

Minutes of Drylaw Telford Community Council Meeting
Held on Wednesday 26th August 2015

Welcome

Alex Dale as the Chair welcomed the Community Council members.

Attendance

Alex Dale (Chair), Derek Hanley, Mhiari Curran, Eileen Brash(EDRA), Councillor Lesley Hinds, Councillor Nigel Bagshaw, PC's Andy Morrow & Neil McCrae.

Also in Attendance

Helen Stockham (CEC Parks & Greenspace).

Apologies for Absence

Ian Greenhaulgh, Jackie Brown, Martin Hinds (DNC), Ruth Stanley (CEC North Office), Councillor Gavin Barrie and Alison Johnstone MSP.

Approve Minutes of the previous meeting 24th June 2015

Minutes were approved as a correct record

Proposed by Derek Hanley seconded by Mhiari Curran.

Police Report

'Operation Rack' has been a success so far with a reduction in break-ins both of house and gardens sheds, Operation Quarterly is ongoing and is targeting bike and car thefts but there still an issue stolen Bikes and an increase Cycle theft and police are conducting a series of workshops on bike marking. Through the CEC Police Funding Inverleith have two officers detailed to Community issues and Community Councils they are PC Andy Morrow & PC Emily Grimwood.

Various ways to contact them either by using the 101 phone No., or their personal emails Andrew.Morrow@Scotland.ppn.police.uk Emily.Grimwood@Scotland.ppn.police.uk or via the Community Policing email EdinburghInverleithCPT@Scotland.ppn.police.uk

Councillors Report

Councillor Bagshaw reported along with Councillor Barrie had on behalf Skatepark project contacted CEC planning with regard to the position of final plan and amended drainage design, Planning confirm that the design met the full constraints approved with original Plan Approval and a letter will be sent to Freestyle requesting additional information with regard to the construction stage of the Project.

Councillor Hinds confirmed she had contacted Waste Management with regard to Derek's issues raised at our June meeting, Derek confirmed that there was an improvement but still ongoing issues Councillor Hinds will pursue these.

Councillor Hinds advised that following the last INP public meeting there is still available Roads money in this year's NEP fund she asked CC if there was area's carriageway/footpaths suitable for NEP projects, various locations within both Easter Drylaw & Telford were identified and Councillor Hinds would take these forward along with DTCC support as NEP projects.

MP Report

Community Council recorded their disappointment that Michelle Thompson MP failed to attend with no apologies after requesting a time on the agenda to address them. CC. *Post meeting Ian (DTCC Secretary) received an apology from her secretary that her non-attendance was due him putting the wrong date into her diary.*

Treasurers Report

There is presently £972;03p in the bank account.

EDRA

Eileen reported that there was not a meeting in July so not much to report back, Mhiari confirmed that EDRA had a walkabout with Steven Cuthill, CEC North Environment Manager with regard to Living Landscapes sites in Easter Drylaw. Sites were agreed and Steven will refer them back to Living Landscapes team, there will be ongoing dialogue between EDRA and CEC.

Telford

Derek reported that there have been a lot of issues with regard to the External Cladding Scheme ongoing within Telford this is mainly due to poor standard of work by the contracted company. He confirmed that he would be attending Manor Estates AGM and make reference to these issues and he would also ask why they have declined to part fund the NEP project to renew Drylaw/Telford Steps upgrade namely new fencing on the Manor Estates side.

Derek said that since his walkabout with CEC Parking Officer and the then reference to illegal parking he confirmed that wardens are now visiting the area and tickets have been issued.

Councillor Hinds asked if the Priority Parking Consultation Letter have been received, Derek was not aware of receiving them yet, Councillor Hinds will contact parking operations for an update.

Ferryhill School

No report.

Friends of Park.

Following an invitation from DTCC, Helen Stockham from CEC, Parks & Greenspace gave a presentation on how to set up a Friends of Park and potential benefits of a friends group. CC will not be involved with the Friends Group but will offer assistance in setting it up. Mhiari will pass all this information to Roy Douglas, manager Drylaw Neighbourhood Centre as their Parents & Toddlers group are an interested party. CC will arrange for an open consultation with residents possibly on the night of CC October meeting, Helen will supply maps of Drylaw Park.

Co-option of new members to DTCC.

Councillor Hinds as Returning Officer confirmed she had received confirmation on the process of co-option to Community Councils if there were multiple candidates to places available this she laid before CC and they were happy to proceed to co-opt new members.

Four residents at expressed an interest to be co-opted namely :- Malcolm Jeffrey, Dave Pickering, Fiona Smit & Saira Walker, following our June mtg when the decision to delay to allow Councillor Hinds to seek confirmation to election procedures, chair emailed all four advising of the decision reached at our June mtg and asked them to confirm their position if they still wished to be co-opted as of the meeting both Malcolm Jeffrey & Dave Pickering confirmed they are, Saira Walker wish to consider her position and no response from Fiona Smit. Dave Pickering also stated that if there are more than 2 persons seeking co-option he would stand aside.

Chair advised that he had received an email forwarded on by our Secretary prior to the meeting from a 5th resident Moira Tasker wishing to join the CC.

It was decided that we should co-opt one place and defer the 2nd place till our September meeting at this meeting this was to allow Chair to invite Moira Tasker to meet CC.

Chair proposed Malcolm Jeffrey this was seconded by Eileen Brash. There being no other nominations Councillor Hinds declared that Malcolm Jeffrey was co-opted.

Services for Communities (Performance Quarterly Report)

Ruth Stanley due to holidays was unable to present this Quarter's Report but sent a copy for CC to comment on. CC agreed that there was a lot of hard work in producing this report on SfC performance but felt a lot of it was not relevant to what we would like to receive. It was decided that Chair will contact Ruth and discuss what the CC felt was more relevant to Drylaw Telford.

AOB

There was no other business.

Date of next meeting

Wednesday 30th September 2015, 7:00pm, Drylaw Neighbourhood Centre.