Drylaw Telford Community Council

30 April 2015, 7pm

Drylaw Neighbourhood Centre

Present

Alex Dale, Andrew Barnett, Eileen Brash, Mhairi Curran, Ian Greenhalgh, Sean Wood Cllr Nigel Bagshaw, Cllr Gavin Barrie.

Also in attendance

Ruth Stanley (City of Edinburgh Council), Frank Gallup (HMIC), PC Ian Collins, PC Wendy Walton, Phylis Steven (Edinburgh Reporter) Thomas Brown (NECN) Sarah Walker & Fiona Smit (Local Residents), Roy Douglas (DTCA).

Apologies

Alison Johnstone MSP, Cameron Buchan MSP, Evelyn Crawford, Jackie Brown, Mark Lazarowicz, Ross McEwan & Cllr Lesley Hinds

Chair Welcomed all to the meeting

With correction of Sean Wood’s name from “Shaun”, the minutes were agreed as a correct record. Proposed Mhairi, seconded Eileen.

**Skatepark**

With interested local residents in attendance it was agreed to take this item first on the agenda.

Alex advised that the process of the skatepark was now in the hands of Edinburgh Greenspace Trust as awaiting final funding to be allocated.

Concerns were raised in relation to communication with local residents. These concerns were noted. Roy advised that there had been issues in relation to access of skatepark twitter and facebook accounts due to possible unauthorised logins.

The meeting was advised that the Greenspace Trust would be the lead on further communications using their existing substantial network.

It was agreed that Ian would liaise with the Greenspace trust to ensre the Community Council website could be updated with further news.

**Communications**

A wider discussion was undertaken in relation to communications.

Alex recognised that there had been web and email issues and advised the meeting that steps were being taken to address these.

It was agreed by the meeting that a wider distribution list would be created to include any individuals or media that wished to be kept abreast of information.

**Police Report**

Focus on rise of housebreakings with a dedicated team in place as part of Operation RAC

Currently there were a number of offenders either on remand or on curfew which was contributing to a decrease in incidents.

Police working with Edinburgh Council Community Safety team as part of #strongernorth exercise.

Drylaw had benefited from use of “flexi” team made up of officers from outlying areas.

Divisional Violence REduction Unit had also been deployed in the area.

Concerns were raised in relation to a recent incident in Drylaw Neighbourhood Centre where a 999 call was not attended to.

**Treasurer**

No Report

**Councillors Report**

Cllr Bagshaw to meet with Council Officer to discuss allotment proposals at Wester Drylaw

Ian raised issues relating to 4 trees in Easter Drylaw Park and the land behind Telford which Cllr Bagshaw agreed to look into.

**EDRA**

7 attendees at last meeting

Awareness raising project underway with leaflets to be delivered to each house in Easter Drylaw area.

Meetings held on 1st Monday of each month.

**Telford**

Manor Estates are undertaking an external insulation project with opt-in for owners.

It was reported that contact was made to address concerns raised about an aggressive sales pitch.

The Controlled Parking Zone is still proceeding according to schedule

**Ferryhill**

New noticeboard at entrance

Planning for Drylaw gala and looking for support

The Community Council offered whatever support they could to the process

Cllr Barrie advised that the organising committee should be aware of licencing requirements

**Edinburgh Council**

Ruth introduced herself and advised that each Community Council was to have a point of contact in the local senior management team.

She advised that provisionally would look at quarterly attendance but would be happy to come more often if required.

Ruth then distributed and discussed a range of Performance Indicators produced by Edinburgh Council.

**Correspondence**

Alex provided information in relation to proposed “Living Landscape” sites

A late hours catering licence was brought to the attention of the Community Council. It was agreed to put details on the website and to submit any concerns brought forward.

**Date of next meeting**

27 May 2015, 7pm, Drylaw Neighbourhood Centre