

Drylaw Telford Community Council

22nd February 2023

Drylaw Neighbourhood Centre

Minutes

Attendance: Pam Higgins (Secretary), Thomas Brown (Acting Chair), Jason Whitefield (DNC), Sara Collins (DNC), Jackie Brown (Treasurer), Eileen Brash (Drylaw Parish Church), Penny Donnelly

Apologies: Jimmy Galloway (Chair), Hal Osler, Jule Bandel, Abdul Mukit, Max Mitchell, Dave Pickering,

1. Welcome & Apologies

- Thomas welcomed everyone and the above apologies were noted.

2. Declarations of Interest

- None

3. Minutes of Last Meeting

- Approved

4. Chair Report

- Keen to return (hopefully next month) as he is awaiting a new wheelchair which will enable him to do this. Aware of the potential of appointing a new Chair if he is unable to attend in the near future.

5. Secretary Report

- 1. The National Lottery Community fund is supporting communities to mark the Coronation. It can be applied for from the National Lottery for Coronation related events and up to 10k is available via the National Lottery Awards for All programme. Applications to be in by the end of February.
- 2. Edinburgh Airport has £140k available to local groups, social enterprises, and charities through its community fund this year. The funding is being made available to those working to improve opportunities and services available to people in their communities. Funds will be allocated during 3 meetings of the Community Board in April, August and November. Priority will be given to applications which reflect the 4 pillars of the airport's Greater Good sustainability strategy – zero carbon, enhancing Scotland, Scotland's Best Business and Trusted Neighbour. Rosy Hume – HT (Rowanfield) wondered if we could do something together with the 2 Schools, DNC and the Church.
- 3. Scottish Government consultation on Firework Control Zones (FCZ) There are 2 in person workshops on Mon 6 March being held in Edinburgh at Sandy's Community Centre in Craigmillar. There is also an online workshop on 31st March. The Scottish Government is developing guidance on the Firework Control Zones (FCZ) and is consulting with communities to share more information about FCZ and obtain views on: - Issues that a FCZ could address and prompt an application; - How consultation on whether to designate a FCZ could be triggered; - Consultations on FCZ and best practice;
- 4. Update from Hal: She has had a lot of comments on the up-keep of paths. I have emailed a copy of Q's & A's that Hal Osler's Lib Dem colleague from Forth Ward submitted to full council on 9th February and there is also a copy here for anyone to look at. Lighting on the path connecting the cycle path to Telford Drive. 3 to 5 Telford Dr We have received lighting designs from The City of Edinburgh Councils Street lighting team;

however, the designs rely on the removal of the root systems of 2 large trees, 1 at 3 and 1 at 5 Telford Drive. Both are very large trees that are in falling distance to properties and Telford Drive (road and pedestrian access). CEC does not own either of the trees, they are owned by the properties, for CEC to progress these works we will need owners' consent and will have to go through the CEC planning department to remove the trees.

6. Police Report

- Stats - unavailable confirmed stats this month
- Parking on Telford Drive – Stuart Sinclair – Traffic Liaison Officer (between Police and Council). Forwarded images on to Projects Team at Council and in agreement that something needs to be done (parking in unrestricted bay but therefore blocking designated permit bays opposite). Cllr Nicolson added that Andrew McKay (CEC) is looking in to this and has passed it on to the Controlled Parking Zone and Yellow Lines Team.
- Issues with parking etc at Ferryhill Primary School – asked for this to be raised with CEC to implement temporary bollards, ANPR camera or similar.
- Jackie raised issue with inconsiderate and dangerous parking Wester Drylaw Place which sometimes creates difficulty manoeuvring.
- Pavement parking legislation will be implemented in December 2023.
- North Edinburgh Community Festival will be taking place this year and looks like it could be bigger than last year.
- Cllr Nicolson has received a letter from Chief Superintendent Sean Scott who is aware within Wester Drylaw of issues with 2 known criminal gangs. An Investigation team has been assembled and it is being taken seriously. Chief Inspector Neil Wilson would like to liaise with the DNC when a Development Worker is appointed to look at how we can work with the North West Youth Consortium on how we can improve things. Urges anyone who sees any suspicious behaviour/crime to report to 101. Crimestoppers can also be contacted if anyone prefers to give an anonymous statement.

7. Treasurer Report

- No change. Ferryhill Primary has responded to our offer of between £500 and £1000 and has asked for a shed to be used for a sharing shed within the playground. Agreed for a £500 cheque to be issued. The Head Teacher also clothes for outdoors - £500 agreed. Thomas Brown will take photos and write a piece on this to include in our new quarterly newsletter.

8. Councillors Report

- Cllr Nicolson - Fly tipped area in Wester Drylaw now cleared. Jackie has asked for another area in Wester Drylaw to be addressed and has agreed to go for a walk round with Councillor Nicolson to identify areas needing cleared.
- East West Traffic Survey today – how traffic moves across the city from one side to the next. Aims to reduce private car journeys and encourage other forms of active travel and public transport.
- Abandoned shopping trolleys – a consultation currently in process at Craigleith Retail Park to re-develop their car park in the hope to reduce trolleys being removed (amongst other things). Significant reduction on trolleys noticed on cycle paths. Please contact Cllr Nicolson if any abandoned trolleys are noticed.
- Natalie (NEA) – freelance gardener who did Scrans for Bees looking to do a wildflower project in Easter Drylaw Park.
- Litter pick – large scale towards end of March? Involve the school potentially?

9. Open Space Consultation

- 2 areas in Wester Drylaw for potential development, planting trees in Easter Drylaw Gardens (mature trees 10ft in from the road).
- ? picnic benches, fitness equipment in the vicinity of the play park in Easter Drylaw Park.
- Is there a possibility to have a graffiti project within the skate park which would hopefully stop individuals graffitiing other areas.
- Funding application has been submitted - £5000 applied for. £876 shortfall which would need to come from Community Council. Could the Community Council round up and donate £1000 towards this?
- Children from both schools will be consulted as will Drylaw Neighbourhood Centre. There will also be 2 open day events (DNC and Church) - £200 to each venue for room hire. Also looking at events in the park (? May-June) and to encourage local people to come and share their views.
- Consultation reports will be analysed and designs proposed. A stall will be held at Drylaw Neighbourhood Centre Funday in the summer with these plans to gauge the opinion and feedback of the local community.

10. Recruitment of new Community Councillors

- How can we campaign for new members?
- Publish dates of meetings for the coming year.
- Could we design and distribute a quarterly newsletter online? Also print a small quantity to have in the Church, School, Neighbourhood Centre etc. First Newsletter to be ready for the summer. Send anything to be included to Pam Higgins who will design.
- Sara Collins would consider joining dependant on work commitments.
- Could we also share news links etc on our Community Council website.
- Add forthcoming meeting dates, agendas and minutes to community noticeboards. Jackie has agreed to add these to the notice board at the church. Pam Higgins and Sara Collins will add these to the Parent Council noticeboard.

11. Any other business? None

12. Date of next meeting – 22nd March 2023