

**South Central Neighbourhood Partnership Dumbiedykes Quality of Life Action Group  
Meeting**

**11 February 2016, Braidwood Centre**

I attended the first hour or so of this meeting. (Future meetings will be attended by Svetlana).

CLlr Jim Orr, a Police officer, a couple of local residents, someone from Cannongate Youth, CEC Officers Margaret Campbell (Partnership Development), Rory Gardner (Property Team), and a few others (I don't have the minutes) attended.

Many interesting subjects were covered and some useful information was included in the papers for the meeting. It will definitely be useful to have the connection with this group.

Some of the topics of interest were:

- Money is available to improve green space around SS Council housing - Dumbiedykes and Carnegie Court and around Pleasance-so discussion looked at possibility of flower beds, play areas, allotments. Possible problems with each flagged up. CLlr Orr to take it forward, I think.
- Bike sheds discussed. The property person for DD (not Council land man) came up with great idea of clearing out the storage spaces most of the buildings have for tenants that are currently filled with abandoned rubbish and organising them as bike lock ups for residents.
- NO 60 bus discussed. There is a concern that it will be withdrawn, leaving DD residents with no lift up the hill to the shops etc. It was suggested that one of the other services that connect Clerk St/ St Leonards with the town centre could be rerouted to come down to DD.
- Support was given for the idea I brought up (originally raised with us by Benet Haughton) of applying for some of the grant money going in South Centra£ Decides for a dropped curb at the bottom of the slope on the bike/ foot path where it meets the road/ car parking area at DD, and then to have a cyclable slope into the park where the steps are, near the playpark. (Benet has said he would put in for this.)
- I agreed to arrange for something about the SCC to be put into the DD Newsletter. (done, I believe, by Philip)

Having minutes available, or a report from Svetlana, of these meetings would be good.

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