

Secretary's Report for February 2012

Correspondence: See circulation file (If anyone wants an individual copy please ask me).
Invitation "T with your MP & STV" – from Ian Murray, MP 24th March 10am Mayfield
Salisbury Church Hall - RSVP john.griffiths@parliament.uk
Invitation to "Meet the Funders" March 26th 1-4pm
GPCC letters about Dalkeith Road Pharmacy

Get Well cards: David Stevenson and Alastair Pugh have both been in hospital for operations. I sent them both "get well" cards on behalf of GPCC.

South Central Neighbourhood Partnership (SCNP) matters
Minutes of all meetings of the NP and the various subgroups are available on the SCNP website www.edinburghnp.org.uk and follow the links.

I have attended the following meetings on behalf of GPCC:

SCNP Business meeting – 27th February 2012. The main issue related to the provision of barbeque sites on the Meadows. Opinion was divided between those who wanted to ban bbqs and those who wanted more slabs to be provided (to reduce damage to the grass by hot bbqs) – it was agreed that an additional 15 sites should be provided and the situation would continue to be monitored.

No firm plans for future public events have yet been finalised.

The public can attend and ask questions (at the Chair's discretion) at these meetings.

Environment and Town Centre Forum March 12th - this group is a merger of the two separate Environmental Forums and the Parking Group. Priorities decided for this group are recycling and roads and pavements. Representatives from the local CCs and individuals are welcome to attend.

Capital Roads Funding – the selection meeting will be held on Thursday March 29th. One project submitted by GPCC for 2011/12 – resurface Rankin Drive – is about to be completed. GPCC submitted two applications for 2012/13 – Findhorn Place and East Mayfield – both were highly rated for 2011/12 but couldn't be completed due to utility works. The programme will be available for members to discuss at the GPCC meeting. A previous submission from GPCC for improvements at the Blackford junction has resulted in bulb planting there; cycle racks near the shops are also to be installed shortly.

Astley Ainslie site – development and access matters:

There will be a brief informal meeting of those interested in this matter at Sue Tritton's flat (6 Grange Terrace) on Thursday March 22nd at 5pm.

Dates of meetings which may be of interest

Monday March 26th – "Meet the Funders" City Chambers

Thursday March 29th – Roads Capital Programme Selection meeting

Wednesday April 18th – GPCC meeting

Wednesday May 16th – GPCC Meeting and AGM

Sue Tritton
19th March 2012