

## Minutes of the Leith Harbour and Newhaven Community Council meeting, held at Leith Community Centre on Tuesday 22 November 2016 at 7.00pm

Actions and decisions are RED ITALIC UNDERLINED SMALLCAPS. NEM CON means that no-one spoke or voted against a decision.

### 1 Attendance and apologies

#### 1.1 Attendance

Stewart Auld	LHNCC	Arthur Young	LHNCC
Elaine Dick	LHNCC	Bruce Ryan	Minutes secretary
James F Duff	LHNCC	Michael Traill	Leith Links CC
Rob Levick	LHNCC vice-chair	PC Paul McNiven	Police Scotland
Allan Mackie	LHNCC secretary	PC Margo Darling	Police Scotland
Blyth A McLucas	LHNCC	Cllr Chas Booth	Leith ward (Green)
Jennifer Marlborough	LHNCC	Don Giles	Friends of the Water of Leith Basin
Bonita Preacher	LHNCC treasurer	Gillian Meek	Victoria Primary school parent council
Douglas Tharby	LHNCC		

#### 1.2 Apologies for absence

Robert Weir LHNCC chair | Heather Ford resident | Cllr Gordon Munro Leith ward (Labour)

### 2 Minutes of previous meeting (25 October 2016)

Adopted *nem con*

### 3 Matters arising

#### 3.1 Waterfront Plaza

The secretary noted that he had submitted LHNCC's comment on this development to the planning department of Edinburgh Council (CEC) despite the deadline having passed. (The comment was drafted by J Marlborough.)

J Marlborough noted that she had copied the comment to Cala and the architect, that LHNCC can only have representation if the matter goes to appeal. (CEC is considering the application on 21 December.), that CEC are visiting the site on 2 December (LHNCC may not approach CEC during this visit)

D Giles suggested that CEC should invite an LHNCC representative to the site visit, although no questions would be allowed in his experience.

It was noted that the development is due to have 425 housing units and 373 parking spaces, 70 of which are for non-residents.

ACTION: SECRETARY TO CHASE UP SITE-VISIT INVITATION

#### 3.2 Speeding on Ocean Drive

The secretary noted that there are regular speeders, and that LHNCC has been asked to report speeding but (in his experience) it is very difficult to see registration numbers, although it is possible to note the makes of speeding cars. The PCs requested being told about speeding so that Police Scotland (PS) could know when they are most likely to apprehend speeders during their planned day of action. (This is due before the start of 2017.)

It was emphasised that people reporting speeding should record the incident number of their report.

The PCs noted that cars can be subject to ASBOs, as well as their drivers. If a car receives 2 ASBOs, it will be seized, even if it is between owners. However a law-abiding person buying a car which has an ASBO will not automatically receive an ASBO him- or herself.

#### 3.3 SESplan

J Marlborough has submitted comments on this. She went to the open day, which was poorly attended.

It was noted that the new Local Development Plan, which will cover the next 10 years, is to be adopted by CEC on Thursday 24 November, because this is the final iteration of SESplan.

It was agreed that J Marlborough would become LHNCC's planning correspondent.

#### 3.4 Xmas lights switch-on (6:30pm on 12 December at Victoria Primary School)

It was noted that the following costs will be paid by LHNCC

• lighting	circa £146	• venue hire	circa £036
• chocolates for attending children	circa £150	• 1st aiders	circa £040

'Santa' has been procured. It was agreed *nem con* to give him a small honorarium.

## 4 Reports

### 4.1 Police

(See also crime statistics in PS document in appendix 1 of this minute, but please note the statistics therein are work in progress. The PCs will get clarification about releasing statistics in electronic format in due course.)

The PCs emphasised that there is no imminent plan to close the current Leith police station – PS is committed to delivering local policing. There is a review of PS estates, but nothing will happen without community consultation. There **may** eventually be a building to house integrated services (e.g. PS, CEC, judiciary) but in any case there **will** be a police station in Leith.

Operation Rigoletto is about implementing the new 'beat'/community police officer scheme.

The PCs reported the following crime statistics:

- 13 break-ins
- 38 common assaults
- 1 attempted murder
- 1 serious assault
- 1 robbery and assault
- 16 driving offences
- 69 theft offences
- 5 racially aggravated conduct

An LHNCC member was concerned that 70 cars had been vandalised in Newhaven Road, Hawthornvale et over the Halloween weekend. The PCs responded that they had interrupted youths around Cables Wynd etc, so these youths moved on to other 'activities'. However only 30 such crimes have been recorded, and an officer has been tasked with investigating these.

### 4.2 Treasurer

The treasurer reported that LHNCC had amalgamated its former three accounts, and now has £1759.

She is looking into online banking with e.g. [Triodos](#). It is possible that such accounts will not get a debit card – this might be problematic if LHNCC wishes to buy things online.

### 4.3 Planning

(See also Waterfront Plaza in section 3.1 above.)

It was noted that Aldi's application to build a store had been refused, due to issues with the planned parking arrangements, but that Aldi may appeal this decision. Concerns were raised about air pollution in the area.

### 4.4 Secretary

The secretary had circulated CEC's model constitution for CCs, which was now adopted *nem con*. It was signed by the secretary and the vice-chair, and will now be forwarded to the chair to sign and return to CEC.

Concerning the [Next steps for community engagement seminar](#), which costs £150 per attendee:

- The secretary has asked if CCs could attend without charge
- B Ryan reiterated his suggestion that 3 CCs could send one joint representative, hence costing them £50 each. M Traill agreed to ask whether Leith Links CC would contribute to this.
- J Marlborough is able to go on behalf of several nearby CCs, but suggested having a reserve in place.

