



**Present:**

| Initials | Name                               | Present | Absent with apologies | Absent without apologies |
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| AE       | Avril Ewing                        | ✓       |                       |                          |
| ANM      | Adam Nols McVey (Ward Councillor)  |         |                       | ✓                        |
| AY       | Arthur Young                       |         |                       | ✓                        |
| CB       | Chas Booth (Ward Councillor)       | ✓       |                       |                          |
| CH       | Connal Hughes                      |         | ✓                     |                          |
| DF       | David Fenton                       |         |                       | ✓                        |
| DG       | Don Giles                          | ✓       |                       |                          |
| DT       | Douglas Tharby (Meeting Chair)     | ✓       |                       |                          |
| ED       | Elaine Dick                        | ✓       |                       |                          |
| IK       | Isabel Kane                        | ✓       |                       |                          |
| IM       | Ian McCormack                      |         | ✓                     |                          |
| JC       | Jonathan 'Geo' Camp                | ✓       |                       |                          |
| JM       | Joanne McClelland                  | ✓       |                       |                          |
| JR       | Jason Ran                          |         |                       | ✓                        |
| KF       | Katrina Faccenda (Ward Councillor) |         | ✓                     |                          |
| KH       | Kier Harvie                        |         | ✓                     |                          |
| MPH      | Morgane Perez-Huet                 |         | ✓                     |                          |
| MW       | Margaret Wright                    | ✓       |                       |                          |
| NB       | Nigel <b>Beal</b>                  | ✓       |                       |                          |
| NT       | Neil Tulloch                       | ✓       |                       |                          |
| VB       | Viktorya Budre                     | ✓       |                       |                          |
| MP 1     | Member of the public 1             | ✓       |                       |                          |
| MP 2     | Member of the public 2             | ✓       |                       |                          |
| MP 3     | Member of the public 3             | ✓       |                       |                          |
| MP 4     | Member of the public 4             | ✓       |                       |                          |
| MP 5     | Member of the public 5             | ✓       |                       |                          |

**Distribution:** those present, absent with apologies, absent without apologies.

| Item      |  | Who |
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| <b>1.</b> | <b>Introductions &amp; Apologies</b>   |     |
| 1.1       | All present introduced themselves. Apologies were given from IM, CH, MPH, KH.  | -   |
| <b>2.</b> | <b>Declarations of interest</b>  |     |
| 2.1       | None declared.   | -   |
| <b>3</b>  | <b>Minutes of last meeting</b>   |     |
| 3.1       | DG proposed the last minutes and JM seconded them.   | -   |
| 3.2       | IK noted she was not receiving emails, including minutes. JC to add her personal email address to the minutes circulation. DT stated he will attempt to resolve the issue. | JC  |

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| 3.3       | DT noted that he has not got hold of SFRS. DT noted he has written to Ben Macpherson about this. DT to continue to chase SFRS to attend. CB noted he has no update on Marionville fire station.   | DT   |
| <b>4.</b> | <b>Matters Arising (local resident/business/organisation issues)</b>  |      |
| 4.1       | JC noted that he has been speaking to Great Junction St businesses about the cycleway and bins. JC noted that Leith Bottle Shop has been struggling with bins, and this has been reported to CEC. CB to pick this up with the wider council. CB noted that the bins are expected to be moved back, and that the bus stop is out of use because of this.   | CB   |
| <b>5.</b> | <b>Police Update</b>  |      |
| 5.1       | DT noted that no report was issued ahead of the meeting. DT noted the last one that was issued has been circulated to the wider council.  | DT   |
| 5.2       | DT noted that 700 electric bikes had been seized by the police in a recent exercise across Scotland.  | Note |
| <b>6.</b> | <b>Western Harbour development presentation by the Developer (Cullross)</b>   |      |
| 6.1       | The Developer noted that two consultation events have been held and that they are looking for feedback from the consultation events and to understand next steps.   | Note |
| 6.2       | The Developer noted that content on boards is available on their website, and that the 16 <sup>th</sup> March is cut off date for public comments for the pre-ap process. Once into Planning process comments will be via the public portal.  | Note |
| 6.3       | The Developer noted that the subject of the proposal is the gap site between Platinum Point and one other. It was originally given consent as part of the wider phase, until Gregor Shaw went into administration. The Developer noted that it was recently sold, and the developer is now taking it on, should the PAN be successful.  | Note |
| 6.4       | The Developer explained that the proposals are being developed to a planning application and that there's lots of detail still to look at. They explained that their proposal is a mix of affordable and private: 36% affordable, which is lower than adjacent developments. Mix of unit types: flats on east and west, and low rise colony type properties and townhouses in between.                            | Note |
| 6.5       | The developer explained that the parking proposed is 30% at present. CEC policy is different, so a discussion will be held. The developer outlined that there will be extensive bike stores, and that they will work with police Scotland for secure by design bike storage. The Developer noted the development is very accessible from public transport. They confirmed the whole scheme will be build to rent. | Note |
| 6.6       | The Developer noted they are trying to create more community. On the southern edge will be a 'garden' landscaped zone providing low level, social space.  | Note |
| 6.7       | The Developer noted a registered social landlord (RSL) will own and run the affordable housing block, and Cullross will own and run the private tenanted.   | Note |
| 6.8       | MP4 asked will accessible units get parking permits? The Developer noted it is too early to say.  | Note |
| 6.9       | CB asked how does density compare to nearby units? The developed replied that it will be slightly less to keep below 18m to avoid additional fire regulations.  | Note |

