

TRINITY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

SEPTEMBER NEWS BULLETIN



No more deck chairs! TCC resumed its regular monthly meetings on 8 September. Here are the highlights:

PROPOSED SAINSBURY'S LOCAL IN CRAIGHALL RD

TCC submitted its response to Sainsbury's planning application following the presentation and discussion at our June meeting. No date has been fixed for CEC Planning Committee to hear the application. Full details at CEC Planning (ref 14/02023/FUL).

RECYCLING

Inevitably teething problems, but the new arrangements do seem to be bedding in. We will continue to monitor so do let us know if you have any thoughts on this matter.

THE JAM IN EDINBURGH'S PLANNING SANDWICH?

CEC's latest Local Development Plan shows more than 17,000 new houses to be built on either side of the Trinity area. Trinity comprises about 4,000 houses currently so that is a very significant increase in nearby housing stock. There will also be two new Primary Schools, additional shopping at Granton and Leith and major industrial development at Leith docks.

Despite this, the plan contains no corresponding transport proposals. Will Trinity be the jam in the sandwich between developments at Leith and Granton? The previous plan depended on the tram to Newhaven taking the strain but the scrapping of that extension has not been replaced by any alternative. Unless the plan recognises the need, transport will only be reviewed piecemeal as developments are built - with all that implies for impatient motorists taking shortcuts through residential areas.

There is also concern about possible impact on parking - already causing a number of problems and made worse by apparent lack of enforcement. One suggestion is to introduce Priority Parking but this would cost residents for their permit. More info at http://www.edinburgh.gov.uk/info/20083/parking_permits/451/priority_parking

We will push for a review of roads, transport (incl bus services) and parking in north Edinburgh as part of the Plan rather than as an afterthought. We have until 3 October to comment and would welcome your thoughts to help assemble the TCC response.

Find out more at a drop-in session at Waverley Court on 22 September, 4-7pm or (more locally) at a conference organised by West Pilton/West Granton Community Council at Telford College on 27 September concerning the regeneration of north Edinburgh <http://northedinburghnews.wordpress.com/2014/09/11/book-your-place-at-forth-regeneration-event/>

CONTACT IN THE CAPITAL

CEC plans to improve communications are being piloted through an online blog (see <http://northedinburghnews.wordpress.com/>) together with a print edition though this seems likely to concentrate initially on the Muirhouse and Craigmoynton areas. Why not check it out? We are on the steering group and would love to pass on your thoughts.

Next mtg on Monday 13 October at 7pm in St Serfs and featuring a presentation on Total Craigmoynton. Open to all residents.

Questions? Email us or contact your Community Councillor. See <http://www.trinitycommunitycouncil.btck.co.uk/CommunityCouncillors>

Did you find this useful or informative? If so, why not show it to a neighbour? Anyone in Trinity can subscribe to the bulletin simply by emailing tcc-comms@outlook.com Or drop us a line and tell us what you think could be better.

JOINED UP PLANNING?

Forth Neighbourhood Partnership are currently updating the North Edinburgh Local Community Plan. The proposed priorities are:

- Healthier community
- Opportunities for children and young people
- Cleaner, greener and more attractive environment
- Community safety
- Employment and training opportunities, esp. for young people

We haven't seen any draft fleshing these out and offering specific aims and are also concerned at the lack of concern to maintain the physical environment. We will invite an official to attend one or more TCC meetings to discuss this and to report on progress.

NEIGHBOURHOOD ENVIRONMENT PROGRAMME

FNP allocated its 2015 NEP budget of £440k across its 4 CC's. Trinity won £39k (with matching funding from the Sports Council) to restore the tennis and basketball court in Victoria Park and £87k for road improvements including the East/South Trinity Road junction and in the Denham Greens following April's Walkabout.

COMMUNITY GRANT FUND - "FUNDING FOR FORTH"

The £16,000 for local voluntary groups ring-fenced by FNP for a Participatory Budgeting exercise on the Leith model unfortunately received no applications by the due date so the exercise has been abandoned this year and a review of what went wrong initiated.

LOWER GRANTON ROAD REALIGNMENT

Realignment of Lower Granton Road is now complete and seems to have improved traffic flow. There are some reservations about the impact on houses near the junction and also problems nearer Granton Square where there have been a number of accidents. We continue to believe that further alterations to Trinity roads must take the whole Trinity road system into account because of the knock-on impacts and how near to capacity we currently are.

20 MPH SPEED LIMIT

CEC are currently consulting on extending a 20mph speed limit to most of Edinburgh. We are sceptical about effectiveness unless it is properly enforced. At present that doesn't seem to happen and we will be contacting CEC to make our concerns clear.

DEAR GREEN SPACE

After discussion, a large majority agreed that *Victoria Park's* third (surplus) bowling green should be turned into mini allotments, some of which could be used by local school children. *Starbank Park* continues from strength to strength. Ambitions now include facilities for children and restoring the toilet facilities.

THANK YOU LIZ GRANT AND BEST WISHES

TCC is sorry to lose the services of Liz Grant who has been a long-serving member of the Community Council and its Chair for a good number of years. Her contribution to the community and to our meetings has always been thoughtful and constructive. Liz will be sorely missed.