

# TRINITY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

## MARCH NEWS BULLETIN



TCC met on 9 March. Here are the main points

### CRIME

There was a lot of interest in the apparent recent increase in housebreakings in our area but police say that while there have been some high profile cases, housebreaking in Trinity is in fact down year on year. West of Granton Road has been worse hit. Either way, police are taking steps to tackle the issue including specialist analytical and helicopter support. They believe they know the relatively small number of people responsible and are confident of bringing this rash under control. The perpetrators are by and large disciplined and reports of violence have exaggerated the extent to which violence occurs. It remains unusual. Detection rates are up and when a successful prosecution is achieved police are requesting that sentencing includes evening curfews. Meantime we can help ourselves. **CHECK YOUR SECURITY!** It's a matter of making your house less attractive to the burglar through security lights, CCTV and good locks etc so that he moves on. The police are always happy to provide advice.

A public meeting on domestic security is being planned to take place at Wardie Residents Club, towards the end of March. We will also be putting together proposals for a statistical crime report for our area to make the facts clearer. Information is also available on Police Scotland Twitter and Facebook.

### EAST TRINITY ROAD

A recent survey by CEC officials of traffic along ETR following the realignment of Lower Granton Road shows an overall 18% reduction but, significantly a reduction of up to 30% in the evening peak. Officials conclude 'that the level of traffic on ETR is now in a range appropriate for the nature of the road'. They also conclude that 'traffic congestion on ETR has been significantly reduced and that the traffic conflict issues that previously existed have now largely disappeared'.

Nevertheless, 'for very brief periods, opposing traffic flows can block each other's free passage. This is due to the fact that there are limited places to stop and give way to oncoming traffic, particularly as the street, towards the east end, is wholly parked up until some residents leave for work or some other purpose. This issue could be resolved by the strategic placement of short lengths of single yellow line to create a series of passing places which would be in force from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. leaving residents to park on them overnight. Such a measure would result in a maximum loss of fifteen daytime parking spaces.

They propose to implement passing places on an incremental basis and monitor traffic flows over the next 6 months.

### PARKING

TCC received a lot of feedback on this following our February issue including meeting with some local groups. While there remains a range of views there does seem to be a consensus in favour of the judicious use of yellow lines before considering PPZ.

### GRANTON WATERFRONT

Revised plans for *Granton Harbour* were recently presented by the developers featuring 2000 new houses/flats, 120 bed hotel, retail, marina, boatyard and landing for cruise ship tenders. Our main concern is impact on traffic levels and local schools but we are assured that arrangements are in place for the developers to provide the financial support needed for local facilities. We will also continue to press for a North Edinburgh Transport Review.

The current owners (National Grid) of *Granton Gasworks* have been trying unsuccessfully to find a restoring buyer for the gasholder. Community views are split. Some feel it is an important part of North Edinburgh's industrial heritage and every effort should be made to preserve it, perhaps incorporating it into a housing or hotel scheme as has been done elsewhere. Others feel that the structure is rotting away and that the land should simply be used for housing. Yet others believe that legislation should strengthen the obligation on the owners to maintain it. Do you have a view? Let us know.

Another controversy concerns plans for the *medieval walled garden* between the gasholder and Caroline House. This is earmarked for 17 townhouses but two community groups have been formed to press for retention and restoration as they believe the garden could be an attractive visitor destination.

### 2015 WALKABOUT

Join us for this on the morning of 25 April! It's an opportunity to identify where work needs done and we intend using it to inform our bid for a share of the £400k Forth Neighbourhood budget. Currently pavement improvements are scheduled in the Denholms and the tennis courts in Victoria Park have been upgraded. So where to check out this year? Any thoughts? Drop a line to [tcc-comm@outlook.com](mailto:tcc-comm@outlook.com)

### LOTHIAN BUSES TO/FROM TRINITY

The buses serving Trinity area are to increase with up to a doubling of frequency from numbers 7, 11 and 23. Saves parking!

### FRIENDS OF STARBANK PARK

TCC has awarded a grant of £150 to provide a cold frame to enable the Friends to grow their own plants, of better quality and at lower cost. Watch out for a special Easter Friends event!

### WARDIE PRIMARY PARENT COUNCIL

We are delighted to welcome Kevin Taylor as WPPC's new representative on TCC.

***New Venue: Next meeting will be held on Monday 13 April at 7 pm in Wardie Parish Church, Primrose Bank Road. Open to all. Join us if you have something to say or simply want to listen.***

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