

TRINITY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MARCH/APRIL UPDATE

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

CRIME

23 crimes reported including three house break-ins all by forcing a window. Two shed break-ins, three car attacks and a bike stolen.

Police need help with enquiries re car vandalism on weekend 10/11 March near Bangholm Playing Fields. It may have involved a gang of youths and be related to a similar previous incident. Police are undertaking extra patrols. Please pass any info to Police Scotland.

SENSE OF PLACE

This project has now ended its highly successful run at Leith library. Further display locations are being sought and the 1200 pieces of art will be consolidated into a single banner for wider use by our consultant from Glasgow School of Art. A potential project to further distil into a logo to represent Trinity is also in our sights. If you have thoughts on that, please get in touch.

LOWER GRANTON ROAD PATH IMPROVEMENTS

This proposes constructing a new path with benches, trees and wild flowers and use excavated soil to create more varied landscaping but would still leave significant surplus volumes. The project team are seeking proposals for disposal which will minimise cost and environmental impact. Not all are enthused. We have a detailed note from Wardie Bay Residents Association who are concerned that the proposals are unimaginative and represent a missed opportunity.

EDINBURGH SHORELINE PROJECT – GREENTEAZE

Royal Botanic Gardens and partners have secured 12 months funding for "Edinburgh Shoreline" - a community engagement project to celebrate the rich cultural and natural heritage of Edinburgh's coast. TCC members attending the opening event were thoroughly enthused as it fits well with both Sense of Place and our longstanding hope for joined up thinking on developments along the coastal strip.

Specific plans include a shoreline exhibition and film, finger posts by local artists pointing out areas of interest and landmarks, biodiversity recording days, talks/seminars on shoreline issues e.g. global warming and a community website to share events and projects and upload content such as photographs and mini-films.

Ideas for events/projects within themes: 'changing ecology' and 'the city and the sea' are now sought. Examples include setting up community greenspaces on derelict land, beach cleans to create artworks highlighting the problem of plastic waste, historical walking and photographic tours, public artwork, murals and poetry/songs reflecting our history and biodiversity. The project team are offering to help develop and market ideas. How's your creative juices?

You can make a pitch via <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/JTKYBGK>. Or phone 0131 552 7171 and ask for Charlotte Johnson. Note your interest by 30th April at the latest.

TRINITY ACADEMY

At 125 this year the Academy is showing its age. Investment is long overdue. A first step has now been taken with unanimous support from CEC for formulating a business case to rebuild the school.



SPARTANS AT WARDIE?

We mistakenly reported last month that the project already had funding. That was incorrect. Feasibility, including community support, needs to be established before fundraising begins.

The debate continues with concerns expressed about the stand, traffic, longer term aspirations and impact on the character of Trinity and the environment generally. Some worried about inconsistencies in the presentations given.

TCC remains neutral on the merits and will continue to provide a forum where issues can be surfaced, clarity achieved, understanding improved and design refined.

Full details can be obtained from the architects, Smith Scott Mullen and specific concerns should in the first instance be conveyed to the project who have openly invited constructive criticism.

ANNUAL WALKABOUT

Perhaps your final opportunity to nominate locations in Trinity that might usefully be included in our annual walkabout whose purpose is to direct Council officials' attention directly to specific matters needing addressed. Is your street perfect? Get in touch.

eNEWS FEEDBACK

Loads of feedback last month including:

- Length of time for controlled pedestrian crossings
- Taking care of the pavement outside each residence
- Bottlenecks on East Trinity Rd and Afton/Cargil Terr
- Schedule for weed spraying and street sweeping
- Potholes and road resurfacing
- Litter bin removal/replacement in Victoria Park
- Decision process to remove bushes/hedges
- Bin collections
- Support for Trinity Rugby Club
- Parking restrictions/pedestrian safety
- Speed limits in the Bangholm 'lanes'
- Dangerous cycling on pavements

Thank you! We are working on those with City Councillors.

TRAMS TO TRINITY?

We are hoping for a spokesperson at our May meeting. But if you can't wait, the team will be displaying at Kirkgate on 12 April and at Ocean Terminal on 21 April. Deadline for comments is 29 April.

DANGEROUS ROADWORKS

A new one-page summary guide to the main statutory obligations on roadworks contractors for pedestrians including ramped access and a clear path at least one metre wide: <http://bit.ly/2pGfgFQ>.

BANK CLOSURES

A third of branches closed between 2010 and 2017 including Goldenacre junction's three. Scottish Govt is collecting views as widely as possible to allow a full response to the banking sector. If you wish to contribute Evidence directly you can do so via <http://bit.ly/bankclosures>. Deadline is 13 April.