

**Leith Central Community Council (LCCC),**  
**Minutes of Business meeting held at 7.30pm on Monday 17 May 2010 at Out of the**  
**Blue, Dalmeny Street, Leith**

**Present**

Stewart Blaik	Chairman LCCC
Roland Reid	Secretary LCCC
Jenny MacKenzie	Minute taker and PDP
John Hein	LCCC
Rob Hainsworth	LCCC
Joan Corbett	LCCC
Charlotte Encombe	LCCC/Greener Leith
Jim Scanlon	Chair Leith Links CC
Cllr Angela Blacklock	(Lab) Leith Walk ward
Cllr Maggie Chapman	(Greens) Leith Walk ward
Cllr Deidre Brock	(SNP) Leith Walk ward.
Ross McEwan	Art in Architecture
Ann Stark	Friends of Calton & Hillside
Julian Siann	LCCC
Juan Garcia	LCCC
Peter Mellors	Resident
Sue Gifford	Evening News reporter.

**1. Introductions and announcements:**

A reduced Agenda was proposed and accepted due to the Annual General Meeting.

**2. Apologies for Absence**

Ann Munro	Treasurer/Pilmeny Development Project
Harald Tobermann	Pilrig Residents Association LCCC/(PRA)
PC Chris Johnstone	Lothian and Borders Police
Mark Lazarowicz MP	North Edinburgh (Lab)
Rob Hoon/Vikki McLennan	Out of the Blue
Mark Armstrong	Resident
Loraine Duckworth	North Edinburgh NP
Stan Eadie	LCCC
Annette O'Carroll	LCCC

**3. Approval of Minutes of the Meeting 12<sup>th</sup> April 2010**

Approved by Roland Reid

Seconded by Ross McEwan.

**4. Community Police Officer's Report**

No report available.

#### **5. Matters Arising. Urgent matters only**

##### **Item 6:and 7. Chair's Report: Forth Energy Biomass Plant. .**

Community Training will be provided by Planning Aid for Scotland in a full day programme on Saturday June 5<sup>th</sup> at City Chambers, which includes an item Leith Biomass Plant – Understanding the Process. Members who attend will report back to LCCC at the next meeting on June 21<sup>st</sup>.

Cllr Chapman noted that this training will explain what to expect and how CCs can respond to the formal application, which is likely to be made in the Autumn. The Neighbourhood Partnership does not have any further information now, but will be hosting an event, possibly in July. The Chair noted that CCs have requested clearer visual information and plans, but that these will not be available on the training day.

Re the Seafield smell. Leith Links Chair Jim Scanlon reported that Leith Links Residents' Association is considering legal action against Scottish Water regarding the unresolved matter of the unacceptable smell from the sewerage works.

#### **6. Officer's and Councillor's Reports.**

The Chair referred to a suggestion from the floor that some provision be made for payment of a 'web master' for a joint web-site in conjunction with Leith Links and Leith Harbour and Newhaven. Charlotte noted that a blog is easier to maintain than a website.

Jim Scanlon (Leith Links) noted that managing a blog is a very easy and convenient way of getting information online quickly. He uses a blog and is now able to get minutes up quickly and easily.

**Cllr Brock** noted that she is working with the Library Information service re online information sharing and may be able to provide some guidance for LCCC via this route. Re local housing, Cllr Brock noted that CEC is working hard to bring all properties up to the national standards by 2015. More than half are already at this standard, with work being done on kitchens/bathrooms etc. With new strategies in place, there has been a 33 per cent reduction in evictions also.

**Cllr Chapman** noted that North Edinburgh NP has plans to simplify their own website and may be able to offer some support in helping Leith Central with sharing information online. The NP hopes to ensure that its site will be more relevant to CCs.

**Cllr Blacklock** noted that she was pleased to attend the AGM and hear the summary of the CCs achievements over the past 12 months.

The **Secretary** reminded all members of the Leith Gala to be held on Saturday June 12<sup>th</sup>. Suggestions for questions to be included in the Leith Central CC consultation, which will be carried out on the day, will be welcomed. A joint CC newsletter will be circulated on

the day. LCCC hopes to produce a further follow-up newsletter after the Gala day to circulate the collated results of the survey.

**Date of Next Meeting.**

Monday 21<sup>st</sup> June 2010.