



# Leith Harbour and Newhaven Community Council

## Meeting minutes

Tuesday 26 May 2026  
18:30–20:30  
Heart of Newhaven (Annex)  
Chair: Elaine Dick

### Attendance

| Initials | LHNCC Members                             | Position             | Present | Apologies | Absent |
|----------|-------------------------------------------|----------------------|---------|-----------|--------|
| ECD      | Elaine Dick (Chair)                       | Co-chair             | ✓       |           |        |
| DJT      | Douglas Tharby                            | Co-chair             | ✓       |           |        |
| KH       | Keir Harvie                               | Treasurer            |         | ✓         |        |
| JC       | Jon Camp                                  | Secretary            | ✓       |           |        |
| MPH      | Morgane Perez-Huet                        | Engagement           | ✓       |           |        |
| CH       | Conal Hughes                              | CC member            | ✓       |           |        |
| NT       | Neil Tulloch                              | CC member            | ✓       |           |        |
| IM       | Ian McCormick                             | CC member            |         | ✓         |        |
| JR       | Jason Ran                                 | CC member            | ✓       |           |        |
| JM       | Joanne McClelland                         | CC member            | ✓       |           |        |
| MW       | Margaret Wright                           | CC member            | ✓       |           |        |
| NB       | Nigel Beal                                | CC member            | ✓       |           |        |
| VB       | Viktorija Budre                           | CC member            |         |           | ✓      |
| DG       | Don Giles (Friends of WoL Basins – FoWLB) | Local interest group | ✓       |           |        |
| AE       | Avril Ewing (Living Rent)                 | Local interest group | ✓       |           |        |
| IK       | Isabel Kane (Leith Rotary)                | Local interest group | ✓       |           |        |

| Initials | LHNCC Ex-officio Members | Position        | Present | Apologies | Absent |
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| KF       | Katrina Faccenda         | Ward Councillor | ✓       |           |        |
| CB       | Chas Booth               | Ward Councillor | ✓       |           |        |
| ANM      | Adam Nols McVey          | Ward Councillor |         |           | ✓      |
| BM       | Ben Mcpherson            | MSP             |         |           | ✓      |
| TG       | Tracy Gilbert MP         | MP              |         | ✓         |        |

| Initials | Other attendees                               | Position         | Agenda item      |
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| MP1      | Member of the public 1 (SOS Leith)            | Member of public |                  |
| MP2      | Member of the public 2                        | Member of public |                  |
| MP3      | Member of the public 3 (Member of Trinity CC) | Member of public |                  |
| MP4      | Member of the public 4                        | Member of public |                  |
| MP5      | Member of the public 5                        | Member of public |                  |
| MP6      | Member of the public 6                        | Member of public |                  |
| PO1      | Police Officer 1                              | Police Officer   | 5. Police Update |
| PO2      | Police Officer 2                              | Police Officer   | 5. Police Update |

| Item      |                                                                                             | Who |
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| <b>1.</b> | <b>Introductions, apologies</b>                                                             |     |
| 1.1       | All present introduced themselves. Apologies were given from those noted above.             | -   |
| <b>2.</b> | <b>Declarations of interest</b>                                                             |     |
| 2.1       | None declared.                                                                              | -   |
| <b>3</b>  | <b>Minutes of last meeting</b>                                                              |     |
| 3.1       | DT proposed the last minutes and DG seconded them, with comments made below.                | -   |
| 3.2       | Point 8.1.4 – JC noted his comments were about laws to do with ‘bike’ lanes, not bus lanes. | -   |
| 3.3       | ED asked for item 7a.4. to be combined with 7a5.                                            | -   |

