



Present:

CB	Chas Booth (Ward Councillor)	DT	Douglas Tharby
DG	Don Giles	ED	Elaine Dick (Meeting Chair)
IM	Ian McCormack	JC	Jonathan 'Geo' Camp
JM	Joanne McClelland	IK	Isabel Kane
KF	Katrina Faccenda (Ward Councillor)	MPH	Morgane Perez-Huet
MP1	Member of the public 1	MP2	Member of the public 2
MP3	Member of the public 3	MP4	Member of the public 4
MW	Margaret Wright	NT	Neil Tulloch
VB	Viktorya Budre		
PO1	Police Officer Dan McGilvray	PO2	Police Officer Campbell Blackmore

Apologies:

ANM	Adam Nols McVey (Ward Councillor)	AY	Arthur Young
AE	Avril Ewing	CH	Connal Hughes
DF	David Fenton	JR	Jason Ran

Distribution: Present and apologies

Item		Who
1.	Introductions & Apologies	
1.1	All present introduced themselves. ED noted that JR had passed on apologies.	-
2.	Declaration of interests	
2.1	None noted.	-
3	Minutes of last meeting	
3.1	IM asked to add "CH and IM asked for a vote but it did not happen". IM noted that CH raised a valid point, and there could be an issue of councillors not being listened to. All agreed to have the minutes altered to include this change.	-
3.2	DT proposed the last minutes, DG seconded, with the amendment above.	-
4.	Matters Arising from previous minutes	
4.1	DT noted that he had organised for the police to attend the meeting.	Note
4.2	Item 5, Ocean Point 1. OED noted this is on this meeting's agenda.	Note
4.3	7a1. IM reported that he is continuing to research into how objections can be made to PBSA. JM noted that we should speak with LCCC to work together on this. CB noted that MPH had asked him for support in planning how to work with the Planning function of the council. CB to arrange a workshop.	CB
4.4	7b transport. DT noted that he is struggling to get hold of Miles Wilkinson at CEC.	Note
4.5	DT reported that LHNCC is now a member of the eBug Group.	Note

4.6	7b4 stakeholder list. ED noted that this is part of CCTT, which is on the agenda.	Note
4.7	DG to send paragraphs on FOWLb. DG to send on.	DG
4.8	7d3. DT to remind all, including IK regarding the rotary club.	DT
4.9	Following on from the discussion about attending events and stakeholder engagement, JM raised the issue of new councillors not knowing what the current list is, and if there is one. DT to add this to the internal meeting agenda to be held in December.	DT
4.11	CB noted that he will cover the benches at the foot of the walk later on.	Note
4.12	8.10 JM clarified that 'CWB' is community wealth building. MP4 to add to glossary.	MP4
4.13	ED is pulling minutes onto the website. ED to work with CH on this.	ED
4.14	11.3, JM asked whether SFRS could be invited to the council. ED to put on for a future meeting. DT to take this on for the next meeting.	DT
5.	Community business.	
5.1	IM reported that Water of Leith conservation trust trying to set up a volunteer group. The hope is it will become independent group. IM has attended and reports that it is looking for volunteers. IM suggested anyone interested to look on the website.	Note
6.	Police update	
6.1	PO1 and PO2 introduced themselves and their beats and their backgrounds in the Police and in Leith. PO1 reported that he sent a report to DT shortly before the weekend.	Note
6.2	PO1 presented the report and the following points were made.	-
6.3	There were 249 calls in total in the period. PO1 noted this is consistent with other months.	Note
6.4	PO1 reported that the headlines include public nuisance (standard), neighbour disputes (low), theft, house break ins (can include sheds, bike stores), theft from shops, domestic calls, 'other violence' (assault, ongoing disturbance), hate motivation, loud noise and music (low), concern for persons (unwell in the street, overdose), missing person (all have been found), drugs, vehicle crime (thefts, including motorbikes), assist member of the public (non-criminal, duty of care to assist).	Note
6.5	PO1 noted that they are busy with schools and youth groups regarding fireworks.	Note
6.5	PO1 reported notable incidents include the murder of young man on great junction street, and outlined the details. PO1 noted this was not connected to wider community, as it is related to an incident earlier that day.	Note
6.6	eScooters/eBikes: PO1 reported that after bonfire night they are planning to set up an initiative to target Leith Walk to catch illegal eBikes or unsafe riding, and will take them off the street. ED noted connection to specific layout and design of the cycle lanes. PO1 noted the exercise will happen in late November.	Note

