

TRINITY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

APRIL/MAY UPDATE

TCC met on 9 April. Here's the main points and a little more:

CRIME

After several months of excellent low levels of house break-ins there has been an unwelcome uptick with 5 housebreakings in March. While one person has been charged it is not believed that they are responsible for all incidents. Be on guard and take precautions.

EDINBURGH SHORELINE PROJECT – GREENTEA

The Royal Botanic Garden and partners have 12 months funding to deliver this community engagement project celebrating the rich cultural and natural heritage of Edinburgh's coast through the use of art. It's a chance for communities to explore and share how they relate to their section of shoreline.

We are keen to support this work and particularly to build on our Sense of Place project with local schools using an environmental project which will combine Shoreline's twin themes of "The City Meets the Sea" and "Changing Ecology". Also that Shoreline be woven into the longer term planning of our coastal strip as an amenity, perhaps adding something to the Lower Granton Rd path proposals. We will be hoping to work with neighbouring CCs to that end.

Meantime, if you have ideas for local projects please do get in touch with us or the Shoreline project itself.

TRINITY ACADEMY

It is no secret that Trinity Academy, the oldest school in Edinburgh still in its original building, is struggling with its physical limitations. These strains will be exacerbated as the surge in primary school rolls works through to secondaries.

We are therefore delighted that the Academy has been shortlisted for redevelopment. We are giving our full support and offering to engage in design discussion to develop a Community School.

We are also in discussion with Trinity Primary School concerning the possibility of some land being allocated temporarily from Victoria Park to make up for the loss of children's play space while new classrooms are built.

TRAM EXTENSION CONSULTATION

Did you manage to catch any of the recent roving exhibitions? We would love to know your thoughts. Or better still, deliver these yourself when the Tram Team attends TCC on 14 May at Inverleith St Serf's.



SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL THEATRE

Part of their 70th Anniversary celebrations, St Serf's Players present "The House on the Cliff" between 24th-26th May. Tickets at £9/£5 available from St Serf's website, Elliot Clark or club members.

SPARTANS AT WARDIE?

TCC continues to facilitate discussion of this complex matter. We are conscious that design is still at an early stage and that different versions of the plan are in circulation while it evolves.

A particular concern for some has been the scale of the proposed stand. If that's you, please contact Catriona Morrison at Spartans who will be pleased to arrange a visit to their Ainslie Park site to see a comparable stand.

ANNUAL WALKABOUT

Thanks for all those ideas for locations deserving close-up scrutiny. We hope to finalise the route soon and to schedule a date for late May/early June. Brush off the walking boots!

CITY CAR CLUB

CCC provides self service short term rental. Aside from potentially reducing costs this can ease congestion and parking pressure as each CCC car displaces approximately 20 private vehicles. Membership now includes 2 hours free parking in any Residential parking bay or council managed public parking and a reduced annual membership fee of £20 (previously £60). CEC are also aiming to increase the number of bays with electric charging points and are looking for ideas to locate cars in the future. ***We have 2 vouchers for 4 hours free introductory drivetime as for readers of TCC eNews. Let us know if you'd like to be in that draw!***

EDINBURGH BUS NETWORK

Some are concerned that Edinburgh's excellent bus service faces potential threats and propose a campaign of support. If you are interested email Chris at cgday@tiscali.co.uk.

FURTHER AFIELD

Social Bite Village, in partnership with Cyrenians, and opening the doors to its first residents within the next 2 months and its supporters to celebrate by joining one of a series of brief tours of the village between the 18th-23rd May.

Find out about *Roman Edinburgh* by joining the Cramond History Section on 12 May from 1pm until 4pm for a tour of the Old Street and its houses followed by a tour of Cramond Art Gallery and the Museum.