

- It was suggested that local infrastructure is already overburdened. FL agreed that parking is a big issue, and noted that the developers will be required to contribute towards schools, and other infrastructure.
- They will also engage with Lothian Buses about transport services.
- JL is looking to get planning permission in principal, which is likely (but not guaranteed) to ensure envisaged contributions to infrastructure once the site is sold.
- C Encombe stated that good design is highly desirable, that she is in favour of balconies, and that gardens should be on the sunny side of buildings, with car parks on the shady side. It is important that people can easily walk and cycle through the area.
- There was a question about the numbers of people currently employed by JL at the site.
- There was concern about loss of trees and green space, and a suggestion that the developers consult with the conservation trust over such issues. FL will take this back to the developers.
- Demolition is likely to be 'sooner rather than later'. JL will endeavour to keep the site secure until work starts.

4 Community Police Officer's Report

PC Mitchell reported

- She and colleagues are no longer receiving crime statistics, and so derive them themselves.
- PS has been tackling rough sleepers in July and August, with work starting around 6am each morning.
- There have been many complaints about youth disorder in Dalmeny Park which is being used as a drinking den.
 - PS are targeting outlets in Portobello and Leith that might be supplying alcohol to underage drinkers.
 - PS have arrested a person selling drugs in the park (and driving while disqualified).
 - PS community team also caught a housebreaker.
- Next month, Operation Pumpkin will tackle fireworks and other disorder on Halloween.
 - They will also use plainclothes officers and licensing officials to tackle illegal selling of fireworks.
- Inspector Alan Carson is now on temporary promotion to Chief Inspector, covering Wester Hailes. His role is being covered by Sgt Andrew Johnson of the community team. A Sgt from response is covering for Sgt Weaver, who is on long-term sick-leave.
 - H Tobermann was concerned about the community team's stability but PC Mitchell said that this was in hand.
- Asked about motorcycle nuisances, PC Mitchell noted that only traffic police could pursue such perpetrators, but there had been success using CCTV and plain-clothes officers.

5 LCCC Office Bearers' Reports

5.1 Treasurer's Report

Current balance £2886-74, i.e. no change

5.2 Remit of subgroups spokes persons, representatives

5.2.1 Planning

J Siann to convene meeting in September, Nick Gardner is to join this group.

5.2.2 Parks and green spaces

- N Gardner noted that because Sophie Brown is no longer heading Friends of Pilrig Park, someone needs to take on this role. There is an application in progress to improve the children's play area.
- C Encombe proposed campaigning for renovation of Coallie Park, potentially in collaboration with a neighbouring CC whose area contains part of this park.
- Where a Friends of Parks group is active, it should be supported in its work, rather than LCCC directly taking on such actions.

5.2.3 Transport & clean streets

H Tobermann has produced a draft remit: LCC should 'look after' firstly pedestrians, then public transport users, then cyclists, then waste collection/street cleaning, then delivery vehicles to local businesses, then delivery vehicles to private addresses, then through-traffic. The group will monitor, cleanliness and upkeep of public realm, including street lighting, street-cleansing, pollution, TROs and enforcement, work with LCCC parking group, monitor Leith Programme, trams plans, review remit annually (i.e. all public spaces except parks and green corridors, which are to the concern of 'parks and green spaces'). **ACTION: THIS DRAFT REMIT TO BE DISCUSSED (AND AMENDED) BEFORE BEING ADOPTED.**

5.2.4 Communications

J Caldwell stated that this group's role was to 'shout from the rooftops' that LCCC exists, and to get a stronger digital presence (including Facebook), photos of CC members on the website.

- JC to organise a meeting, and comms group to get the noticeboard attractively branded.

5.2.5 Parking

I MacLeod has already organised a meeting of this group and circulated a remit agreed by the group: to work with ward councillors, CEC officials and local residents' associations to consult with residences on whether or not there is a need to introduce parking restrictions.

5.2.6 Equalities

A Harlick not present – **HELD OVER UNTIL OCTOBER**

5.3 [Leith Links CC/Community Choices Fund Grant](#)

S Millar of Leith Links CC reported that LLCC has been awarded a large grant by the Scottish Government to disburse via a Participatory Budgeting process. This follows on from the £20,000 from the SG Community Choices fund they disbursed last year, so they wish to make this a 'whole of Leith' operation, partnering with the other two Leith CCs.

