

Secretary's Report – May 2013

Correspondence - see Circulation folder (includes)

- Emails about Rose Garden
- Emails about Meadows Festival

SCNP Meeting – Monday April 22nd

Edinburgh People Survey results – see Circulation file (or website) - gives satisfaction (or otherwise) of residents in different NP areas when asked questions about the city and services provided by the Council.

Community Grants Fund – Total of £23,625 awarded to various groups (officers recommended smaller awards) – leaving £33,748 for the rest of 2013/14. Meeting agreed that no grants should be awarded under delegated authority – so no more grants until next SCNP meeting in September.

Review of Neighbourhood Partnerships

Report from Natalie Hoy:

A significant number of responses were received at the sounding boards and through the online survey. From the feedback, an options paper was presented to the Communities and Neighbourhoods Committee on Tuesday 7 May 2013. You are able to view the options paper (with appendices) and also the full report from the workshops and survey online.

Rose Garden

Information received from David Doig suggests that work on this garden should be “Community led” – we therefore need to form a group who will take this forward. The SCNP will provide help and advice as necessary. The first thing to do is to have a meeting (probably on site to start with) and draw up a design of what the group would like to happen in the garden.

The Council has recently carried out the following;

- * Provided new seating
- * Provided new litter receptacle
- * replaced existing pathway with wind dust base
- * scarified soil area and sown grass seed, with additional amount for birds!

David Doig reports: “I'm still working on Contact with Scottish Power regarding other site.

Any works that are proposed will require clearance from Scottish Water as land owners of the site.

We are unable to padlock shut the area due to land reform regulations. The other point that needs to be taken cognisance of, is that as SW own the land it may be difficult to raise funding without permission of long term lease arrangements.”

Sunday Parking in East Mayfield/Duncan Street area

It has been ascertained that Historic Scotland is happy for the carpark to be used in the evenings and weekends. The three churches have been asked to advertise this to those attending and to stress the problem of dangerous and inconsiderate parking in the nearby streets. Janet Sidaway has been working with PC Lynsey Collins over this and Nick Ruck-Keen liaised very helpfully with St Columba's Church.

Meadows Festival

We have been approached by Elizabeth Summerfield of the Meadows Festival Association asking for a donation of £100 to help with the costs of running the Festival. The Festival was given £5000 by the SCNP.

See also information about volunteers wanted in Circulation file.

To volunteer <http://www.meadowsfestival.org/support-us/volunteers/>

Review of CC Scheme

Consultation on the scheme until 31st May. The scheme can be accessed via the link:

www.edinburgh.gov.uk/communitycouncils

We might want to comment on the representation of Local Interest Groups.

Licensing

Minor changes to start times at Prestonfield Hotel, Minto Hotel and Wild Elephant restaurant.

Dates of Future Meetings – which may be of interest (see Circulation file or ask ST)

Wednesday 29th May – Discussion with amenity groups about LDP

Friday 31st May – End of consultation on CC Scheme

Friday/Saturday 1st/2nd June – Meadows Festival

Monday 3rd June – HMO Working Group

Wednesday 5th June – Presentation of plans for REH

Thursday 20th June – Town Centre and Environment Forum

Friday 14th June – End of Consultation on Local Development Plan

Wednesday 19th June – GPCC meeting

Tuesday 25th June – Civic Forum

Monday 2nd September – SCNP Meeting

Thursday 5th September – Meeting of CC reps with NHS Lothian

Wednesday 18th September – GPCC meeting

Tuesday 31st December – proposals for 2014/15 Capital Roads programme

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13th May 2013