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| 6.10                    | The Developer noted that most negative feedback is around the parking provision, and the loss of open land to neighbours. 71 people attended their events, and gave 41 comments. They used Heart of Newhaven Community, which was positive.  | Note |
| 6.11                    | MW noted concern about building out to the edge of the plot, and narrower road with less parking for existing residents.   | Note |
| 6.12                    | IK concern around disabled people using the proposed development.  | Note |
| 6.13                    | DG asked if account would be taken for flooding? The Developer replied that a civil engineer has reviewed proposals and landscaping and levels are where they are due to this.   | Note |
| 6.14                    | ED noted that if it is dense, then people need good quality greenspace, with concern over loss of ponds and woodland, and that the park may not be provided. The Developer agreed with this, and noted one reason for stepping the site is to bring light into amenity space, and noted the need for an amount and quality of amenity space to attract tenants.  | Note |
| 6.15                    | NB noted the concerns about BTR model and asked about pricing. The Developer noted this won't have additional features some BTR developments do, so the rent won't be as high. The Developer noted pressure on BTR developers to provide a quality environment.  | Note |
| 6.16                    | ED noted density of cruise traffic. MW noted coaches park down Western Harbour drive, which adds pressure on an already busy road network. JC noted that a CPZ may help. The cruise ship levy was discussed, and CB confirmed ships don't pay visitor levy.  | Note |
| <b>Local Place Plan</b> |  |      |
| 6.1                     | JM noted she will add cruise levy and coach management to LLPP with a photo from MW on the line of buses.  | JM   |
| 6.2                     | JM reported that the last round of feedback from key stakeholders is happening now, and noted the recent LHNCC meeting and a meeting with Heart of Newhaven Community this morning, and the Place Based Network feedback this week. JM noted a question about how it is submitted – one, individually, or several. JM noted a meeting planned with LLCC on Friday, and that LLCC are preparing feedback. JM noted that in the next few weeks she will have a clearer idea. | Note |
| 6.3                     | JM noted she spoke with Anna Grant at CEC, who confirmed the community element would be appreciated as well, but doesn't have to be present.   | Note |
| 6.4                     | JM noted that by next meeting the format will be clear, and a final draft run-through will be appropriate.   | Note |
| 6.5                     | JM noted that the funding for the event needs to be spent, but JM holding off until the stakeholder feedback has been finishes. JM noted the funding can be used for further engagement.   | Note |
| 6.6                     | JM noted feedback from LHNCC has been positive. CB noted he is working to bring the ward councillors together to feed back. CB reported back experience of feedback from other community councils.   | CB   |

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| <b>7.</b>  | <b>Standing Items and Updates</b>   |      |
| <b>7a.</b> | <b>Planning &amp; Licensing</b>   |      |
| 7a.1       | Planning report. DT noted that he had not circulated the report. DT noted the work being put into the Planning group, particularly by IM.   | Note |
| 7a.2       | JC noted that the main thing is the STL application for the change of use from offices to STLs for Waterview house. JC and others met with owner of Malt & Hops. JC noted that, aligned with the Place Plan, an objection is being planned with a focus on what office workers mean to the area, such as local spending. Focus also on impact on Malt & Hops if residential goes in above it. JC noted that the first week of March is deadline for comments. MW agrees this is very important to bring a local business focus for the CC.                        | JC   |
| 7a.2       | JC asked CB if STL licenses transferable? CB thinks not. CB notes that operators for more than ten years need a certificate of lawfulness. Planning permission is transferable, but license is not.   | Note |
| 7a.3       | Application for Hearing - Western Harbour 25/01762/FUL – ED noted that she spoke to CC colleagues IM and MPH to speak at the hearing in her stead. IM and MPH to go to the hearing. ED suggested checking in with the FOWHP group to align efforts. MW has started this. JC noted it needs a prepared statement for IM/MPH to read from. LHNCC will be speaking.  | ED   |
| <b>7b.</b> | <b>Transport</b>  |      |
| 7b.1       | Leith Connections – JC noted Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> March 10am grand opening at Sandport bridge.  | Note |
| 7b.2       | EBUG – no report from DT.   | Note |
| 7b.3       | Trams (and CCTT) – ED reported that MPH attended. ED to request a report from MPH by email. Plantings expected to be done by the end of March.  | ED   |
| <b>7c.</b> | <b>Environment and greenspace/bluespace</b>   |      |
| 7c.1       | Water of Leith Basins Stakeholder meeting (5th) – JM noted there was a good turnout. JM, ED MPH, DG, JC attended. No minutes have been circulated yet. Local businesses, including Browns of Leith, were present. JM noted that a quote for a consultant to check water condition was agreed to be sought. DG noted one of the basin owners wasn't present, but their legal representative was. ED noted that Ben Macpherson recognised lack of progress, and that the dredging of the basins is the key action. Ben also happy with LHNCC's level of attendance. | Note |
| 7c.2       | Edinburgh Trash Club on Marine Esplanade – Living Streets Edinburgh, Rachael, first meeting. MPH and IM attended. Article in Herald and Scotsman. Discussion over who owns the trash along marine esplanade. Next meeting at Hawthornvale 7pm Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> of March. JC expects this to be monthly.  | Note |
| 7c.3       | VB asked if there's a council litter map. JC did not think so.  | Note |
| <b>7d.</b> | <b>Community</b>  |      |
| 7d.1       | Leith Chooses – DG noted a successful meeting last Thursday where the successful groups were announced. Reflecting on the day, DG noted that voting went well, and online votes went well. Numbers were comparable to previous years. DG notes a population of 50,000, 3,000 respondents is not very many.  | Note |
| 7d.2       | DT suggested greater PB across the city may increase those involved in Leith  | Note |

