

Southside Community Council Chair's report April 2016

1. Festival of Cycling – I have had an email from Kim Harding saying:

Dear Southside Association and Southside Community Council,

I have been discussing with the Causey Development Trust ideas for doing something on the Crosscauseway bleak traffic island as part of this years Edinburgh Festival of Cycling.

One of the ideas we have come up with is an art installation which involves hanging bikes from the lighting columns and possibly on some of the buildings.

We have had an approach from a company called Cycloc which makes brackets for hanging bikes up for storage. They have said that they can organise and pay for hanging the bikes up for the period of the Festival. They will also make sure that all the Health and Safety requirements are complied with and cover the PL insurance. The bikes I can source from the Bike Station.

Would you willing to support this idea?

Thanks,

Kim

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Kim Harding
Director
Edinburgh Festival of Cycling

I have seen this idea working elsewhere – could be good.



2. Health in Mind - I have had an email from Logan Vaughn of Health in Mind saying:

Dear Sir or Madam

I am a volunteer with Health in Mind, a charity working within your area. We run a number of different projects with volunteers, from programs to combat social isolation in older people to befriending as part of a homelessness prevention initiative. I was wondering if it would be possible to briefly speak at your council meeting about the work we do within your area and how you may be able to help us?

If you would like more information on who we are then please check our [website](#). Alternatively please don't hesitate to contact me either by email : HPS.Volunteer@health-in-mind.org.uk or by phone: 07540 835 491.



Kind Regards
Logan Vaughn

I have invited Logan to address us at our May meeting.

3. Meadows Finances – I asked for information about revenue from the Festival events on the Meadows and received interesting information (see separate file “Meadows Revenue”). In view of the fact that the Council passed the following motion (as pointed out by Jim Orr)
c) The Council will expect an increased financial return on use of this space [i.e. the Events site], and will invest any additional income received into the infrastructure, features and facilities of the Meadows and Bruntsfield Links.

*Council motion on tendering for Meadows space during Festival: 26 August 2014
(Transport & Environment Committee)*

Can we write to the Transport and Environment Committee and request that they honour this decision and employ more park rangers to work in the park on summer evenings, particularly to discourage people from burning the grass with barbecues.

4. Ethical Investment – I had an email from John Young, Common Weal South Lanarkshire (See separate file “Ethical Investment”) asking us to join a campaign to encourage public authorities to invest ethically, i.e. not in the arms trade. What do members think about this?
5. I received a letter from Scott Wilkins Community Learning & Development Worker Southside Community Centre:

Dear Friends

I write on behalf of Morag Innes, the Chair of the Southside Community Centre Association (SSCC Assoc). Please find attached a letter outlining the current conditions facing the SSCC Assoc. (Separate file “Future of SSCC and Nelson Hall”)

The purpose of this initial letter is to inform and gauge the interest of local partners and organisations in a discussion about the future management of two community assets which serve the Southside community and local people, providing vital hubs for much community activity, local services and community cohesion.

We welcome your thoughts and the SSCC Assoc is keen to meet with interested parties to begin to discuss the future management of Southside and Nelson Hall Community Centres and how to ensure their future as community assets.

The SSCC Assoc Management Committee meets the second Tuesday of every month from 6.45 at Southside Community Centre and is happy to dedicate a future MC meeting to discussing with interested parties how working together we can secure the future of the two Centres.

The SSCC Assoc looks forward to your reply.

Regards

Scott Wilkins