

Grange Prestonfield Community Council Chair's Report, November 2012

Flooding and Drainage on Dalkeith Road

After our last meeting, Bill Elliott of Scottish Water undertook the following actions:

- Their choke squad have checked the Vulcan Gas Shop & Grey Horse pub this morning with CCTV - all drains into the properties are running clear.
- Scottish Water will now raise a job for bigger cameras to CCTV the main sewer to check for any defects etc on Dalkeith Road. They will do this as a matter of urgency.

Bill advised all business owners if they experience internal flooding again to contact SW helpline which is manned 24/7 and they will attend log and arrange any clean up as required.

Lady Road Allotments - he was going with Networks Team on Monday afternoon to check the powered screen for any blockages etc

Flood Management Action Plans

The Flood Risk Management (Scotland) Act 2009 has recently been enacted and is being managed by the Scottish Government. The complex nature of flooding - with many agencies responsible for different aspects of the sewer and drainage systems in communities - means that a partnership approach is needed to tackle flooding. The Scottish Flood Forum, COSLA (Convention of Scottish Local Authorities) and the Scottish Government are to develop Flood Management Action Plans, these plans will be published in 2015. The Scottish Flood Forum, <http://www.scottishfloodforum.org>, is a useful website and offers lot's of practical advice.

Review of Community Council Scheme

We submitted a response to this on behalf of GPCC. Following analysis of comments, a draft Scheme and report will be submitted to Council on 13 December seeking approval for the draft Scheme to go out for a period of statutory consultation which will allow the wider public's views to be expressed.

A summary of the key findings has previously been circulated to members.

Scottish Health Campaigns Network

We have been informed of the existence of the above network, an organisation set up some eight years ago to co-ordinate the work of various groups from around Scotland with concerns about health service provision in their areas.

We are enquiring with our neighbouring Community Councils whether participating in this network would be of benefit to us.

Licensing Applications

There have been a couple of applications for Pataka restaurant and Earthy on Causewayside. No comment was made.

Petitions Committee

We have been reminded that CEC has set up a new Petitions Committee.