

**17 April 2024 Meeting: (Cllr. Tim Pogson in attendance)**

**Community Grants Fund 2024/25**: The allocation for Southside & Newington is £29400. Grants of up to £5000 can be awarded per application. Prestonfield Bowling Green may be in the frame by way of Edinburgh & Lothians Greenspace Trust. [Community Grants Fund – The City of Edinburgh Council](https://www.edinburgh.gov.uk/community-planning/community-grants-fund)

**Cameron Toll Roundabout**: Work and congestion continue. May 10th completion targeted.

**Grange Association Fair**: Saturday 18 May at Newington Library. See: [Home - The Grange Association](https://grangeassociation.org/)

**Prestonfield Road & Priestfield Road**: Street tree enhancement consultation planned and resurfacing in the pipeline.

**Blackett Area**: Reports of cases of vandalism, minor car damage and ASB.

**Student Housing Development**: The density of student accommodation provision continues to rise in the Southside (and elsewhere). Got any strong views on this trend? Contact us.

**‘Our Future Streets’**: The council’s long-range plans for travel and mobility in the city: far-reaching programme; big change; big upheaval; trams are just a part of it. Long way to go though.

**City Budget**: Council opens public consultation on future service delivery against projected budget deficits.

**20 March 2024 Meeting: (Cllr. Tim Pogson in attendance)**

**Communal bin hub installations**: Phased roll-out after the 2023 council consultation programme, which has largely gone beyond the ‘room for discussion phase’.

**Cameron Toll Roundabout**: Big disruption unavoidable until mid-May at least. Lifting of bus-gate at Prestonfield Avenue for 4 weeks helps but watch out for heavier traffic volumes.

**The Council’s Budget for 2024-25**: Labour Administration’s budget approved; prioritises roads, footways and drainage; no cuts to education. Financial pressures unabated though.

**Council consultation on the future of libraries**: What are the key services and activities they deliver for you? What more would you like to see? Check the survey at <https://consultationhub.edinburgh.gov.uk/>

**Planning Application**: Student Accommodation at 27-31 Ratcliffe Terrace: GPCC will oppose on design and on the steady rise in the density of student developments within the area.

**Newington Cemetery**: Wall repair still underway; very slow progress, attributed to council work scheduling. Local Cllr. Pogson making further enquiries.

**21 February 2024 Meeting: (Cllr. Simita Kumar in attendance)**

**Community Council Scheme and Boundary Review**: Phase 2 consultation underway. No changes proposed for GPCC structure. Next elections could be in Q3.

**Cameron Toll Roundabout**: Deep culvert damage; repairs likely to stretch into April. Disruption and delays unavoidable.

**Roadworks**: Dalkeith Road / Salisbury Place: No provision for safe pedestrian transit or crossing. Local Cllr. Kumar to raise this as a safety issue with the Council.

**Pavement Parking**: Explicit restrictions now in force; few exemptions.

**Council Budget**: Contending with big shortfall concerns, this year and in the future. The main issues are provision for roads, footways and road safety, and education.

**Bus Trackers**: New bus stop timetable indicators won’t be properly functional (with live times) for maybe another six months; software and equipment issues.

**Newington Cemetery**: Volunteer work continues on tree-trail signage and tidy-up.

**SoS: We need someone to guide us on local planning issues! Could you help keep us on the right track??**