6.7	PO1 agreed that the police will come to the next meeting to report on progress.	Note
6.8	IM noted cars speeding on great junction street and has been checking speeds, which are well over 30mph. IM asked PO1 if there are statistics on speeding offences. PO1 noted that all police officers deal with things as they see them, so if they see speeding they will deal with it. PO1 noted that they can set up vehicle checkpoints with a speed gun. PO1 to add it to the list after the eBike initiative. JM noted they will add this to the Local Place Plan. IM also noted people driving whilst on their phones. IM noted that the checks need to be early in the morning or late at night. IM asked for statistics in the next report.	Note
6.9	IK noted understanding about illegality of electric scooters. PO1 noted a lot of eBikes are illegal, and their exercise will cover eScooters. PO1 noted a proportional approach to eScooters. including judging behaviour.	Note
6.10	CB asked, in relation to speeding cars, Police Scotland were introducing a dashcam portal for members of the public. CB asked what the timeframe is for this? PO1 wasn't sure, but will check up and see.	PO1
6.11	CB noted about unregulated eBikes and the All Party Parliamentary group report by Laura Laker. CB also noted fires due to unregulated eBikes.	Note
6.12	JC asked if eMotorcycles will be included. PO1 confirmed it will do.	Note
6.13	VB asked about antisocial behaviour of youths in Leith, noting that there are incidents in Lidl in the Kirkgate. PO1 noted that they will attend to misbehaviour in Lidl, or other shops and need people to report it to them. 101 call for non-life threatening, but 999 for something that causes danger to people.	Note
7.	Leith Local Place Plan	
7.1	JM outlined the progress so far on the Place Plan. JM noted key question is legacy of the exercise.	Note
7.2	MP1 introduced the Wester Hailes (WH) Place Plan. MP1 noted it was the first registered in the city, and the first pilot to be done, so a lot was packed into it.	Note
7.3	MP1 worked for WH Community Trust, joined 3 years ago. Starting in 2020, there were two years of community engagement, though interrupted by the Covid pandemic. This involved connecting with residents. There was a LPP steering group with CEC support. Two consultancies were employed. WH Community trust has been going since 2016, and already had a relationship with CEC Planning Lead.	Note
7.4	MP1 reported 36 projects for community improvement coming from the LPP. It included physical improvements, as well as social strategies. WH Community Trust voted to submit the place plan to the Council. CEC came back looking for minor adjustments. MP1 noted the extensive checklist to have Plan approved, which took 6 months to go through.	Note
7.5	Lead stakeholder is the Trust and since taken on a leading role with the community. The Trust is now delivering projects: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Decided by community/quick wins – warm banks etc • Council projects – cycleways etc • Funding led • Other opportunities – adopt the train station etc 	Note

