

# TRINITY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

## DECEMBER UPDATE

2018 has seen some big items hit the TCC agenda. This issue looks ahead to some of the biggest which will be priorities for us in 2019.

### CITY COUNCIL TRANSFORMATION

TCC received a presentation from the Manager of North West Locality whose priorities are set out in the Locality Improvement Plan at [https://www.edinburghnp.org.uk/media/19536/NW%20LIP%20Priorities%20April%202017%20\(2\).pdf](https://www.edinburghnp.org.uk/media/19536/NW%20LIP%20Priorities%20April%202017%20(2).pdf)

Part of the idea behind Transformation is to better align CEC services with the emergency services and NHS. This, it was acknowledged, is still very much a work-in-progress.

The Locality stretches from Queensferry to Trinity and from the river to Murrayfield/Gogar. This is a vast area covering 14 community councils whereas the arrangement it is replacing operated across the 4 community councils of Forth Ward. A particular concern for TCC is how coordination and engagement with local communities will be maintained. This matters because it is how we engage at the working level with CEC staff responsible for delivering street cleaning, recycling, schools, housing, health and social care.

More positively, there should be strategic benefit from better coordination of large infrastructure projects. However here too there are hurdles. East-West transport planning will necessarily cross over the boundary between North West and North East localities with Trinity hard up against that organisational boundary.

An initial joint Forth/Inverleith ward workshop will make a start on these challenges early in the new year.

### WORKING WITH THE NEIGHBOURS

National Galleries of Scotland, National Museums of Scotland, Edinburgh College, Scottish Government and the Scottish Futures Trust have all signed an agreement with CEC to work together to engage the community in planning the transformation of the area to the west and south of Granton Harbour including the former sites occupied by Scottish Gas and United Wire.

In 10 – 15 years this will support a population roughly the same size as Trinity is now but, to date, development has been plagued by slow, piecemeal projects which have fallen far short of the original promises. The intention of this new agreement is to provide a means through which more joined-up thinking can result in a genuinely positive place for people to live, work and play.

It has largely been made possible by CEC's purchase of the old gasworks site. Two bodies have been established through which to foster community engagement and specific consultation events. These are the North West Locality Waterfront Working Group under the auspices of CEC and the Waterfront Development Residents' Group which is led by Granton & District CC and is intended to provide a less formal forum for residents' concerns and aspirations. TCC is represented on both bodies with ongoing consultation planned to begin in the first quarter of 2019 working towards an initial planning framework by late summer.

This is pretty major stuff. How well it is done will matter hugely for Trinity's own quality of life. Infrastructure (roads, schools etc) will be high on our agenda as will accessible public amenities and pleasant open spaces connecting us to the Silverknowes/Cramond foreshore.



*Listening to and reflecting the views of Trinity residents*

### RESTORING THE MONARCHY AND IMPAIRED SOCIAL MOBILITY IN VICTORIA PARK

We are delighted to see that the bronze lettering on Victoria Park's statue of Edward VII has now been restored. Thanks must go to the Friends and to the Sculpture Workshop for putting back together one of Trinity's most iconic monuments.

Sadly, the JustEat bike station has not recovered in the same way. Two vandalism attacks since it opened with several of the bikes and docking stations stolen and damaged mean that the cycle hire scheme have decided to pull out from Victoria Park for the time being. Such a shame that the actions of a few thoughtless individuals should spoil the amenity afforded to the wider population.



### IF MUSIC BE THE FOOD OF LOVE...

Inverleith St Serf's Church will be continuing its programme of top class musical performances on Saturday evenings. Dates for your diary -

- 23 February (7.45pm) – Meadows Chamber Orchestra
- 30 March 2019 (7.30pm) – New Edinburgh Orchestra (Debussy, Mozart and Bartók)
- 18 May (7.45pm) – Meadows Chamber Orchestra
- 22 June 2019, (7.30pm) – New Edinburgh Orchestra (Elgar, Wilson and Tchaikovsky)

### JANUARY'S MEETING – ROADS & TRANSPORT

Regular readers will know that a long-running concern for TCC is the efficient routing of east-west traffic in the north of Edinburgh without turning the coastal strip into a ring road or a car park. That concern mounts as traffic volumes rise and the developments at both Western Harbour and Granton bring a new urgency. Cllrs Campbell and Bird have been particularly active in pressing the case for a wider transport strategy for our part of the city.

January's meeting will therefore be given over primarily to a presentation from Councillor Lesley Macinnes, Convenor of Transport who will take us through Edinburgh City Regions's long term transport strategy. Do you have a question for her? If so, then please let us know at [tcc-comms@outlook.com](mailto:tcc-comms@outlook.com) so that Cllr MacInnes can arrange for your question to be properly researched beforehand.

***More on [Facebook](#), [TCC website](#) or at our next mtg (incl AGM) on Monday 14 January 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!***

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