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| 3.4       | DT noted his action to get an update as to what is happening with Marionville Fire Station. DT noted no further update but will hear more since the 22 <sup>nd</sup> June. Will update day after.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | DT       |
| 3.5       | MPH gave an update on action regarding Scotland's youth parliament. MPH noted that LHNCC need c.£2k to get the process of forming a Leith Youth CC started. MPH to update further later on in the meeting.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | MPH      |
| 3.6       | AW was to update on the Living Rent web app on STLs. JM noted she has this and will send on.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | JM       |
| 3.7       | ED referenced Item 4, which was matters raised by residents regarding Forth Ports, noise and pollution from the docks, diesel fumes, and Tannoy announcements. CB noted he has been chasing up answers. ED noted she has chased CEC EHO, and that Derek Martin is now leading on the CEC air quality action plan. ED noted a report is going to the CEC Transport and Environment committee which will include LHNCC's comments. CB asked Forth Ports for a meeting to talk to them about concern. He noted this has been acknowledged, but nothing back. | ED<br>CB |
| 3.8       | ED noted that at the Transport and Environment committee, if items at the meeting concern LHNCC, the CC is not notified. CB notes the CC could make a deputation. ED noted the Environment sub-group to review the report to the committee before it comes out, which will be ten days before the committee. CB noted people can sign up to email alerts on the CEC website.                                                                                                                                                                              | ED       |
| 3.9       | Item 5, ED confirmed she has contacted the community                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | -        |
| 3.10      | ED noted that the Leith Local Place Plan and Planning are on the main agenda.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | -        |
| 3.11      | Item 7c, environment. JM to ask an engineer about testing the Water of Leith. JM noted she has their proposal, but looking for who to send it to. MPH suggested Ben Macpherson himself, JC suggested 'Helen' who administers the group. JM to draft and send on.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | JM       |
| 3.12      | CB was going to reply to JC on the bike lanes query. CB to respond.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | CB       |
| <b>4.</b> | <b>Matters Arising (local resident/business/organisation issues)</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |          |
| 4.1       | <b>Motorbike/eBike/eScooter – antisocial behaviour/harassment.</b> ED noted emails from residents in Trinity and Leith about youths in hoodies and balaclavas, as well as dangerous car driving, dangerous riding by delivery riders, modified car exhausts, tagging and graffiti, and lengthy waits using 101 number.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | -        |
| 4.2       | PO1 apologies for the lack of reports over the last three months, which was due to paternity leave.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | -        |
| 4.3       | PO1 noted these are all valid points, and the police response is not always covered in the media, so it can appear nothing is being done. PO1 noted this is not the case, particularly in Leith. He noted that there are some areas that are worse, including the road away from Bernard Street, Whale Brae, Bonnington Road, Leth Walk, any long straight roads. PO1 noted they can aim to set up speed traps. Newhaven Road, Newhaven Pier, Ocean Drive, MP3 noted this goes along to Granton are being considered.                                     | -        |
| 4.4       | PO1 noted that they can't catch every offence, but they can set up specific initiatives to target the main areas of antisocial behaviour. The plan would be for the highlighted areas, over the next few weeks, to get a visual presence, to engage with those carrying out antisocial behaviour.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | -        |
| 4.5       | ED asked how we keep the line of communication open. PO1 asked LHNCC to speak directly to him. All noted 101 can be too slow to pass back to Community Police team.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | -        |

