

## Sub-committee Reports – March 2019

### 1 Environmental Report – March 2019

The current issues in environment are:

1. We continue to try to contact Waste Services personnel about the dormant Waste and Street Cleansing forum, and have received no reply. This is not acceptable; we will ask our councillors to help us with this matter.  
It would be helpful for NTBCC members to share with the meeting any notable waste collection, litter or street cleanliness issues in their local area, or any problems neighbours have mentioned to them. Notes will be taken!
2. The subcommittee continues to investigate aspects of tree management in Edinburgh, with focus on the interaction of trees and development, the management of green spaces in our area, and the existence and implementation of an overall strategy for trees in Edinburgh.

**Lewis Press, Environment Committee Convenor**

### 2 Licensing Report – March 2019

Objections should be made by 7 March. The Licensing Board meets on 25 March.

#### 2.1 New Licences

None in our area this month

#### 2.2 Provisional Licences (for on and off sale)

- 61 Queen Street (Chaumer guest house)– café on ground and lower ground floor
- 78 Queen Street (Sweet Service sandwich chop) – ground floor

#### 2.3 Licence Variations

- Unit 8, 61 Leith Street (Omni Centre) – request to add receptions and amend access for children
- Windsor pub, 45 Elm Row – request to increase hours, remove noise condition etc (but this pub is not technically in our area as it is on the east side of Leith Walk). There are flats immediately above, so we would object if it were in our area.

#### 2.4 Wine Shop at 1 Haddington Place (ex hi-fi shop)

Prospective applicants have contacted us to discuss their plan to open a wine shop, which requires a Change of Use.

- NTBCC (Licensing / Planning) met them to discuss their plans. It would require a Change of Use from current retail, a planning application covering mostly internal modifications and segregation of the ground floor and basement (1A Haddington Place).
- 1 Haddington Place appears to be just outside the area of overprovision.

**Jonathan Finn, Licensing Convener**

### 3 Transport Report – March 2019

#### 3.1 Tram extension

The Transport committee approved the final business case for the completion of the tram project to Newhaven on 28 Feb (by 7 votes to 4) and a decision will now be made by the Council on 14 March. Some CCs made presentations including the CCTT chair of Harald Tobermann (Leith Central CC) who raised concerns that traders had not been consulted but said 'if done well, the tram project will bring economic benefit and community councils will give qualified support for the project.' Andrew Mackenzie (Leith Links CC) said the extension could work very well, but Constitution St at 12m width was too narrow and could be unsafe.

Carol Nimmo and Allan Jack attended the CCTT meeting on 21 Feb. Like CCTT, NTBCC's current position is that it supports the completion in principle. Our submission had acknowledged it might be impractical to wait for Hardie and said that, absent this, assumptions in the FBC should be 'very conservative'. Following the presentation from the tram team, we took the view that the FBC did pass that test. There was discussion of whether CCTT should 'withhold support' at this stage.

Like the other CCs, NTBCC has outstanding concerns relevant to our area namely Elm Row public realm, future bus services, traffic management during construction, junctions in London Road, and preserving flexibility on the future of the 'triangle' at Picardy Place. But we have not tied these to directly to approval of the FBC.

These two differences meant we had a slightly different position from the other CCs however we said we wished to stand by them as far as possible and agreed that a briefing document of 26 Feb (below) was not inconsistent with the NTBCC position.

Rob Leech of the Tram team has been invited to attend the next NTBCC meeting.

### 3.2 Connecting our City, Transforming our Places (CCTP)

TEC also got a report on feedback to the CCTP consultation which they said received over 5000 responses, about three quarters of which supported traffic reduction in the city centre, restricting access for the most polluting vehicles and the creation of more vehicle-free streets. They'll now start to develop deliverables for the 3 component projects (City Mobility Plan, LEZ and City Centre Transformation). It reports at 3.14 that 'workshop participants considered that new public spaces needed activities to animate them'. There was strong support for integrated ticketing. A workplace parking levy was supported by over 70% of respondents. Key principles are outlined at 3.74. 3 scenarios focussing on better utilisation of existing assets, 'liveability' and 'connectedness'. Consultation on LEZ and City Centre Transformation is planned for May. There's an interesting 'spatial framework' for the city centre on Page 30 of appendix 2.

### 3.3 London St crossing

CEC have responded to an inquiry about the London St crossing. Officials are currently progressing the TRO for amendments to the current bays and parking restrictions to accommodate the proposals which they anticipate will take 6 to 8 months, assuming no objections are received. On completion of the TRO process, they will commence construction of the project.

The preferred option 2 is available here: <https://consultationhub.edinburgh.gov.uk/sfc/london-street-at-drummond-place/>

**Allan Jack, Transport Convenor**

## 4 NTBCC Communications Committee Summary, 5 March 2019

The Committee met on 11 February 2019, and the following were decided:

1. to refurbish the **Broughton Street noticeboard**.
2. to produce a **one-page A4 information notice**, advertising NTBCC and our 2019 meetings, to be displayed on the Broughton Street noticeboard, the 8 Essential Edinburgh Rose Street boards and any other accessible boards in private gardens etc.
3. to produce a **supplementary A4 page with a map** of our area for display with the information notice, wherever possible.
4. to use twitter more intensively for better public engagement, with each NTBCC committee encouraged to nominate one member, to write messages and also monitor and reply to responses. (We hope to organise a twitter workshop, together with The Spurtle, for interested NTBCC members.)
5. to stop actively using **Facebook**. (The page in future to serve as a redirect.)
6. to explore ways of achieving better **engagement with local people**, particularly those under 40. Margaret Duffy to look at this further, and make recommendations.
7. to commission a graphic designer to create a scalable **logo** for NTBCC based on a New Town Georgian fanlight, in return for a nominal payment.
8. to develop the NTBCC **website** as a resource for residents, as well as members, and to make the main page more topical and impactful. It was suggested that convenors' summaries should be posted in advance of general meetings, to provide more information for public attendees.
9. the next committee meeting to be on 15 March.  
*Since the meeting, more work has been done on the logo and the A4 notice.*
10. A **logo** has been created by Ken Gray (<https://www.creative-edinburgh.com/OurMembers/details/367>), an Edinburgh designer who has previously worked for Scottish Natural Heritage, Scottish Wildlife Trust etc. (A fee of £50 has been agreed.)
11. Ken Gray's basic logo design is ready for **approval by NTBCC**. (There are two versions, with and without NTBCC being spelled out.) If accepted we can use the logo on notices, twitter, the website etc. Please note, **we have not yet decided on any particular colour** or combination of colours, which will be discussed with Ken Gray and considered in due course.
12. We have prepared a text for the **NTBCC notice** — seen/approved by the office-holders — and we hope to bring printed copies of the notice to the meeting on 11 March.

**Simon Holvedge Convenor**