M Traill noted that LLCC is setting up a planning training event – LHNCC and Leith Central CC will be invited. LLCC is also trying to set up licensing training in February, and a social event for Leith CCLRs (2 February 2017 at 7pm in Leith Dockers' Club).

## 5 AOCB

- An LHNCC member had been asked about the rusty handrails from Western Harbour Place to Western Harbour View. It was noted that they are dilapidated, and they are the responsibility of CEC, but CEC has not found money to renew them. **ACTION: CLLR BOOTH TO CHASE THIS**
- It was noted that rubbish is being allowed to build up on Old Port Road (near ASDA).
- **ACTION: SECRETARY TO INVESTIGATE WHETHER LHNCC COULD MEET IN THE HOLIDAY INN EXPRESS** (Other potential venues are also being investigated.)
- Leith Neighbourhood Partnership meeting will take place meeting next Wednesday (30 November). It will focus on keeping the community tidy. M Traill handed out relevant posters.

## 6 Date of next meeting

24<sup>th</sup> January 2017 (4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday in January)

Final

**7 Appendix 1: Police Scotland document**

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The data provided in this report is for information purposes only to inform community councils in relation to relevant information for their area and enable them to carry out their responsibilities. It should be noted that the timing of this community council meeting is in advance of the ratification of any statistics or the completion of the procedures and reconciliation processes that are undertaken in association with the publication of official statistics. Given this there may be minor amendments between the information in this report and any finally reported statistics - for example due to delayed reporting or recording of crimes, road crashes or incidents. It would not therefore be accurate or appropriate to refer to, quote or use the data in this report as official statistics.

Leith Community Council Meeting		
Rank / Name of Officer Attending	PC Darling 4152, PC McNiven 12031	
Date of Meeting – 22/11/16	Time -	End of Month - October
Information (this month / local priorities / incidents)		
PC in attendance	This past month I have been visiting local business premises, Licensed premises, Schools and Community projects, re-establishing links with local partners.	
Community Police Station	This past month your local Policing Team have been implementing Op Rigeletto	
E Division Priorities	This past month Edinburgh Division has been focussed on Edinburgh Partnership Community plan. The Implementation of OP Rigeletto	
PSOS Priorities and values	This past month Police Scotland have been - Protecting the Public, Localism and Serving Diverse Communities, Creating a Sustainable Operating Model, Culture and Performance.	

Good News	
Implementation of Operation Rigeletto	
We have had high visibility patrols at local schools in the mornings, policing dangerously parked cars and speeding motorists.	
Solved Attempt murder - October	

Ward Priorities	
Priority 1	Violent Crime,
Priority 2	Antisocial behaviour including Drugs and alcohol and antisocial driving
Priority 3	Homes and cars being broken into

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**Housebreakings**

13 HB including attempts  
11 x Dwelling Houses  
1 x Non Dwelling  
1 x other premises

**Assault**

38 x Common Assault  
1 x Attempt murder - Solved  
1 x Serious assault  
2 x Robbery and assault

**Road Safety / Initiatives**

Officers attended at St Mary's Primary and Hermitage Park Primary in relation to inconsiderate parking by parents at and around the schools.  
Road Policing units in Ocean drive and Constitution Street.

2x Dangerous Driving  
1x Drink Driver  
1x Disqualified Driver  
5x Driving without a licence  
7x Driving without insurance

**Theft**

24 x Common theft  
19 x Theft Shoplifting  
8 x Opening a lockfast place MV — *breaching into car!*  
7 x Theft of motor vehicle  
9x Theft from motor vehicle insecure  
2 x Attempt theft motor vehicle

**Hate Crime**

5 x Racially aggravated conduct



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**ASB / NPS / incidents of note**

Ocean Drive – Anti social behaviour with motor vehicles.

Road Policing units operating in Ocean drive and Constitution Street at weekends.

Day of action currently being put together for mid December with partner agencies.

**Actions Update From Previous Meeting****Actions To Be Taken From This Meeting****Guidance**

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#### Miscellaneous Information

**Leith Ward** comprises of 3 Police Beats with 2 funded officers and 4 Community officers

**NL 26 – PC Fiona Brown 3594 – PC Niall Corrigan 11182** - Newhaven, Ocean Terminal, Western Harbour  
**NL 27 – PC Joe Kennedy 5783 – PC Lauren Mitchell 12050** – Great Junction St, Duke St, Leith links, Constitution St, Commercial St, Leith Docks  
**NL 28 – PC Margo Darling 4152 – PC Paul McNiven 12031** - Lochend Rd, Restalrig Rd, Hermitage Pl, Pirniefield, Seafield Cemetery

#### **Policing**

The Community Policing Team Inspector covering Wards is Inspector Alan Carson 5213

The CPT Sergeants covering wards are: -

Sergeant Niven Bull 11087 – Based at Leith Police Station

Sergeant Andrew Johnson 5137 – Based at Craigmillar Police Station

The CPT consists of 3 teams of community-facing Constables, and the emphasis will be on community working, in a bid to solve local issues.

In non-emergencies, should you wish to contact us, please do not hesitate to do so.

You can contact us by email at [edinburghleithcpt@scotland.pnn.police.uk](mailto:edinburghleithcpt@scotland.pnn.police.uk) or by telephoning the national non-emergency number **101**. You can also follow us on Twitter @PoliceScotland or locally @EdinPolNe or @EdinburghPolice

**Police Surgery** – Officers wish to tie in with any existing council surgeries that exist. Please contact the relevant officers to facilitate this.

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