

**Grange Prestonfield Community Council  
Chair's Report, October 2012**

**Interest Group**

Transition Edinburgh South applied to CEC to be registered as a local Interest Group and have a place on the Community Council. Their application was successful and we welcome their representative, Pat Abel.

**GP Services in Grange Prestonfield**

We have had a letter from NHS Lothian saying that Southern Medical Practice (Gilmerton Road) intends to close the branch practice at Minto Street.

The practice believes this is the best way to ensure that all patients receive the highest possible standard of primary care, albeit in a changed location. Patients are advised that parking is much better at Gilmerton Road and there are good bus routes to stops outside the Robin's Nest pub.

The letter continues that they are conscious of the desire of two other local practices to find improved accommodation and the possible desire of some Minto St patients to re-register elsewhere. They will be talking to the practices about the possible implications.

In the meantime they are offering to meet Minto Street patients and I understand about 20 have said they would like to attend.

**Rose Garden (West Savile Terrace and Mayfield Road)**

A successful, well attended meeting was held at the Rose Garden at the end of September. The note of that meeting is appended, showing the progress being made.

The Community Council is asked to agree to working with the group to apply to the SC Neighbourhood Partnership Community Grant Fund for play equipment here and at Rankin Drive.

**Scottish Ambulance Service**

Members will remember the presentation by the SAS to a previous Community Council meeting. They are now about to improve their Patient Transport Service, which takes patients who need support to reach their healthcare appointments if they have medical or mobility needs that prevent them from traveling independently.

From 22 October 2012, to request a journey by ambulance, patients should call the new ambulance booking line on 0300 123 1236 (calls are charged at local rates for both landlines and mobiles).

**Licensing Applications**

There have been none.

John Palmer  
Chair

Rose Garden – Corner of Mayfield Road and West Savile Terrace.

Thanks to everyone who attended the informal meeting regarding the Rose Garden site.

I just wished to highlight some of the issues that came out of the meeting.

Immediate Actions

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| Local volunteer group indicated a wish to continue with the maintenance of the site but also wish for something to be done regarding the dog fouling issues   | Volunteers  |
| Dog fouling patrols to be undertaken by Environmental Wardens in an attempt to educate and provide advice to dog walkers on the fouling issue. Fixed Penalty Notices will be issued to any one breaking the legislation in this regard. | EW's        |
| Information regarding the site further along Mayfield road to be investigated regarding ownership.  | DD/MS       |
| Some immediate attention given to the general access of the garden to include renewing of pathway wood chip and general tidiness of the site  | DD/MS       |
| Consideration of renewing the park benches to possibly metal style seats  | DD/MS       |
| Cherry trees to be inspected as cavities are very evident in two in main area of garden   | Forestry/MS |
| Crown lifting of same trees also to be undertaken   | For/MS      |
| Chipping of the branches to be undertaken by Neighbourhood Parks Team   | DD/MS       |
| Leaf clearing to be undertaken by Neighbourhood Parks Team  | DD/MS       |

Longer Term Solutions

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| · Future of the site could be used for informal style play area on one side and a garden area on the other              |             |
| · Consideration to dog grid being installed to discourage dogs/owners using the site for early morning dog fouling walk | DD/MS/Group |

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| · A proposed plan of the site to be made available to take into consideration the use of the site as a play area and garden, this is to include a metal fence around proposed play area and a 'dog proof' gated access. | DD to put proposal plan to local group |
| · Local group to investigate possible funding streams to change the use of the garden into the joint venture  | Local Group                            |
| · Possible use of cherry trees should they be removed as play area solution.  | MS                                     |
| · Check change of use with owners of site (Scottish Water)  | DD                                     |

Since the meeting.

- Trees have been inspected and as expected the cherry to the right back of site requires to be removed due to the large cavity in the tree.
- Crown lifting will also take place of two others on site.
- This work will take place in next couple of weeks
- New Seating costs are being sought with a view to installing this year
- Pathway has been sprayed and will be cleared with new chip mulch applied next week.
- Leaf clearing will start in the garden after the last grass cuts from 22 October