7.6	MP1 noted that they had delivered 6 projects, with 14 in progress. Whale Arts is one.	Note
7.7	MP1 noted key learnings: a community effort, partners make a huge difference. A strong board and project sub-groups. Make it enjoyable, mutually beneficial, collaborative workshops. People have little spare time, need them to get something back.	Note
7.8	MP1 addressed the question 'Why an LPP?' It consolidates all the community's ideas and aspirations in one place. It has legislative and legal significance. MP1 agreed that PBSA could be pushed back against using an LPP.	Note
7.9	MP1 noted that it isn't quick. WHLPP is 3 years old, now having to revisit the ideas with others.	Note
7.10	MP1 noted key tips: internal capacity, internal knowledge (experts), keep it visual – plaques in the community. Hold the council accountable.	Note
7.11	WH LPP created a guidance document with Community Land Scotland. MP1 to send on.	Note
7.12	JM asked how they found working with existing entities. MP1 noted the LPP drew local organisations together. WH Community Development Trust provided the role of a CC. LPP coordinated the existing organisations. WH Trust now working to put in place a Community Council.	Note
7.13	DG asked how it is all funded. MP1 said they received a grant from CEC, which is no longer available. Delivering the projects has been funded through national Lottery Grants, including a larger grant of £140k over 3 years.	Note
7.14	IM asked about the connection to the CEC City Plan. IM asked if there will be conflict between the CEC 2040 city plan and the LPPs. MP1 noted that CEC should take them into account when making City Plan 2040. MP1 also noted close relationship with local city councillors to stay connected. JM noted that Gareth Barwell had told LLCC that CEC will take account of it prior to City Plan 2040, so it doesn't need to wait until 2040 for the place plan to have an effect. MP1 said they have used LPP to oppose Planning applications.	Note
7.15	ED noted a follow up meeting with JM and MPH and MP1. JM to have time at the next meeting to lead a discussion. JM to send out draft document in advance.	JM
8.	Standing Items and Updates	
8a.	Planning & Licensing	
8a.1	PBSA. Nothing to report.	-
8a.2	STLs. IM noted only one to respond to in the last month.	Note
8a.3	Ocean Terminal. All noted the building has been sold, but no one knows who has bought it.	Note
8a.4	Ocean Point 1 has gone into a full planning application. IM proposed that people send him feedback on their thoughts. JM noted they should take account of public safety outside the building. IM will compile a response once feedback has been given. DT to feedback the CC is generally supportive. All to give IM their thoughts on the proposal.	All

8a.5	Seafield Masterplan. NT reported the steering group met last night, comprising council officers, and the 4 communities. There have been some changes, in the group now there is no community council in Portobello. NT noted the group felt it is unconscionable to have no Portobello, so have asked Action Party to nominate a rep. A meeting is planned to discuss response to 3 rd consultation. Final draft won't be available for a couple of months at least. There is a sounding board scheduled to take place 20 th of November.	Note
8b.	Transport	
8b.1	Leith Connections. Nothing pressing has come up. No one can get Miles Wilkinson.	CB
8b.2	eBikes. Nothing raised.	Note
8b.3	EBug. DT is the CC representative and will report at the next meeting.	DT
8b.4	CCTT. ED noted that there is a meeting tomorrow night and ED and MPH will attend. ED and MPH attended the last meeting. ED notes movement on landscaping and have had reports that ED needs to respond to. MPH added that one of the actions is that each areas give 5 priority items. MPH will look at with ED. ED noted many 'red' items on the snag list have been attended to. JC asked if the trees at the end of constitution St will be re-planted. ED to confirm.	ED
8c.	Environment and greenspace/bluespace	
8c.1	FOWLb. DG reported has put the idea of the community council being interested in supporting FOWLb, so DG will put forward a paper on the history of FOWLb to the council.	DG
8c.2	Western Harbour Ponds. ED reported that a delegation from the Planning Development committee visited to look at plot A1. DT, ED, and residents were there. ED noted that amended plans have been put in, with a chance to put in extra comments this week by Friday. ED asked if she can object on behalf of the council. IM notes a neighbour notification he received with a deadline of today. ED to request an extension to the deadline for submitting the CC objection. All agreed. MW noted that the skyliner flats had reduced external space because of proximity to tramlines, but this does not apply to Western Harbour ponds. MW noted the need for quality external space is being compromised by development of high rise buildings with little external space between them. MW noted the negative impacts of on mental health of residents.	ED
8c.3	Salamander Street ED has circulated a response to the air quality management plan and has had responses. ED to seek to work with LLCC on this. KF and CB to review and comment. CB asked what they are doing to try to reduce incidents, identify sources, and the implications for the Planning. ED noted a deadline for feedback by end of the week so she can submit to CEC. DG suggested HSE should be on the stakeholder group.	All
8d.	Community	
8d.1	Leith Chooses. DG noted that applications are in, and there are enough.	Note
8d.2	Marionville Fire Station. ED reported that Ben Macpherson has written to the minister objecting to closure of Marionville Fire Station.	Note
9.	Councillor/MSP/MP responses and updates	
9.1	CB noted that on the 7 th of October there was a Leith Connections walkabout with other CCs. There were conversation about Tollbooth Wynd and missing bollards. CB	Note