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| 4.6  | PO1 noted that car exhausts can be illegal. PO1 asked for number plates, locations they are happening, and they can then attend. PO1 noted they can give a warning due to legislation that is in place.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | - |
| 4.7  | JC asked if that includes modified vehicles. PO1 confirmed it would, and that the definition of illegal behaviour is if it is causing alarm to others. PO2 notes they need to observe it themselves. Video can't be used, but can support a complaint.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | - |
| 4.8  | PO1 referenced groups of motorbikes using the water of Leith, and noted this is across Lothian and the Borders, with an epidemic of eBikes, scooters, and other personal electric vehicles. PO1 noted that all are involved in some level of criminality, up to organised crime. PO1 noted the Leith core group notes the use of the WoL walkway. PO1 explained that there is lots of plain clothes work on cycle paths to catch them in the act, and that some bigger initiatives are underway, including air support and drone support, to catch and take people and vehicles off the street. The issue is how many of them there are. PO1 noted that they are taking them off the street every day. | - |
| 4.9  | PO1 addressed the issue around food delivery eBikes. PO1 noted they are fully aware of the way the bikes are used, that they are running lights, not obeying signs. PO1 acknowledging this is people's job, but not at the expense of safety. PO1 notes all hired bikes, so taking the bike just results in a new bike being hired, so they need to use road traffic laws. PO1 noted that electric motorbikes need a CBT to use them on the roads. PO1 noted numbers again is an issue.                                                                                                                                                                                                                | - |
| 4.10 | MP3 asked for the law on riding on pavements. PO1 noted this is illegal. MP3 stated this happens lots in Newhaven. PO1 noted they engage with those seen to be doing this.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | - |
| 4.11 | ED asked if a more visible police presence would help. PO1 agreed it would, and that they are planning this. However once the presence is removed the behaviour goes back, so it need a balance with resourcing.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | - |
| 4.12 | CB noted that this has been raised in Council. CB notes that delivery drivers are employed on piecemeal basis which drives the bad behaviours. CEC have tried to engage with their employers, but without success. PO1 says they have tried to engage with the employers, but notes some parts of the law are not tight enough. More engagement with employers should be taken up.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | - |
| 4.13 | MPH noted the effectiveness of signs is variable, but asked if more signs could be put up. PO1 noted that they would engage with the Council to put signs up about the power output of the bike on the bike lanes.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | - |
| 4.14 | JC asked if work is being done across Scotland to differentiate between different eBikes. PO1 said they know this very specifically, there's just so many of them. JC asked if the users are aware of the illegality of their actions. PO1 noted that he believes they are.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | - |
| 4.15 | MP1 asked if the hire shops knows this is happening. PO1 noted hirers are compliant when they leave the shop, but often then the hirer takes the restrictor off. PO2 noted the same issue with eScooters.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | - |
| 4.16 | PO1 notes 101 wait times can be very long, and people are giving up. PO1 suggested LHNCC email him directly, and that the Edinburgh North East group goes to wider team. ED asked about issues that are not immediate. PO1 suggested the "Contact-us" form online. ED noted boy-racers on Ocean Drive. PO says 101 is the way to raise this sort of thing, along with the "Contact Us" form.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | - |
| 4.17 | <b>Antisocial behaviour coming from a skip next to Roadies Bar.</b> JC notes a lot of waste is blowing into the WoL. MP1 spoke to them to get it sorted. JC noted the skip is now gone, but still garbage and pallets, as well as anti-social behaviour. JC notes Roadies is currently closed. DT noted there have been historic issues with this location.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | - |

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| 4.18       | MP1 noted that Katrina has replied to her emails. MP1 noted that Star Pubs and Bars are owners, and have done some clean-up, but haven't cleaned up outdoor seating area. MP1 noted that Star are yet to release the premises. CB wasn't sure of another process to resolve. KF has spoken to Planning about this, as the outdoor area did not initially have planning. Also got in touch with enforcement to bring more attention to it.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | -         |
| <b>5.</b>  | <b>Police Update</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |           |
| 5.1        | Ed noted the update has been circulated and on LHNCC website.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | -         |
| 5.2        | PO1 said that with prior notice they can attend future meetings.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | ED        |
| <b>6</b>   | <b>Local Place Plan</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |           |
| 6.1        | JM gave a brief background to the LLPP so far.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | -         |
| 6.2        | DT noted that LLCC have approved it to go forward to the Council. JM noted that this hasn't been confirmed yet by LLCC.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | -         |
| 6.3        | JM noted the key question is that the document has two parts. JM believes there is a discussion to be had as to whether they are submitted jointly or separately. JM suggests sending it to CEC to get their feedback to help decide how to submit it. ED noted that LLCC are flexible on how they two parts go forward. JC noted he is keen on putting both parts in together.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | -         |
| 6.4        | DT asked about LCCC. JM noted that it will be sent to them once cleared by LLCC.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | JM        |
| 6.5        | MPH asked about the foreword. JM noted it can go without it, but that other CCs would benefit from seeing an example one. MPH to draft and send on.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | MPH       |
| <b>7.</b>  | <b>Standing Items and Updates</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |           |
| <b>7a.</b> | <b>Planning &amp; Licensing</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |           |
| 7a.1       | MW noted that IM's planning report has been circulated today, and other emails have been circulated.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | -         |
| 7a.2       | MW noted the key items being continuing concerns about STLs and changes of use, noting that applications are being refused.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | -         |
| 7a.3       | MW notes a walkround of harbour 31 with Planning officers who have been met before. MW sees this as a way forward as a way to be involved. IM has written about this in detail in the report.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | -         |
| 7a.4       | Regarding Western Harbour Ponds, MW notes FOWHP are fatigued. FOWHP met with MPH and MW, and the treasurer has a skill in judicial reviews. MW noted that the Environmental Rights Centre of Scotland went through the case. Their lawyer is reviewing further. He noted a 3-month deadline to put forward for review, though the clock starts when the decision is published, which represents potential positivity. MW notes this process would need funds. MW notes this would need joining up of the groups who are in opposition to the development.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | -         |
| 7a.5       | MP3 notes she has emailed FOWHP as people in Newhaven would like to help, but has not has responses. MPH and ED to speak to FOWHP to highlight this lack of response.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | MPH<br>MW |
| 7a.6       | MW raised the issue of offices being turned into STLs. JC noted this happens more often than homes being turned into STLs. And people putting in change of use, then having license granted, then withdrawing the application. CB notes if a STL is refused, it is often on amenity or lack of housing, which doesn't apply to offices, so they are easier to convert. The issue of applicants withdrawing their application following the license being granted, CB noted he has put in questions to council about this, and hears 80% are second applications. CB noted he has asked for the number where they applicant has withdrawn and is pursuing an answer. CEC has asked SG about this, and current response is relaxed about the issue. CB noted that CEC have a power to refuse to deal with license application if they believe it would | -         |

