

TRINITY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

FEBRUARY/MARCH UPDATE

TCC met on 12 February. Here's the main points and a little more:

CRIME

Still at low levels historically but one housebreaking in January. Once again entry was obtained by smashing glass at the rear of the house. Some shed break-ins also occurred as did some incidents of vandalism.

But help is at hand. There's no longer any need to organise your neighbours if you want to be part of a neighbourhood watch scheme. You can register as an individual and receive information direct. Just go to www.neighbourhoodwatchscotland.co.uk

LOCAL HEROES WANTED

Given recent weather its timely to be reminded that the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service is compiling a register of volunteers who have a particular asset or skill which they feel could be used to support emergency services and responders at an incident.

Examples include someone with a boat or someone with a 4X4 which might be used in times of severe snow. Note that even when someone has registered, they are under no obligation to mobilise when called.

If you are interested then further information can be found at: [http://www.firescotland.gov.uk/news-campaigns/news/2017/10/sfrs-launches-community-asset-register-\(1\).aspx](http://www.firescotland.gov.uk/news-campaigns/news/2017/10/sfrs-launches-community-asset-register-(1).aspx) or email SFRS.CommunityAssetRegister@firescotland.gov.uk

LOWER GRANTON ROAD PATH IMPROVEMENTS

Part of a longer term project to upgrade and extend the coastal path as far as Cramond this project is now seeking residents' views on its detailed proposal.

In summary this will –

- Involve the construction of a new path
- Deploy excavated soil to make more varied landscaping
- Installation of some benches
- Planting of trees and wildflowers
- some realignment of existing features

A feedback form enclosed with this eNews. Please return completed forms to Thomas.Haddock@edinburgh.gov.uk

LAST WEEK TO LEARN WHAT OUR CHILDREN ARE THINKING!

The magnificent response of Trinity's children (over 1000 pieces of art telling us what Trinity means to them) has been matched by the high number of parents and grandparents attending the exhibition which is now in its FINAL WEEK at Leith library. (Ends 11 March). Don't miss this unique opportunity to see Trinity through the eyes of the people who have the greatest interest in Trinity's future.

SPRING CLEANING – AND TRIMMING

One great feature of Trinity is great gardens but a regular issue raised by the visually impaired and others is hedges intruding into the footpath. Spring is coming (honest) so let's keep that vegetation under control. Break out the scateurs and shears!

Around 85 residents came along to Wardie Church on 12th February



WARDIE PLAYING FIELDS

It must be emphasised that this presentation was offered at a point where plans are still being developed and this therefore was an opportunity for genuine dialogue with the potential for community reaction to be incorporated into the design. As such, it is fairly rare and to be commended.

Spartans is a Social Enterprise employing 26 staff with an objective to bring sport facilities to the community. Their current main focus is football with a ground located at Ainslie Park.

Spartans already offer a variety of services e.g. a school dedicated to the needs of excluded pupils, but wish to extend their repertoire by developing Wardie Playing Fields to enable a substantial increase in rugby, gymnastics and gaelic football there. They have secured £4m funding for the project and have the backing of the SRU, Edinburgh Gym Club, and Wardie PS.

The development would include the installation of a synthetic pitch and floodlights to enable all-year activity, realignment of the grass pitch, construction of a two storey building (gym and social facilities) as well as a stand for up to 500 and improvements to the car park and existing rugby pavilion.

The facilities would be open for use by the school and by local children outside of school hours. It therefore offers significant synergies to Wardie PS. Wardie is preferred to other potential sites e.g. Western Harbour, largely for this reason and the Ainslie Park site will continue to function as it currently does.

A lot of questions/concerns were posed by the very large but polite audience and a constructive dialogue ensued though inevitably there remained some loose ends by the end of the night. Perhaps the main ones were - the impact of floodlighting and increased activity at the site on immediate neighbours and concerns about parking facilities and traffic flows.

Other points raised included:

- Encouragement to visit the Ainslie Park site to better appreciate the physical size of the (similar) planned stand.
- Discussion about the stand's proposed orientation which some felt significantly reduces the future flexibility of the site.
- Concern as to whether there was enough space to accommodate the realigned Gaelic Football pitch as well as the synthetic pitch.
- Assurances about the longer term use of the site
- Worries about potential future loss of trees and screening for adjoining properties.
- Concern about who pays if the venture proves unsustainable.
- Questioning whether football might take over from rugby given the higher level of demand for the former.
- Commitments sought on maintaining hedgerows and facilitating use by dog walkers
- Discussion about whether the spur of land connecting the site to Granton Road might be turned over to local community use.
- Questions on the detail of the design including proximity of structures to particular houses

More on [Facebook](#) or [TCC website](#) or at our next meeting on Monday 12 March at 7.15 pm in [Inverleith & St Serf's Parish Church, Clark Rd.](#)

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!