

OLD TOWN COMMUNITY COUNCIL MINUTES

Attending: Julie Logan(secretary), John Stewart, Ken Smillie, John Thompson, Cllr. Bill Cunningham, Jane Yeoman, Bill Cowan, Anja Amsel (vice chairman), Cllr Chris Wigglesworth, Bruce Borthwick, Cat Grant (chairman)
Visitors: mark Cummings (PPS), Leanne Ridings (PPS), Neil Macfarlane (CEC), Alan Howie (CEC)

1. Minutes of previous meeting approved
2. M.C. Mountgrange have submitted planning application for 36 units of affordable housing, commercial units and 'community facilities' on Calton Road

B.B. This is a significant number of family units. Mountgrange are listening

M.C. We have listened to professionals, we have responded to what Community council have said.

B.B. This is not a sop, it is a commitment.

J.L. asked for documentation of evidence of demand for housing mix proposed

M.C. no information

J.L. asked for plans for building on podium

M.C. Podium an enabling mechanism. It implied no commitment to superstructures

J.L. asked for full transcript of liaison committee minutes, signed off by independent chair as promised by Mountgrange

M.C. denied such a commitment had been made and stated that Mountgrange secretariat had "ownership" of minutes.

Discussion about rules for consultation

Cllr Wigglesworth announced meeting on Grassmarket plans to be held at 18.30 on wed 21 February

Discussion about Grassmarket proposals; planning sub-committee to meet after Grassmarket meeting

A.H. spoke about Edinburgh Partnership, aligning services for the 17 new multimember wards and the introduction of a protocol framework for partnerships to work together; involving people in decision making processes and examining the possibility of cross disciplinary liaison

Extensive discussion of boundaries of new ward

A.A. asked about new transport strategy

N.M. all in flux

B.B. is there a mechanism to recognise failure?

N.M. explained that he had a roads background and that they were liaising to deliver.

J.L. asked about community safety and recycling

Neil is ongoing point of contact for this. He will be handing over issues to Neighbourhood partnerships in April.

B.B. asked if there was a deadline for the transport plan

N.M. Plan in place after Trams

C.G. complained about laissez faire digging up of roads without apparent co-ordination

N.M. reported that road services co-ordinate this

B.B. raised issue of friability of water main on Calton Road at Palace end. Mr Macfarlane on notice.

J.S. Council responsibility for the integrity of the road

B.C. reported problems with planning portal, portal not reliable. Agreed to copy complaint in writing.

J.L. Agreed to oppose establishment of precedent over podium application

Discussion about UNESCO status and skyline study

B.B. reported progress on notice boards.

B.C. recommended that web site domain name should remain property of Community Council. Agreed

Next meeting 13 march in the tenth floor conference room

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Minutes are from 13 February 2007. Meeting held in City Chambers, Old Council Chamber.

Minutes taken by Ken Smille: Chair Cat.