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|            | be in breach of planning, but this is only for new applications, not renewals. JC notes the need to look at license applications and track each one. AE notes LLCC are having the same conversation, MP6 notes LCCC the same. KF notes that the majority are using professional companies to make these applications. AE notes we can't lose the breadth of businesses as the wider business ecosystem relies on them.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |    |
| <b>7b.</b> | <b>Transport</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |    |
| 7b.1       | JC noted no update on Leith Connections. JC notes Spokes published numbers as best year yet using the bike lanes on Leith Walk. DT notes a LLCC conversation on Great Junction Street confirming the bus stop will be modified over the next few months. CB noted they now have agreed design, and are awaiting contractor availability, and access. CB noted they will confirm in next week or so, and complete works by end of July. CB noted the proposal is taking some of the kerb away to move the bins back.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | -  |
| 7b.2       | MP4 asked about the temporary 16/25 bus stop at the foot of the walk. KF explained that the bus stop that was ordered is the size of the Crema bakery, when they started putting it in, the owners were unhappy. KF noted that the shelter then wasn't compliant, and that this is difficult space given other constraints in that location. KF noted that due to existing contracts CEC can't design a bespoke bust stop, and it needs to be off the shelf. JM suggested that they could reduce the car park access to Tesco from that side.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | -  |
| 7b.3       | eBug. DT has joined as an ordinary member and will now get updates from EBug.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | -  |
| 7c.4       | CCTT. MPH noted they are still going through snagging spreadsheet, which includes a wide variety of issues. ED and MPH attend the meetings. ED noted the focus in LHNCC area is trees and greenspaces. ED noted that grass has been seeded at Ocean Terminal, with more work to be done further up the line. ED noted that the Tram project paid Ocean Terminal and Forth Ports for land for the owners to do remediation, which has not been carried out. ED reported that it was discussed at end of last meeting to have a meeting with Forth Ports to discuss the area opposite Victoria Quay and Discovery Garden. ED noted that they aren't allowed to publish the spreadsheet, which covers defects all along the line. MPH notes the work to greenery up to the Kirkgate has now paused. MPH suggests that it should be escalated given the lack of progress. DT agrees. JM asked where Planning are in CCTT, as there should be enforcement of what gained consent. NB notes issues on Ocean Drive around land ownership, and repairs needed because of the trams; and suggests that the most effective thing is to write to Director of Place. MP6 notes this is a common theme across the community councils, and recommends having a joint meeting with Director of Place. ED notes CCTT includes all four CCs. CB notes LLCC got the Director of Place to their meeting several months ago. MP3 notes a problem getting a sign for historic Newhaven Harbour, which has been going on for years. ED to check this is on the list. All voted in favour of ED asking CCTT chair to escalate this matter. | ED |
| <b>7c.</b> | <b>Environment</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |    |
| 7c.1       | DG noted that regarding FOWLb, that there is nothing to add.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | -  |
| 7c.2       | ED noted that the update on the Western Harbour ponds have been covered.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | -  |
| 7c.3       | JC notes 8 signets were born, and dog attach this weekend meant 3 have been lost. JC noted that the eider duck chicks have also hatched.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | -  |
| 7c.4       | ED reported that she met Edinburgh's thriving green spaces team, which is also relevant to the trams conversation. ED noted they are looking to create a case study with Forth Ports and the Trams around green space. ED noted she is going to meet them again.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | -  |
| 7c.5       | MW noted that someone has posted online that CEC enter into an agreement for each park space. "Fields in trust" creates a trust, and a list of parks that are covered by it. ED agreed to request the list from Thriving Green Spaces.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | ED |
| <b>7d.</b> | <b>Heritage</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |    |

