

# TRINITY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

## FEBRUARY NEWS BULLETIN



TCC met on 9 February and focussed mainly on **PARKING**.

### PROBLEM PARKING?

From time to time parking is raised as an issue with Boswall Rd, Wardie Rd, E Trinity Rd, Clark Rd/Bangholms and the north of Trinity Rd all identified. In some places e.g. Clark Rd/Bangholms, daytime commuter parking for the 23 bus inconveniences locals while in others the cause is simply the density of housing and car ownership. On-street visitor parking near St Columba's seems to be a particular issue despite the new car park overlooking Lower Granton Rd.

Some parking compromises safety for pedestrians and drivers. This is more serious than mere inconvenience. The convention of parking at least 15 ft from a corner is just a Highway Code guideline and not enforceable without a yellow line. Yellow lines are enforced by parking wardens but their visits here are intermittent as we lie outside the controlled zone. Police will only enforce where an obstruction is evident.

CEC has plans to add yellow lines near the east entrance to St Columba's and more will be considered. Other locations where more yellow lines might be needed include the junction of Primrose Bank Rd and Trinity Rd. Approval of a new yellow line takes about 18 months.

Another option is Priority Parking Zones which deter commuters by requiring a permit to leave your car between 11.00am and 12.30pm. Residents pay annually for their own cars and are entitled to a limited number of visitors. PPZ does NOT, however, guarantee residents a space. The mood of the meeting was very much to tackle hotspots using yellow lines with no immediate need for a PPZ.

Without intervention traffic and parking in Trinity will rise. We continue to hope that a review of the North Edinburgh Traffic Strategy will provide the longer term means to engage with this and will include alternative ways of reducing volumes by making alternatives steadily more attractive. It should consider all solutions eg public transport, cycle facilities, City Car Club. A precursor is to understand the reasons for traffic e.g. how do commuters arrive here? Could some elements be brought forward? Let us know your views!

### FAIR ENOUGH

The St Serf's Fair takes place on 28 February and we will have a table there. Come along and help out or just come along!

### CRIME

Thefts of bikes from sheds are down but house break-ins are back up - mostly in Pilton/Muirhouse but Trinity isn't immune. Generally either high value portable items like jewellery are taken, or car keys then the car. Check your security and keep vulnerable items (incl keys) out of sight.

Police have assigned dedicated officers to address car theft hotspots, incl Trinity, and check that known offenders adhere to curfew arrangements. *Save yourself a fine*: It's a good time to check that neither your number plate nor windscreen is obscured by mud as it is an offence to drive such a vehicle. Also worth checking tyre conditions.

### PROPOSED SAINSBURY'S LOCAL IN CRAIGHALL RD

The application was approved with an odd condition under which CEC will "explore with the developer the feasibility of undertaking a traffic survey both before and after the site is operational and report back on measures which could be put in place to mitigate road safety issues and whether a condition regarding this could be added retrospectively to the above planning permission." We are unsure what this means in practice but will seek to engage with the review as well as encouraging some tidying up of the adjacent yard at the cycle path level. We are also following up a suggestion to extend the railing at the corner of Craighall Rd and Ferry Rd to better protect children going to school however we are aware that CEC policy on this is cautious following several incidents when pedestrians have been dangerously trapped on the wrong side of the railings.

### PLANNING APPLICATION – 127 TRINITY ROAD

This is yet to be heard by the Planning Committee.

### TANTALIZING TRINITY?

You may not have noticed it, but there is a historically important and architecturally unusual streetlight at the junction of South Trinity Rd and Ferry Road which has now been restored as part of the recent pavement realignment. Why stop there? How about Flower boxes? Maybe a few, suitably placed, could brighten the place up? Let us know what you think.

### WE ARE ON THE MOVE!

While our next meeting Monday 9 March at 7 pm will be held in St Serfs Church Hall, Clark Rd, subsequent meetings this year will be in Wardie Parish Church, Primrose Bank Rd. Look forward to seeing you there!

**Next TCC meeting will be held on Monday 9 March at 7pm in St Serfs Church Hall, Clark Road**  
**Join us if you have something to say or simply want to listen.**

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