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|           | Chooses. MP3 noted that the feedback was very positive, but the lift wasn't working.  |        |
| 7d.3      | MP3 asked if the funding has changed recently. DG confirmed it has increased over the years. AE noted that the visitor levy may add more to the PB budget.  | Note   |
| 7d.4      | IK noted that Leith benevolent association can give small grants, and those not successful could apply. MP3 noted the Leith Network meeting on 24 <sup>th</sup> of March, IK may attend.  | Note   |
| <b>8.</b> | <b>Councillor/MSP/MP responses and updates</b>  |        |
| 8.1       | CB noted that transport committee on 29 <sup>th</sup> . Motion to discuss teething issues with Voi bikes. CBs colleague had motion on bus journey times to track hotspots on bus delays.  | Note   |
| 8.2       | CB noted the regulation committee's reply on enforcement of fit and proper person test.   | Note   |
| 8.3       | CB noted the full council meeting on the 5 <sup>th</sup> of March, where STL numbers of repeat applications was discussed. The answer was that 84% are repeat applications. Some are because they need to tick a box when applying for a license, and then withdraw planning application. CB noted CEC are working with SG to close a loop hole in the legislation. | Note   |
| 8.4       | CB reported the visitor levy meeting, where £5m was agreed for Leith theatre and £2m for Leith Links, mostly on play park.  | Note   |
| 8.5       | CB reported the licensing board meeting decision about the blanket extended hours around the world cup. DT extended thanks to CB for efforts at council.  | Note   |
| 8.6       | MW asked if old town Community Council got funding from the visitor levy, as they got 5 minutes to present on their challenges. CB thought not, but was not sure.   | Note   |
| 8.7       | CB noted a last minute appeal for Custom House could not be considered. But this maybe funded if additional funds appear. DT noted the money will be available about a year from now.   | Note   |
| 8.8       | CB noted that CEC will set their budget this Thursday.  | Note   |
| 8.9       | VB asked whether Council Tax will increase. CB confirmed that it will in all likelihood by 5%.  | Note   |
| 8.10      | MW asked if there will be money for potholes. CB confirmed there will.  | Note   |
| <b>9.</b> | <b>Update on LHNCC funding bids and finances</b>  |        |
| 9.1       | No update provided.   | Note   |
| <b>10</b> | <b>Shore Collective x LHNCC</b>   |        |
| 10.1      | JC and MPH are meeting tomorrow January of the Old Chain Pier and will report back.   | JC/MPH |
| <b>11</b> | <b>AOB</b>  |        |
| 11.1      | NT received an email about heat networks, and CEC are doing a feasibility study on north east Edinburgh. JM noted this is in the place plan, and asked if this could be   | JM     |

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|           | brought into the Environment subgroup. JM to set up a meeting.                                      |            |
| <b>12</b> | <b>Next meeting:</b> at Custom House on the 24 <sup>th</sup> of March. SHBT will attend to present. | <b>All</b> |

**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  
ERCS – Environmental Rights Centre Scotland  
FoWLB – friends of Water of Leith Basin  
FOWHP – Friends of Western Harbour Ponds  
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  
SFRS – Scottish Fire & Rescue Service  
SHBT – Scottish Historic Buildings Trust  
SG – Scottish Government  
STL – Short Term Lets  
SW – Scottish Water