

West End Community Council

Minute of Meeting

7:30pm on the 1st of June 2021 on the ZOOM video platform

Present: Community Councillors Dr Gordon M Wyllie (Chair), David Duncan (Secretary), Isabel Thom (Planning), Paul Hancock (Communications), Gordon Renton, Marta Baur, Dr Leonora McAndrew, City Cllr Joanna Mowat, local residents David Hewitson, James Benbow, Darcey Black, Linda Cunningham, Ian Woollen and Darlene Khazaka and guests Alex Orr of Orbit Communications (PR and Public Affairs) Ltd, Isla Proudfoot and Paul Stevenson of Ladybank Developments Limited.

Discussion	Action
<p>1. Welcome</p> <p>After welcoming everyone to the meeting and deferring dealing with apologies the Chairman invited the guests to make a presentation concerning a proposed student residence in Haymarket Yards</p>	
<p>2. Presentation regarding Haymarket Yards</p> <p>Mr Orr gave an illustrated presentation including a brief history of the site and how it had been acquired from the Administrator of the previous developer along with planning permission for a building destined to rise in three steps although the current proposal is for a simplified mass whose height will be “more in line with surrounding offices”. A public consultation will open next week and the developers hope to submit a planning application in July and open the premises in 2023. It is not intended to allow access from Devon Place. Members of the Community Council expressed concern regarding the overall missing, the number of floors, the height, and the overall increase in projected residences to more than double the number originally proposed. In response to a question by Mr Hancock, Mr Orr undertook to supply further information and submit documentation which could be circulated. (subsequently received)</p> <p>The guests were thanked for their attendance and left the meeting.</p>	
<p>3. Apologies</p> <p>Apologies were received on behalf of Community Councillors Ian Robertson, (Vice-Chair) Treasurer Alex Milne, City Councillor Hal Osler and local residents Fraser Stevenson, Jenny Clarke and Fiona Searle.</p>	
<p>4. Minute of meeting held on the 4th of May 2021</p> <p>It was agreed that for the foreseeable future to provide anyone attending a meeting and leaving an e-contact address with a copy of the draft minute of the relevant meeting.</p> <p>The Planning Convener would liaise with the Communications Officer on circulation of the planning report.</p> <p>The minute of the meeting held on the 4th of May 2021 was approved.</p>	<p>IT and PH</p>



<p>5. Matters arising from the minute included the following:-</p> <p>a) Public toilets</p> <p>Councillor Mowat has tabled a motion with a view to discovering how far the obligation to construct public toilets has been transmitted to singular successors in title of the Morrison Street development site.</p> <p>The position regarding temporary provision has still to be settled although some businesses in the area might make premises available.</p> <p>It was noted that the big offices are to be occupied by Baillie Gifford.</p> <p>b) TRO3</p> <p>Councillor Mowat advised that the detailed response to the question she had raised at the previous City Council meeting did not properly answer her point. A meeting would be held coordinated by Councillor Mowat and Mr Hancock in the Eglinton & Glencairn Gardens. <i>This was attended by Councillor Mowat, Darcey Black, David Hewitson, Isobel Thom, and Gordon Wyllie, Paul Hancock was unable to be present.</i></p> <p>Ian Woollen referred to issues surrounding the proposed reconfiguration and restrictions in Melville Street resulting in considerable loss of parking. This would be carried further by James Benbow and Ian Woollen in conjunction with Councillor Mowat and a letter would be sent.</p> <p>c) Winter Festivals</p> <p>A report would be issued after responses had been collated</p>	<p>JM +JB & IW</p> <p>JM</p>
<p>6. Police Matters</p> <p>Paul Hancock spoke briefly to the report he had received including a car thief being remanded in prison and a “strong line of enquiry” being followed up regarding a graffiti tagger. Their newsletter is attached.</p>	
<p>7. Councillor’s Report</p> <p>After advising that most of the matters she proposed to bring forward had already been covered, Councillor Mowat reported that the City Council’s plan for a Low-Emission Zone (LEZ) will be circulated and that an application will be made for the siting of a burger van in the area outside Ryrie’s Bar adjacent to the Haymarket Station. It was resolved to object to this.</p> <p>Darcey Black referred to the use of street planters as an instrument of traffic management, which Cllr Mowat is looking into.</p> <p>Local Morrison Street resident Rachel Alexander had reported to Paul Hancock that the developers of the Haymarket site had been engaged for three weeks on overnight work erecting the façade of the building fronting Dalry Road and Morrison Street. He will forward details to Councillor Mowat. Mr Hancock had attended a meeting concerning the public space management plan, notes of which will follow. He hopes to attend one regarding public funding grant including the possibility of work on the Water of Leith. He</p>	