- There are discussions as to how this PB exercise will align with Leith Decides.
- ***ACTION: C ENCOMBE AND ONE OTHER LCCC MEMBER (TO BE DECIDED) TO BE ON THE WORKING GROUP.***

5.4 Communications Group

See item 5.2.4 above.

6 Planning**6.1 [Places, Planning and People conference report](#)**

- J Slann outlined the current planning scenario, including the recent SG consultation and widespread dissatisfaction with the current systems. He noted that proposals including moving from a 5-year cycle to a 10-year cycle, although some feel that this would be too long, that in general there is a state of flux, and that there will be new primary legislation soon, followed by appropriate secondary legislation. The role of community councils in all of this is not yet clear.
- JS reported that [Planning Democracy](#) 'hit the nail on the head' by asking 'how do we get people involved in planning?'
- JS reported that the other big issues was 'section 75', under which local authorities can obtain money from developers towards local infrastructures, but there are sometime difficulties obtaining this money.

6.2 [Timetable \('scheme'\) for Edinburgh Local Development Plan \(LDP 2\): October 18 – October 20](#)

This timetable was noted. H Tobermann stated that possible inputs include concerns over Air B&Bs.

6.3 CEC consultation: [Strategy for setted streets](#)

This consultation was noted. See also [post on LCCC website](#).

7 Transport and clean streets**7.1 Plans for tram extension down Leith Walk**

- H Tobermann noted that there was an additional meeting of CEC's Transport & Environment Committee (4 September 2017) to discuss only the [Updated Outline Business Case](#) for the extension. He devised this [presentation](#), which was well received by the TEC.
- He subsequently met with Paul Lawrence, Director of Place, to discuss a [draft LCCC response to the situation](#). In this document, the left column is LCCC's concerns, while the right column is the aspirations by Paul Lawrence of what will be done in response. These are not yet agreed by CEC.
- ***ACTION: H TOBERMANN TO TAKE THIS DOCUMENT TO THE FULL CEC MEETING ON 21 SEPTEMBER 2017, SUBJECT TO INCLUDING BUSINESSES ON EASTER ROAD IN ACTION 3.***

7.2 Leith Programme Phase 4 (Iona St to McDonald Road)

HT asked for other contributions/comments to the draft response in section 7.1 above (Point 2).

7.2.1 [RNIB Scotland letter](#) to CEC's Andrew Kerr and [supporting documents](#)

This letter, expressing concerns over safety for blind/partially-sighted people, was sent to CEC on 11 August.

7.3 Leith Programme (McDonald Road to Montgomery St): FOI request regarding lack of progress of hearing

HT noted that there has been no progress!

7.4 Leith Programme (Montgomery St to Playhouse)

HT noted that there has been no progress.

7.5 LCCC working group on parking

- I MacLeod reported that the group had met with Andrew McKay of CEC and the ward councillors to outline the relevant issues. CEC will not do a formal consultation unless LCCC has already done its own informal one. ***ACTION: WORKING GROUP TO UNDERTAKE SUCH A CONSULTATION, LCCC COMMS GROUP TO AID THIS.***
- It was noted that people who wish changes to the current parking arrangements should email controlledparkingzone@edinburgh.gov.uk, giving reasons why controlled parking should be introduced.

7.6 Request to Places for People to improve pedestrian circulation and safety at Dryden Street bridge and Shrub Place

HT noted that there has been no response to this request, despite chasing them by phone.

8 Parks & Green Spaces**8.1 Friends of Pilrig Park**

N Gardner reported that FoPP's AGM will be on 9 October.

8.2 Friends of Montgomery Street Park

No update

8.3 Other Friends groups

No items

9 Councillors' reports, MSPs' reports, MP's report

No items

10 Open Forum

S Kennedy urged LCCC members to answer the [consultation on Low Emissions Zones](#) (closing date 28 November).

11 Bulletin

11.1 [Picardy Place is changing: 'what it means for you' information sessions](#)

These will be at Valvona & Crolla Vincaffè, 11 Multrees Walk

- Friday 22 September (4pm to 7pm)
- Saturday 23 September (10am to 4pm)

12 AOCB

No items

13 Future Meetings (usually 3rd Monday of the month) and meeting topics/presentations

13.1 future meetings to May 2018

As June minutes, section 12.1

13.2 future presentations/discussions

- TBC planning and enforcement issues in Cambridge Avenue
- date TBC: North East Locality Manager Natalie McKail (or maternity cover)
- date TBC: impact of City Deal and [Council Business Plan 2017-22](#) on LCCC area