



Notes for Meeting 22 March 2018

3. Matters Arising

All are covered by agenda items.

4. Treasurer's Report: balance and expenditure

5. Cycling

A response has been received to our February letter to HES.

6. Community Events

To discuss the outreach group's plans for further events and consider what other kinds of events might be needed through the coming year.

Business Forum: how might we progress this?

7. Planning

The Joint Community Council response to the two Meadowbank planning applications requires to be approved formally by each CC.

We might discuss:

- the two events which were mounted
- how we might approach a new application for St Margaret's House and a Full application for the Meadowbank site

8. Localities

The North East Locality Committee met first on 19 March and concerns were raised by the Convenor about engagement with the community. No date has been set for the next meeting.

POLO: The Secretary wrote to the Convenor of the NEL Committee, inviting the Committee to adopt the POLO plan as a programme for the locality. Officers reported that it was already contained in the Locality Improvement Plan. No formal response to our letter has been received.

Do we consider that the priority given to POLO in the LIP meets our local aspirations?

http://www.edinburgh.gov.uk/downloads/file/10247/north_east_locality_improvement_plan

North East Edinburgh **Locality Improvement Plan** October 2017

The coordination and management of the built environment will be improved

- Develop prioritised resurfacing programme and consult with the community.
- Plan with services and partners earlier to deliver a more coordinated programme of works.
- Consider the full range of issues along transport corridors rather than individual problems when programming maintenance and/or improvement works.
- Develop a programme to promote active travel and public transport options.
- **Develop Street Audit Plans and continue to deliver the London/Portobello Road Street Audit Improvement Plan.**

Participatory Budgeting

The Secretary volunteered for 2.5 days of training as a Participatory Budgeting Champion, organised by the City Council. Participants were a mixture of council officers, police officers and community council people (about 30 in all). The Scottish Government has said:

“Council leaders have agreed that at least 1% of local government budgets will be subject to participatory budgeting by the end of 2021, giving communities more influence than ever to make decisions on how funding is spent in their localities.”

<https://news.gov.scot/news/more-choice-for-communities>

9. Dates of Meetings

Our meetings on a Thursday late in the month (and not every month) mean that they often clash with City Councillor and other events (such as EACC). Craigentiny & Meadowbank and Portobello CCs meet on the last Monday in the month, with two months off in the summer. Having a regular date might increase public participation.

One proposal for discussion: meet on the second Monday or Tuesday in each month.

Venue to be discussed.

	July	Sept	Nov	Dec	Jan	Mar	April	May (AGM)
Monday	9	9	12	10	7	11	8	13
Tuesday	10	10	13	11	8	12	9	14