

TRINITY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

SUMMER NEWSLETTER

Hope you're enjoying our "summer"!

CRIME

You are probably aware of the recent attack on the corner shop in South Trinity Road we all simply call "Joe's". All of us, and especially the many residents who sent cards and flowers to Joe, will be pleased to know that he is back from hospital and while still stitched, stiff and sore, is already back at his shop. We wish him the speediest recovery to full health.

Police are treating this as attempted murder so it should receive the highest level of attention possible. We will be keeping a close eye on the investigation as it develops. One side effect of this dreadful act is to highlight just how important our local shops are to our community and what a lifeline (not to mention grapevine) they are for many, especially the elderly. There have been several attacks in recent years, not just on "Joe's" but also on "Johnstone's".

Likewise the bin blazes which took place earlier in the "summer" were a reckless act which, had they got out of hand, could have been life-threatening. What can we do? Well, keeping an eye open for suspicious behaviour and reporting it is probably a start. Call 101 or 999 depending on how imminent the threat seems.

LOCAL RETAIL

From RBS and TSB closure to Sainsbury's opening there's a lot happening to our local retailers. We have contacted Bank of Scotland at the highest level suggesting that with the closure of that competition, the opportunity exists to supply an enhanced service to local traders by increasing opening hours. Unfortunately it doesn't appear that Bank of Scotland is prepared to do that.

RISING IN THE EAST.....

Earlier this year CEC approved extension of the Edinburgh Tramline to Newhaven in principle. The cost has been put at £114m. TCC's thoughts have been sought and regular readers will know our concern about the lack of strategic thinking on east-west transport across all North Edinburgh. You may also recall a recent item mentioning the synergies which a tram link to Ocean Terminal would bring. We are therefore inclined to support this as offering improved travel infrastructure to Trinity but realise it has been controversial. Do you have a view? Let us know via tcc-comms@outlook.com

SUMMER EVENTS

Traditional Scottish weather has kept us on our toes and certainly not on our sunbeds this year. Nonetheless we hope you've been able to get out and about and enjoy the



many events which our community and city is lucky enough to enjoy. Here's a wee memory of one – Starbank Park's 125th Birthday Celebrations back in June.

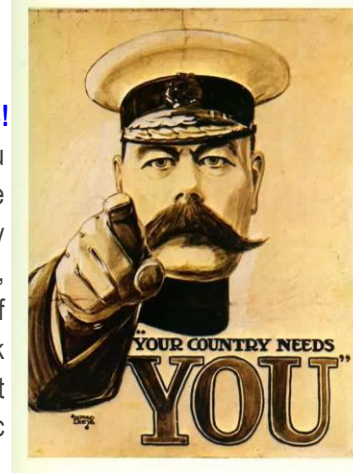
More on [Facebook](#) or [TCC website](#) or at our next meeting on Monday 12 September at 7 pm in [St Serfs Church, Clark Road](#)

TCC meetings are open to all. Come and give us your opinions. Or contact a [Community Councillor](#). Tell us your views so that we can represent them!

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.

LOCAL DEMOCRACY MATTERS!

Do you care about the place you live in and the people who live there with you? Trinity Community Council exists to advise, petition, influence and advocate on behalf of the people of Trinity. We work closely with, but are independent from CEC and other public services.



Community Councillors are volunteers whose current term expires in September. All 18 places on the Community Council will be up for grabs and if you care now is the time to get involved. We know that some existing members will not be seeking re-election so is this the perfect opportunity for you to put something back and help ensure the best possible representation of residents in Trinity?

You can become a Community Councillor either as an Individual or as the representative of a Local Organisation. Nomination forms for Individual and Registration forms for organisations will be available from 5 September from the City of Edinburgh website. The process is very simple and straightforward.

So have a think about it. From crime prevention to parking, dog fouling to planning applications, traffic issues to parks and the environment, we have a role to play.

If you are interested but would like to see more of what's involved, why not come along to our next meeting on 12th September and ask some questions? No purchase necessary!

EVEN EASIER WAY TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Waterfront Edinburgh Limited is currently producing a new outline planning application for the waterfront. While this lies in Granton rather than Trinity we believe it is in the interests of the entire neighbourhood that the quality of redevelopment is high. History and green space matter to a community and without those things, the result could be a soulless and troubled place.

Granton's 'lost' Mediaeval Castle Garden has potential as a focus for the redevelopment rather than simply turning it over to yet more housing. For the people of Trinity, it would offer a unique place to visit as an interesting link with cycletracks, walkways and wildlife corridors. A petition to protect this has been opened at https://www.edinburgh.gov.uk/directory_record/700011/save_granton_castle_walled_garden. It takes less than a minute to sign. But hurry, it closes on Aug 25th.

BACK TO THE FUTURE

With the building extension now nearing completion, TCC is returning to St Serf's for our next meeting. Our gratitude goes to Wardie Parish Church for hosting us during that building work.