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| 7d.1       | ED notes article on Custom House in newsletter.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |     |
| <b>7e.</b> | <b>Community</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |     |
| 7e.1       | MPH notes DT, MPH, KF, and CB met about the Xmas Tree at bottom of Leith Walk, and Christmas lights at the bottom of Easter Road, and at the Shore, and two trees at the Shore, supported by Britannia. MPH noted no proposal for lights at Taylor Park this year. IK asked about Great Junction Street lights. KF notes a problem with peoples' flats and putting lights in residential areas. KF reported that CEC;s contractor will come back with more thoughts. IK notes the historic nature of the tree at Taylor Gardens, and the connection with the old Leith Hospital children's ward. KF to speak to IK about this.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | KF  |
| 7e.2       | MPH notes there will be lights and decorations along the Shore area linked to local businesses.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | -   |
| 7e.3       | IK notes Leith Rotary is trying to get Planters put in and are asking the Council how to do this. MPH to respond regarding her efforts to put planters in around Leith.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | MPH |
| <b>8.</b>  | <b>Councillor/MSP responses and updates</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |     |
| 8.1        | KF notes she works on via her inbox, so asks people to email her.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | -   |
| 8.2        | KF reports that there is a big new fund, called regenerative Futures fund, which councils have put money into. KF notes Leith has done quite well, with finding given to the residents of Cablees Wynd, and Making Rights Matter, Sikh Sanjog, and Edinburgh Community Food.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | -   |
| 8.3        | KF went to a meeting of a group of Leith creative businesses fronting the UK Town of Culture bid. KF noted it was their second meeting, which included different ideas of what it could be. KF notes they are looking at how it could be funded.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | -   |
| 8.4        | KF noted the full council meeting last week, featured lots of motions. KF noted a motion that came from Councillor Aston regarding PBSA, noting the London Plan, where they apply similar rules that they apply to other buildings, including a percentage of affordable residential. In it they require PBSA owners to pay non domestic rates. KF noted a discussion on students not paying council tax means the companies who run them should pay more in tax to recompense the local authority for the lost revenue. KF noted that councillors will start to look into this and report back to a committee. KF noted that the Labour group amended the motion.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | -   |
| 8.5        | MP6 asked about affordable housing, known as section 75, noting this is now 35% in London, but that they are looking to reduce back to 25% or remove all together. MP6 notes this is this is blocking development. MP6 notes SFHA are also doing a report looking at effectiveness of Section 75, which will be published next year. MP6 notes that the key is making sure these things get delivered. MP6 notes unforeseen circumstances of increasing section 75 construction percentages, and that this is not being policed. KF agrees not enough evidence-based work, and that it is very target led at SG-level. KF thinks we should aim to have as much 'affordable' housing as possible, and that developers should be helped to build affordable. KF notes she is happy to speak directly about any of these observations. CB notes that a barrier to affordable housing is lack of SG funding. CB believes change of affordable housing contributions to 35% has made an impact, and if housing isn't being built, CEC gets a sum. | -   |
| 8.6        | CB notes he has recently stood down as co-convener of Green Group, which has required work on internal issues.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | -   |
| 8.7        | CB noted that he chaired transport and access forum and took part on committee tour.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | -   |
| 8.8        | CB noted he attended Planning Site Visits to Dock 31.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | -   |