<p>has been contacted by a student who wants to talk about Covid and the Galleries want a talk about defibrillators.</p>	
<p>8. Finance Report</p> <p>At the time of the Treasurer’s last report the current balance in the Community Council’s favour stood at £1155. Mr Hewitson kindly agreed to consider taking over from Mr Milne. <i>(Subsequently confirmed.)</i></p>	<p>AM and DH</p>
<p>9. Planning Report</p> <p>Isabel Thom spoke to the report which she had circulated prior to the meeting and mentioned that permission for the proposed terrace at Lynedoch Place had been refused. Another is in prospect and to be consistent, it was agreed to object. Gordon Renton requested that an objection be lodged to a short-term letting application and also the construction of a vestigial balcony referred to as “Venetian”.</p> <p>In a discussion regarding waste disposal, it was noted that the creation of “rubbish hubs” might amount to an invitation to fill the space between containers with rubbish.</p> <p>Mrs Thom reported that local applications are up by 50% from last year and that a new Head of Planning has been appointed following the retirement of David Leslie OBE. David Givan is taking over this role. She has also attended the presentation on climate change risks and four of the all-morning meetings organised by the World Heritage Trust along with James Cook University anent climate change vulnerability.</p>	<p>IT</p>
<p>10. Communications Report and Website</p> <p>Paul Hancock reported on the work being done with the new provider – it was hoped to move seamlessly to the new website.</p>	
<p>11. AOCB</p> <p>Looking to the future it was agreed to put HYBRID Meetings on the agenda for the next meeting.</p>	
<p>12. Dates of next meetings</p> <p>6th July, 2nd September, 5th October, 9th November</p>	

There being no further business Dr Wyllie closed the meeting.

Appendix 1. Police Report provided to and distributed by Paul Hancock.



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West End Community Council Newsletter

City Centre Community Policing Team
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Looking Back

With COVID-19 restrictions being partially lifted in May, we've continued to see increased call demand consistent with pre-pandemic levels. We're not quite there yet, but more significantly, the locations we're requiring to focus our activities are changing.

The disorder and anti-social behaviour in the Meadows we saw in April required a significant police presence to deal robustly with the large groups that had been congregating, however, with the restrictions surrounding licensed premises being eased, we have seen fewer persons congregating in the Meadows, and the bars and restaurants in the town centre becoming busier. The deployment of our resources has been tailored to respond to this, and the patrol areas for the dedicated licensed premises include the West End area.

Over the past couple of months, there had been a spike in break-ins to cars in the West End Area. Extensive enquiries were carried out by our Initiative Team based here at the West End Police Station, and this resulted in a male being identified for a number of these. He has subsequently appeared at court and was remanded in prison, resulting in a sharp drop in the similar crimes being reported.

What We're Noticing

We have been alerted to the issue of the a repeat graffiti "tagger" in the West End area, and as a result, officers from the Initiative Team and Community Policing Team have been conducting thorough enquiries to identify the person responsible and any others acting with them. There is currently a positive line of enquiry into this, and we hope to build a solid case for a number of similar crimes.

As you will no doubt be aware, attacks on buses by youths throwing stones has been a regular issue throughout the city. The instances of this are beginning to reduce in frequency, but it is something that we are still dealing with in partnership with Lothian Buses and various youth organisations. Whilst the instances of vandalism have not been taking place within the West End area, this may have had an impact on residents in the West End due to disrupted or suspended services. I am pleased to say, however, that the work undertaken appears to be bearing fruit in deterring those responsible, detecting the crimes committed, and utilising diversionary tactics to good effect.

Traffic volume in the town centre is increasing significantly, and with this in mind, we will be looking to conduct pro-active road safety initiatives throughout the town centre in particular.

Looking Forward

This month, we expect to see a steady increase in the numbers of people frequenting Edinburgh Town Centre, both on foot and in vehicles. The weather can't get much worse than it has been in May, so any improved weather is likely to encourage people back out to bars and public spaces.

In addition to this, domestic tourism is likely to increase over the summer, we are getting closer to the opening of the St James Quarter development, and that of The Johnnie Walker Experience, all of which will likely add to the foot fall in the town centre. It is inevitable that more people in the town centre will result more incidents for us to deal with, but we will look to deploy our resources to pre-empt this.

If there are any issues which we feel you should know about, we will of course update you in the forthcoming newsletters, but if there is anything you would like us to address, or crime prevention information you would like us to provide, please let us know and we will tailor the content accordingly.

