

Notes for Meeting 22 February 2018

MATTERS ARISING

1. All are covered by agenda items.

AGENDA ITEMS

Chinese New Year Event: 9 February

2. A general report back, discussion of the event, lessons for the next and possible new events.

Planning

3. Two planning applications have been published for Meadowbank – a full application for the new sports centre and a permission in principle for the remainder of the site. The task of the community council is to gauge the views of our community and to convey those to the planning authority. We are therefore mounting two meetings: a drop-in on 20 February to enable people to look at and discuss plans; and an evening meeting to enable a more open discussion. We are working jointly with Craigentinny and Meadowbank CC.

Cycling

4. Facebook has picked up concerns about dangerous overtaking of bikes in Holyrood Park and demands for signs, lines and so on.

5. It is clear that the cat-eyes are worn out in many places and need cleaning or replacement.

6. There will be new cycle routes through the Meadowbank site to the foot of Smokey Brae – on the line of the old Clockmill Lane.

POLO

7. The Neighbourhood Partnership remains interested in the Street Audit or POLO for Portobello Road and London Road but it may still be lost if the NP does not press it on the Locality.

8. A tender has been placed for the repair of the Wolseley Place Steps – and was welcomed on Facebook. This followed correspondence with Paul Lawrence, Executive Director of Place.

9. Pictures of minor works that need doing in Piershill Square (under the heading of “Pride in Piershill”) were also well-received on FB. These works were identified in a walk through with Council officers on 8 July 2016 and are still untouched.

10. We might write to the Locality urging formal interest in POLO.

North East Locality

11. The Locality Committee met on Monday 19 February – oral report. We might discuss how to convey our ideas to the NEL.

Grants

12. The Secretary took part in a panel to allocate grants from the Local Event Fund – for cultural and artistic events in the Locality. 28 applications were considered and 4 approved – stiff competition.

13. The Secretary took part in a panel to allocate the remaining funds in the Community Grant programme – a dozen applications.

14. Formal decisions on these are taken by the Neighbourhood Partnership.

15. The Secretary is doing 2.5 days training on being a Champion of Participatory Budgeting.

AOB

16. Data Protection Registration is approaching.