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| 8.9       | CB noted the council motion on assaults on buses, CB noted he brought an amendment to get the Unite Unions plan on assaults on buses into council policy, and minimum standards on driver protection, which was agreed.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | -         |
| 8.10      | CB reported that the Licensing board met yesterday, though not much in Leith.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | -         |
| 8.11      | CB reported the sustainability committee meeting, where plant-based food at CEC catering was discussed. CB noted the Greens pushed to explore the price differential on impact meat and dairy has on the environment, but that this was not supported.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | -         |
| 8.12      | CB noted that he is an appointee on the Edinburgh Solar Coop board. CB noted that 30 roofs, inc Ferry Road daycare centre, have panels on them, and that the Coop sell power to CEC at reduced rates, with a community benefit fund.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | -         |
| 8.13      | CB noted a round table on Voi bikes to happen this Thursday.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | -         |
| <b>9.</b> | <b>Update on LHNCC engagement (inc. funding bids and community grants)</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |           |
| 9.1       | MPH reported that she has been working with the engagement subgroup to create action plan for CC for this year. MPH noted they have developed an action plan, which MPH will send on to the wider CC. MPH noted that actions from the LLPP are included such as community planters. MPH noted she will look to use grant from Edinburgh University for funding for community planters for Leith area, and the results of the application will be released early next month. MPH noted that Edinburgh Council community grants fund has just opened up, and that she is looking to do a joint initiative on a project and looking for ideas. MPH noted she is looking at youth led initiatives. MP6 stated that she has youth organisations who might be interested. MP6 noted ways to engage with Harbour tenants, and the Grant given by Harbour Homes for outreach. MPH noted she has made posters and fliers to inform tenants about what the community council does and what the city council does. MPH reported she looking to update the general LHNCC flier. | MPH       |
| 9.2       | MPH noted that she is looking for support with the engagement plan actions.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | -         |
| 9.3       | IK asked about the planters, noting Leith Rotary are trying to encourage people on the Shore to look after planters. IK notes the challenge of looking after Planters was reported, and CEC officer cleared up planters in response. CEC may set up planters and locals then need to look after. ED noted Thriving Green Spaces may help with this. IK and MPH to discuss.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | IK<br>MPH |
| 9.4       | DG noted Leith Chooses managed the community grant fund for the 3 community councils, so may be able to help with projects.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | -         |
| 9.5       | All reviewed the fliers. AE suggests a QR code on the fliers.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | -         |
| <b>10</b> | <b>LHNCC Annual General Meeting (June 2026)</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |           |
| 10.1      | ED noted the AGM planned for June. 23 <sup>rd</sup> of June in Custom House. ED noted this will be a combination of ordinary monthly meeting and AGM. KF to chair.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | All       |
| <b>11</b> | <b>AOB</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |           |
| 11.1      | JC noted that Gutterball at Ocean Terminal used magnetic fliers to advertise, but the magnets are falling off surfaces. JC noted he has collected 140 of them. He noted he has emailed Gutterball to highlight the problem and is awaiting reply.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | -         |
| 11.2      | JM noted that town of culture group have the Leith Local Place Plan, which was sent on by LCCC, and the whole CC have the link to them.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | -         |
| 11.4      | MP3 noted that Trinity CC have an issue of delivering a Local Place Plan, as Newhaven is split between two CCs. JM suggested Trinity CC run it, but have Heart of Newhaven Community submit it.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | -         |
| <b>12</b> | <b>Next meeting: 23<sup>rd</sup> of June 2026.</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | All       |

**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  
EHO – Environmental Health Officer  
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  
LHEES – Local Heat and Energy Efficiency Strategy  
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  
WHP – Western Harbour Ponds

## Standard agenda

1. Introductions, apologies
2. Declaration of interests
3. Minutes of previous meeting
4. Matters arising (local resident/business/organisation issues)
5. Police update
6. Leith Local Place Plan
7. Standing items and updates:
  - a) Planning and licensing
  - b) Transport
  - c) Environment
  - d) Heritage
  - e) Community
8. Councillor (Chas Booth, Katrina Faccenda, Adam McVey) & MSP (Ben Macpherson) updates
9. TBC
10. TBC
11. AOB
12. Date of next meeting