

SCC Chair's report March 2016

1. **EACC** – Joan attended this meeting. See her report.
2. **Greyfriars Charteris Centre** – We have been approached by Dan Rous who has been, tasked with planning the redevelopment of the Kirk O'Field church which they want to be an additional community resource to fill some gaps in local provision. He has asked for a meeting with someone from the Community Council to further understand the local needs. I plan to go with Colin Christison of the SA

3. **Noise:** - On the topic of noise (noisy neighbours, etc.) Steve Burgess writes:

I was told residents should ring 101 by the Council's Private Rented Sector manager, Kenny Haycox.

You are correct that the noise team cut was rejected, however, the noise team only operates at night from 4pm to 4.30am (Thursday to Saturday) and 5.15pm to 4am (Sunday). The service was reduced from a 24/7 service in 2012. So during the day, and at night between Monday to Wednesday, 101 is the only recourse.

I also understand that the council are routinely informed by the Police if they are called to any noise complaints.

Hope that clarifies things

Regards

Steve - Steve Burgess Green Councillor Southside/Newington ward

4. **Visit from Architectural Conservation students** – A thank you letter was received from Varsha Amarnath, who said "We were very encouraged by your response and we will send you our questions in a day or two." I have had no further questions from them.
5. **Dumbiedykes Quality of Life Group** – We had a very short notice invitation to this meeting. Joan and Svetlana attended (see separate report). In connection with that, the What's On guide would like to feature the SCC, and would like a photo of us meeting.
6. **Vintage Vibes** - Many of you already know about our fantastic new service that got up and running towards the end of 2015 and is being officially launched in March. If not, then we're a partnership project between LifeCare Edinburgh and The Broomhouse Centre, and are tackling the problems of social isolation and loneliness among the over-60s across Edinburgh. To do that, we're recruiting, training and supporting volunteers of all ages and from all walks of life to give good company to people who either self-refer, or are referred to us. We call them our Vibes Volunteers and our Vibes VIPs, and have been delighted at the response so far. If you are interested **call us on 0131 343 0955** or email: hello@vintagevibes.org.uk

7. **Waste and Recycling** – Jim Orr writes to tell us that Justine Taylor is the Council officer responsible. He says “Justine has often done presentations to community councils and similar groups. I’m sure she would do one for SCC or get someone else along. She may just do domestic waste and so she may not know about the commercial side.” Justine used to live in the Southside, and was a member of the SCC several years ago.
8. **Scottish Widows** – Scottish Widows writes to Parkside Residents to highlight an initiative that the site is in the process of starting: “We have some fabulous landscaped garden areas. However, we do also have some grassy areas that we would like to dig up and create a community garden. Many colleagues on site are keen for this to happen. We also have commitment from the Preston Street PS teachers and pupils who would like to be part of this initiative. I wanted to see if this is a project that you could raise with your residents group and gauge if there would be interest. I am happy for them to contact me direct if this is something they would like to join in. Plans are still at an early stage but we will be using an area which has easy access from our goods entrance side. We plan to grow veg and plant fruit trees. The school are looking to create a greenhouse. I do hope that this would be of interest to some of your residents and will help to create a fantastic area that will grow over years to come.
9. **Review of children’s hospital services** – Barbara is attending a meeting for us.
10. **The Number Shop**. – We were approached by Alistair Grant who runs the Number Shop on the Pleasance as studios and exhibition space for artists. He is looking to expand into the vacant Lismore Rugby Club, and is looking for our support. Deborah and I visited the studios, and Alistair indicated that he intended to attend the March meeting of the CC.
11. **Trees in Lutton Place** – Cameron Rose writes “I have had a session with the Project manager of the Homebase site (Jim Orr was present). He and his site manager was very amenable to the possibility of providing missing trees in Lutton Place. They are due to continue on site and complete the project next July.”
12. **digiCC workshop** – I have registered to go on this workshop.