurer Report - £3044.22 – We need to spend some as we may have it taken back/not awarded future annual grants.
9. Brown Bin charges – Alex Dale has emailed all 4 councillors and has urged DTCC to raise this and object directly to CEC and the convener of transport and waste councillor Lesley MacInnes on behalf of Drylaw and Telford. Concern that this increase in charge is going to increase the amount of garden waste being dumped in and around the open green spaces within DTCC boundaries. This has now been passed and cannot be changed.
10. Zoom subscription for DTCC agreed.
11. Website for DTCC agreed – planning meeting to be arranged.