

# TRINITY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

## MARCH NEWSLETTER

TCC met on 14 March. Here's a summary of the main points:

### CRIME

While EH5 (Granton/Pilton/Trinity) remains one of the worst affected postcodes Police Scotland assure us that housebreakings are down more than a third compared to last year but it still hurts if you are the victim. Aside from all the individual security measures we can help each other simply by keeping an eye open on what is happening in our street. So let's look out for each other. And you may want to make it easier for your neighbour to look out for you. That hedge that screens your property is also a useful hiding place. Have you got the balance right between security and privacy?

And for those living in Craighall Gardens and Terrace, Police Scotland are providing a Neighbourhood Watch security briefing at 7.30 on 21 March at Trinity Academy. Rumour has it that it's a big room so even if you don't live in the Gardens or Terrace you may be able to slip in quietly to pick up a few tips.

### DOGFOULING

This seems to be on the rise in Trinity. There are various theories about why this might be, but at the end of the day, if you own a dog or are in charge of taking dogs for a walk, you have a legal duty to clear up any mess because of the health hazard it represents. And if you are one of the 99% of well behaved dog walkers and witness someone failing to clear up, you may wish to challenge them.

### TRINITY'S PARKS

Friends of Victoria Park was formally inaugurated on 17 March when some really interesting ideas for the future of the park were discussed. To take these forward, the following were elected:

Chair - Antonia Boyce  
Vice Chair - Tim Parker  
Secretary - Aileen Ward  
Treasurer - Ian Forbes

Other Committee Members - Lynne Lineen and Kevin O'Donnell

FoVP would love to hear from anyone else who would like to become involved, or even join the Committee – especially if they are interested in communications and social media. A membership form is attached. Or get in touch by email on [friendsofvp@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofvp@gmail.com).

And on a seasonal note [Friends of Starbank Park](#) are holding their **annual Easter Egg Hunt** for 3 – 8 year olds at 10.30 in Starbank Park on Good Friday 25<sup>th</sup> March. If the thought of your child working off their energies searching for calories simply to replace them works for you (and who wouldn't it work for?) then get along there.

All money raised is going to the Hans Christian Andersen themed [Children's Nature Trail](#) to be constructed amongst the trees.

### MORE GREEN STUFF!

Spring always raises the spirits. Buds pop, shoots shoot and bushes grow. But it has complications.

Overhanging trees and hedges

can obstruct pavements and are a particular problem for the visually impaired members of our community. They can also attract a fine from CEC. So break out the secateurs and keep on top of the shrubbery.

### OCEAN TERMINAL HOTEL

You will doubtless know of Ocean Terminal's ambitious [plan](#) for a bold hotel design to abut the north east corner of Ocean Terminal itself. We heard from the architects that the widely published visualisations were rather misleading as they simply show the maximum volume which the structure could occupy. In fact, the design will likely be a narrow fin which will nonetheless reach 28 stories and link to a boardwalk running around the west side of OT while connecting to a future dockside walkway beside the Albert Dock.

We had a productive dialogue with suggestions for direct access to the Terminal and rooftop landscaping for the existing building to add to the conceptual design for conference facilities and 28<sup>th</sup> floor viewing platform.

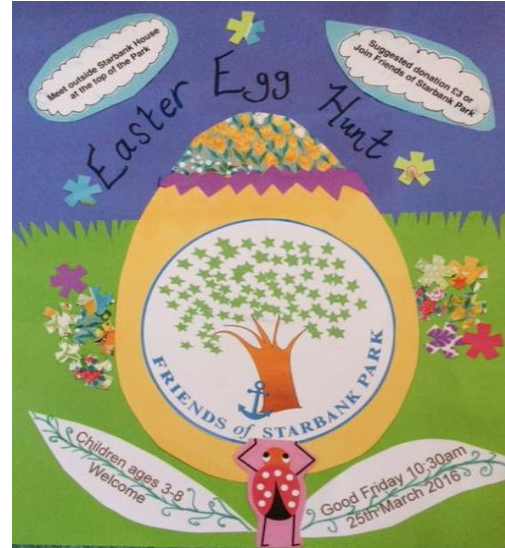
TCC is supportive in principle of a landmark development which will reinforce the critical mass which a retail centre of the scale of OT needs. However, we cannot give unqualified endorsement and reserve our position until a more detailed design is available and, in particular, a full visual impact assessment has been undertaken. We expect to hear more on that by the end of April.

### SAINSBURY – CRAIGHALL ROAD

Work has now started on the site and should complete in the summer. Sainsbury is expected to open in November.

### ANNUAL WALKABOUT

Final planning for the 2016 TCC Walkabout now in hand. Expect this to happen on the morning of 23 April and, to celebrate the establishment of its Friends Group, we plan to tour Victoria Park and its immediate environs. Any thoughts? Get in touch.



**More on [Facebook](#) or [TCC website](#) or at our next meeting on Monday 11 April at 7 pm in [Wardie Parish Church, Primrose Bank Road](#). Open to all. Come and give us your opinions. Or contact a [Community Councillor](#). We need to know your views so that we can represent them!**

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