

TRINITY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

SEPTEMBER UPDATE

Twenty five people came along to TCC's first meeting after the summer break. Here are the main points.....

POLICE REPORT

No representative available but a written report was received:

- Enquiries are in hand concerning recent housebreaking reports including incidents in Larkfield Gardens.
- Several people have been charged with break-ins in Forth. Some are in custody whilst others are on bail curfews.
- Three addresses in north Edinburgh searched for stolen property to try to identify perpetrators and return property.
- Overall domestic housebreakings in Forth are down 2% over the same period in 2014 (which was lower than 2013)
- Detection rates are also increasing with more culprits being taken to court.
- Additional Police resource has been deployed City-wide.

We can do a lot ourselves using security measures such as alarms, locks, lighting etc. Crime prevention advice or a personal visit with more specialist advice can be arranged through the local Forth Community Policing Team.

WATERFRONT DEVELOPMENTS

Cllr Hinds provided a map showing the ownership pattern for the development area following our concerns about piecemeal development and potential impact on Trinity residents. We will be discussing this with Granton CC. The Second Regeneration Conference has been scheduled for 2.30pm on 30th September at Royston/Wardieburn Community Centre. All are welcome to attend.

TRAFFIC ISSUES

Feedback about East Trinity Rd suggests that the improved Lower Granton/Trinity Rd junction has improved matters and that no further measures are needed meantime. The knock-on impact to the west end of Lower Granton Rd will continue to be monitored with the 20mph limit expected to be very helpful in the first instance. An application for a pedestrian crossing on Craighall Rd has been assessed and turned down and we are seeking further information on the reasons for that.

CEC officials have advised that nothing is scheduled to review the North Edinburgh Transport Strategy. Cllr Hinds has undertaken to review that position with them in light of previous assurances.

SOUTH EAST SCOTLAND CITY REGION PLAN (SESPLAN) MAJOR ISSUES REPORT (MIR)

This is the VERY IMPORTANT first stage of a new 20 year strategic plan for 1.5m people living in Edinburgh, Lothians, Borders and southern Fife. It is a consultation document and open for comment until 30 September. You can make your thoughts known at <http://sesplan-consult.objective.co.uk/portal/mir/mir>. Alternatively pass them on through TCC as we will be making a representation. Or do both!

Come along and give your thoughts to our next meeting on Monday 12 October at 7 pm in Wardie Parish Church, Primrose Bank Road. We need to know what you think!

Did you find this bulletin useful or informative? If so, why not show it to a neighbour? Anyone in Trinity can subscribe to the bulletin simply by emailing tcc-comms@outlook.com Or drop us a line and tell us what you think could be better.



OTHER PLANNING MATTERS

Application to trade vehicles from 144 Newhaven Rd resubmitted. We have repeated our previous objections and trust that CEC will maintain the firm stance it took last time.

No further movement regarding 127 Trinity Rd or Sainsbury.

REDUCTION IN LOCAL BANK SERVICES

Following RBS Goldenacre closing its doors on 13th August, Bank of Scotland has now advised a reduction in its opening hours. This is disappointing news for local customers and businesses.

YOUR PARKS NEED YOU



Keep Scotland Beautiful has awarded a Green Flag to Starbank Park recognising the magnificent efforts of the Friends and CEC staff in restoring the park to its place as a jewel in Trinity's crown. So now both Trinity's parks have a Green Flag. Celebrate by coming along to see for yourself. Party on Halloween! (see above)

And on the Glorious Twelfth, Victoria Park's renewed basketball and tennis courts were formally opened by Cllrs Lesley Hinds and Richard Lewis together with Jamie Hepburn, Minister for Sport. Our parks are really going from strength to strength!

To get the best use of the courts, discussions are in hand about booking but we must ensure these and other amenities stay high grade. We are therefore looking for people to join a Friends of Victoria Park group. Email tcc-comms@outlook.com if that's you!

OTHER IMPROVEMENT MATTERS WITH CEC

- Bins installed at Trinity Academy Vennel. Surface improvements under discussion.
- Enforcement of yellow lines at Boswall Rd to be pursued.
- Ownership of Lower Granton Rd foreshore being clarified.
- Denham Green lighting to be investigated.

CLEAN, GREEN, SAFE & ENGAGED?

This report from Forth Neighbourhood Partnership compared us against the rest of Edinburgh. Measures cover "North" i.e. Forth+Inverleith unless stated. The **good**, the **bad** (+ some ugly):

- **Street Cleanliness (Trinity):** Well above target. Some litter on Granton Rd.
- **Refuse Collection Complaints:** Roughly double target (in common with rest of Edinburgh)
- **Park Quality:** 100% achieved across all North's 5 parks!
- **Safety:** Anti-social behaviour orders are low for the size of our population but a disturbing number go unresolved and we suffer a lot of repeat ASB's.
- **Satisfying Place to Live (Forth):** Third worst in Edinburgh.
- **Community Engagement (Forth):** Best ward in Edinburgh.