	noted that CEC has some funding for making some temporary works permanent. Miles Wilinon was in attendance and took some notes. CB expected that they will put in permanent planters, and benches.	
9.2	CB reported that the Policy & Sustainability committee agreed a new climate strategy for Edinburgh. CB noted CEC are not on track to meet emissions reduction targets, and that 90% of emissions are buildings or traffic. CB noted that the big barrier is multi-year funding, which creates significant problems with both areas.	Note
9.3	CB raised the issue of flags on lamp-posts. CB noted it is not an issue in Leith, but in other areas council officers have been threatened when taking them down. CB notes work to put a plan in place to get the flags down, and is hopeful for progress. CB noted it will be discussed at the full council meeting this week.	Note
9.4	CB reported discussion on IAJG safer drugs consumption facility. CEC looked at locations in Leith, due to drug deaths statistics and concluded there is not a suitable location in Leith, and the demand is not as strong, and deaths are in homes, whereas injecting is in the street in the Old Town. CB noted a public consultation to be launched in the new year. CB to forward on report.	CB
9.5	CB noted that CEC are developing policy on AI.	Note
9.6	CB reported on licensing applications, noting that Leith Depot was renewed.	Note
9.7	CB noted that the CEC cycle hire scheme will be extended to Leith at the end of this week. An app is available, called Voi.	Note
9.8	CB noted Miles Wilkinson has identified funding to put a Christmas tree at the Shore. LLCC asked for it to be at the Kirkgate. A vote was held and the majority voted for the Kirkgate. MPH suggested two trees, one at each. KF noted that the Kirkgate is meant to be the 'town centre' of Leith, and requests have been made for Christmas lights.	Note
9.9	KF reported the earlier meeting she had about demographic changes in this area. KF has visited a private nursery, which isn't getting council funding, raising concern for where children will be sent to nursery. KF noted an increase in ore pre-school children in Leith. KF reported that Council officers took away the idea of looking at demographics and provision.	Note
9.10	KF has started getting people together to speak about the antisocial behaviour at the Kirkgate and violence towards shop-workers. Alcohol and drug and police involved.	Note
9.11	KF noted the new UK government fund 'pride of place' will be delivered by councils, and that there will be a local consultation process for Leith.	Note
10.	EACC/Accounts	
10.1	DT noted the EACC event on Thursday night. MPH to send link. JM noted one of the topics is heat networks which will be presented at it as a huge opportunity.	All
11.	Update on LHNCC roles (including Treasurer, Secretary)	
11.1	Nigel, who is a new CC member, and Kier, both who live near Tower Street. Introduced themselves. MPH to liaise with CB to manage process of adding them to the council.	MPH

11.2	NT noted that he is moving out of Leith, so doesn't believe it appropriate to remain Treasurer. Kier is interested in being Treasurer. ED to manage this process.	ED
11.3	Nigel noted an interest in transport.	Note
11.4	DT noted the annual grant has been paid, and it is slightly less than last year.	Note
11.5	DT agreed that he will send out a draft budget.	DT
12	AOB	
12.1	MPH noted she is re-starting the newsletter. MPH asked for topics to add in to the newsletter. MPH to give email reminder.	MPH
12.2	MPH noted she and VB have been working on the website, and asked for the lead of each subgroup to give what they would like on their page.	All
12.3	The next meeting is on the 25 th of November at Custom House. ED to send Doodl poll for the next internal meeting. ED noted it will be in the first two weeks of December and will be in addition to regular meetings, but there is no regular meeting in December.	ED

Selected Acronyms used:

CC – Community Council
 CCTT – Community Councils Trams Together
 CEC – City of Edinburgh Council
 CoL – Certificate of Lawfulness
 CWB – Community Wealth Building
 EBUg – Edinburgh Bus Users Group
 EVL – Edinburgh Visitor Levy
 FoWLB – friends of Water of Leith Basin
 HMO – House of Multiple Occupation
 LHNCC – Leith Harbour and Newhaven Community Council
 LLCC – Leith Links Community Council
 LCCC – Leith Central Community Council
 LPP – Local Place Plan
 PBSA – Purpose Built Student Accommodation
 SHBT – Scottish Historic Buildings Trust
 SG – Scottish Government
 STL – Short Term Lets
 SW – Scottish Water