

TRINITY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

NOVEMBER NEWS BULLETIN



TCC met on 10 November. Here are the highlights:

'TIS THE SEASON ... TO CHECK YOUR SECURITY

Darker evenings and the pre-Christmas build up so there's been an increase in housebreakings and thefts from sheds. Daytime break-ins can be by younger thieves able to squeeze through small windows. Car keys are a particular target, followed, of course, by the car itself. Commercial premises have also been hit with the viability of some businesses being affected. Police guidance on Home Security, Garden Crime and General Security is available on www.scotland.police.uk. Police Scotland and CEC have both been reorganising support units tackling local crime and we will be seeking to understand better the possible implications of this for local policing.

Police and social workers are also tackling an upsurge in antisocial behaviour in areas west of Trinity through the StrongerNorth initiative.

EDINBURGH CITY BUDGET

CEC is seeking savings of £22m i.e. about 2% of their £1.1bn overall budget and is consulting through a short pamphlet a web-based slider presentation and a more detailed 113 page document. http://www.edinburgh.gov.uk/info/20200/budget_and_finance/1128/council_budget_201516

This material is quite difficult for people to get to grips with and we are hoping to arrange a face-to face discussion with one or more Councillors or officials before finalising comments. In broad terms the proposed savings seem to be as follows:

	2014/15 spend (£m)	Savings proposals (%)
Services for Communities (incl Recycling, Roads, Libraries)	116	7
Children & Families (incl education)	394	1
Health & Social Care	203	3
Corporate Governance	76	3
Economic Development	12	5

The main direct impact on Trinity might be less maintenance work on roads and parks and possibly reduced waste/recycling collections. We are sceptical about the earnestness of the consultation but will be submitting a response on behalf of Trinity. Please let us know what you think.

LOCAL COMMUNITY PLAN

Forth Neighbourhood Partnership has published the Forth Local Community Plan for 2014-17 which sets out 4 key

priorities. Some progress has been made to add detail but this is still to be finalised. Plans for officials to attend Community Council meetings to report on progress are welcome but may be compromised without a set of planned, measurable outcomes.

CONTACT IN THE CAPITAL – PILOT PROJECT

12,000 paper copies of North Edinburgh News were distributed to parts of Forth in November. The December issue hopes to extend distribution to some parts of Trinity. Copies will also be made available at a range of drop-off points from where interested Trinity residents will be able to collect copies. Anyone (e.g. shop, club) interested in hosting a drop-off point should contact tcc-comms@outlook.com.

20MPH SPEEDLIMIT CONSULTATION

CEC wish to discuss proposals to reduce the speed limit on Lower Granton Rd to 20mph. We are sceptical as it seems it will increase the incentive to shortcut through residential streets. However our top message is that the key issue remains enforcement – or rather the lack of it!

ROADS

Despite previous reports, we are told that CEC may have decided after all to carry out a survey of traffic in East Trinity Road fairly soon. We are seeking confirmation of this. Yellow lines are to be painted to alleviate the congestion on Boswall Road and if problems continue we will be pressing for another meeting to consider what else might be done.

VICTORIA PARK

Allocation of the third bowling green into allotments is being finalised with 50% being given to the community, and 50% to people already on the allotment waiting list. There will be a drop-in day in December to explain the proposals.

PRIORITIES FOR 2015

Priorities for review in the next 12 months:

- waste and recycling policy
- traffic in Trinity, including updating the North Edinburgh Transport Plan, solutions to bottlenecks in East Trinity Road and Boswall Rd and the potential from enhancements to public transport
- parking - incl possible extension of Priority Parking.
- how to increase local engagement, especially with younger people
- Waterfront development
- working with adjacent Community Councils
- follow up to the Local Development Plan

Do you agree? Email tcc-comms@outlook.com.

Next mtg on Monday 8 December at 7pm in St Serfs. Open to all residents.

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

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