

TRINITY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

APRIL NEWSLETTER

TCC met on 10 April. Here are the main points:

CRIME AND POLICING

Housebreakings still at very low levels. But no fun if it happens to you. Keep safe using that technology, common sense and wits.

A special unit established to tackle motorbike crime, particularly prevalent across North Edinburgh, is now yielding good results.

The 20mph speed limit has now rolled out across most of Edinburgh. Statistics indicate strongly that this should dramatically reduce the impact (literally) on life and limb. It is a challenge for Police to monitor so if you have concerns that the limit is being routinely breached on a street near you contact police at EdinburghForthCPT@Scotland.pnn.police.uk or Anthony.Lawrence@scotland.pnn.police.uk or Sarah.Hall@scotland.pnn.police.uk

Police Scotland are looking for our help (all of us) to decide how best to respond to dramatically changing challenges e.g. the emergence of entirely new types of crime such as cyber. On 10 May we had a brief discussion mainly about the link between Trust and Recruitment. We plan a longer discussion at our May meeting to agree a composite TCC view. Meantime there's nothing to stop each of us putting our own individual views into the mix. Full details in ["Policing 2026 - your opportunity to influence the future of policing"](#).

LOCAL DEVELOPMENTS

Planning applications have been submitted for 104 sheltered [housing units and a healthcare superhub at Granton Harbour](#). While outside our area this has significant potential implications for our traffic and healthcare. We will be taking a keen interest in conjunction with our colleagues in Granton and District CC who have already indicated a willingness to work together.

We are engaging with a consultation to alter the [flight path](#) into the Airport but so far we don't see it impacting Trinity airspace!

We have written to [Sainsbury's](#) about the danger posed especially to local schoolchildren through double parking and delivery lorries at the Craighall Rd outlet and reminding them of the planning condition requiring traffic monitoring.

The [old RBS branch](#) at Goldenacre is being renovated and a new restaurant is expected to open in June.

We have expressed concern at what seems to be a rising number of instances when [conditions attaching to planning permissions are not being fully complied with](#). The implications for trust in the planning system are fundamental with worrying longer term consequences.

THE CAR NOW ARRIVING IN SOUTH TRINITY ROAD....

City Car Club has acquired a location in South Trinity Road. It will be interesting to see how much use is made of this new local facility.

SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL THEATRE

One of the longer titles, "The Haunted Through Lounge and Recessed Dining Nook at Farndale Castle". Comedy from St Serf's Players on May 24th and 25th. Tickets £9/£4 and available at Elliot Clark or at the door. Buy before 1 May for a reduced rate!

More on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) or [TCC website](#) or at our next meeting on Monday 8 May at 7.15pm in [Inverleith & St Serfs Church, Clark Road](#)

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BANK OF SCOTLAND GOLDENACRE CLOSURE

This announcement is an especial disappointment after the closure of the TSB and RBS branches. Regrettably it feels like an industry-wide trend as banks seek to drive costs down and simply see branches as an expensive facility while alternative web-based providers of finance spring up. And yet branches and their ability to offer highly personalised help and advice should nurture the trust and loyalty of existing customers? We will be writing to the Chief Executive but sadly more in protest than in hope.

2017 ANNUAL WALKABOUT

CEC reorganisation and the further complication of the May LA elections mean it is unclear which officials TCC should engage with for the Walkabout. We have therefore decided to postpone for at least a month in the hope that matters become clearer.

SCHOOLS

Even with its new extension Victoria PS is already over subscribed. It will be even more so when the children from in the new flats start to enroll. Plans to build a new school in land to the north of Lindsay Rd are now back on the cards but will take about 3 years to fulfil. We are engaging with developments through CC member Judy Crabb who also has a keen interest in local heritage. There is an associated proposal to retain the old school building to rehouse Newhaven museum and other community uses such as artist's studios, rent-out space and environmental groups etc.

A little further ahead, Trinity Academy also has capacity problems will need to consider whether to renovate or opt for a new build.

HAIL....

We hosted an informal hustings to which 7 of the 8 candidates were able to attend. After brief statements, questions from the audience included clarification of positions on policing, how to best manage east-west through traffic and the best approach to refurbishing Trinity Academy.

We invited all attending to supply links to manifestoes:

[SNP](#) or <https://files.acrobat.com/a/preview/9dcbd41d-cf68-49dc-966e-19eafc4fc3cc>

[Conservative](#) or <https://www.edinburghconservatives.org.uk/manifesto-2017>

[Labour](#) or <http://www.edinburghlabour.com/manifesto2017>

[Green](#) or <http://www.edinburghgreens.org.uk/site/wp-content/files/EGP-Manifesto-2017.pdf>

....AND FAREWELL

And with CEC elections looming we say thank you and goodbye to CEC Councillors Steve Cardownie, Allan Jackson and Vicky Redpath. Vicky and Allan have been regulars at TCC. Indeed Alan was instrumental in establishing TCC in his early years. After more than 40 years with CEC, he deserves more time with wife June and their dog Sally! Vicky is setting off to be with husband Craigie for a new life in Orkney. We wish them all the very best for these next chapters in their lives.