Kind Regards,

City Centre Community Policing Team

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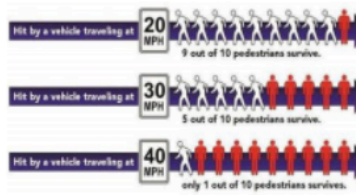
Advice and Support



If you want to start a neighbourhood watch or simply join as an individual to receive messages/targeted alerts from important information providers such as Police Scotland, then log in to :
www.neighbourhoodwatchscotland.co.uk

Maximum of 10 easy steps sign up process, whether you list as a coordinator or simply as a member.

You can then log in to the sign in section of the website where you will be given access to your member administration area. From there you can update your own details, create or manage a neighbourhood or home watch scheme, report information to police, neighbourhood watch and much more.



What happens after I give information?
After receiving your call or a completed anonymous online form, we create a report that brings together all the information you gave us, making sure it doesn't contain any information that could identify you.

Who is my report sent to?
Your report is sent to the relevant authority with the legal responsibility to investigate crimes, make arrests and charge people in order to bring them to justice. This could be your local police force or an agency such as the UK Border Agency or HM Revenue & Customs.

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About Us



Local Area Commander:

Chief Inspector Sam Ainslie

City Centre Community Policing Team - West End Police Station:

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Sergeant Cameron Walker

Sergeant David Duthie

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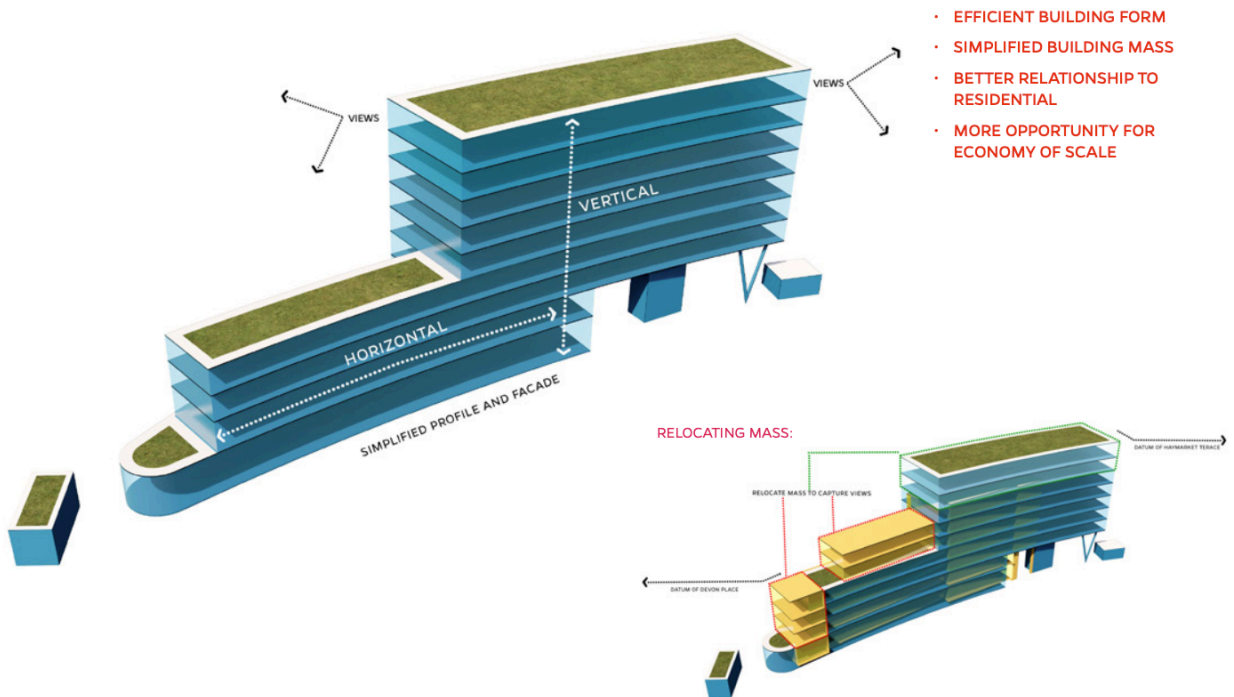


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CONCEPT: A NEW APPROACH





APPROACH
CONSENTED & PROPOSED SCHEMES (SOUTH)

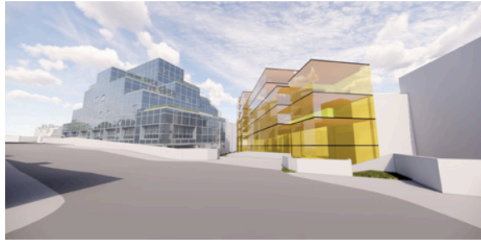


APPROACH
STREET VIEW: DEVON PLACE

VIEW LOCATION:



CONSENTED SCHEME:



EXISTING VIEW:



PROPOSED SCHEME:

