

Secretary's report for meeting on March 14th 8 March 2016

Letters sent

1. I did not nominate the Gifford Park Mural for the Scottish Civic Trust My Place Awards 2016, as the email from julie.dickson@edinburgh.gov.uk arrived on Jan 15th and the deadline was the 16th.
2. Letter to Roxburgh Street Mosque inviting them to send a representative to the SCC meetings.
3. February 25: Email to the SA and FoMBL, about renovations of footpaths in the Meadows. A small area close to the jawbone site will be renewed, presumably not including some rough parts further along (to the north of the junction mentioned). The email mentioned that this will be done "through the additional £50K Capital allocation provided to each Electoral Ward and selected by the community". Perhaps the SA or FoMBL know about this.

Also the Boroughloch path (the path from Melville Drive to the SE corner of the tennis courts, and then on to Boroughloch) is being widened and upgraded, and it is unclear how this was selected, and why this work is preferred over repairs to more dangerous paths.

4. February 25: email to Mike Shields, asking whether we should apply via the 2016 Community Path Grant (see item 2 under communications received).
Community Parks Officer Mike Shields 0131 672 1589
mike.shields@edinburgh.gov.uk
Reply: Unfortunately this fund is aimed at the natural type of path improvements in our smaller parks and not the large tarmac paths we have throughout the Meadows.
5. Enquiries about how funding was decided for 2 path projects in the Meadows.
 - a) Mike Shields explained that the work on Boroughloch Walk is part of a cycle upgrade, and that they are aware of the condition of some of the other paths and our roads officers continue to monitor the condition of these paths and we are working on further funding but nothing is currently available.
 - b) FoMBL informed me that they were told about the Jawbone path (not 'consulted' as stated in the email), and that the Boroughloch path funding came from Sustrans, with whom they are also discussion a possible new contra-flow path for cyclists along Glengyle Terrace.

Received

1. Feb. 15: Notification of the next meeting of the **Civic Forum** on Tuesday 8 March 2016 at 4.30 – 6.30 pm in the Business Centre at the City Chambers, to review the Forum's remit, not changed since its formation in 1988. Papers will be circulated before the meeting.

Dates for this year's meetings:

8 March 4.30 – 6.30pm

7 June 6.00 pm

6 September 6.00 pm

6 December 4.00 pm

2. Feb. 15: Email about grants of **up to £1500** to help community groups improve, maintain and promote local community paths ([2016 Community Path Grants](#)). I looked at the details ([here](#)) and decided not to apply, as one must
You can use our funding to:

- buy tools, insurance and materials,
- hire a contractor, plant and machinery,
- install signage and way-markers,
- produce a leaflet or promotional materials.

3. February 16, 2016: email from Cllr. Orr about **2 environmental issues**

- (i) Either a slim shelter (without an advert) is to replace the current one in Buccleuch St. (agreed to be over-sized on 30th September), or it will be removed.
- (ii) He asked for an update from the roads team about the condition of the junction of E. Preston/W. Preston St and S. Clerks St., and when it is due for renewal.

4. Feb. 17th. Email from the Lord Provost's office about a "**Clean for the Queen**" initiative (we clean up the neighbourhood for the Queen's birthday, and they hope we might continue doing so after that).

5. February 18: Briefing Note from David.Doig@edinburgh.gov.uk about the return of the Jawbones and, starting on Feb. 22nd, reconstruction of the path from the start of the Jawbone Walk at Melville Drive to the junction split at Coronation Walk.

6. February 18: Email from East Parkside Proprietors' Association about failure to empty 360 litre green bin at 34 East Parkside when other bins were emptied. It has now been left without being emptied for several weeks, despite repeated reporting.

7. Feb. 22: From East Parkside Proprietors' Association. File about possible changes the management of roads, cycleways and footpaths within Holyrood Park, specifically (file EPPA L re Traffic Management in Holyrood Park 22 Feb 16.pdf)

- a. a 20 mph speed limit on all roads within the Park
- b. **"No Lorries / No Coaches" sign at the gate in Holyrood Park Road to be moved from the gate to the exits from the first roundabout so that prohibited vehicles could turn round safely at the first roundabout in the Park**

- c. better provision for cyclists, including features to discourage cyclists from cycling on the public footpaths when leaving or entering the Park
 - d. Action against car parking
8. 24 Feb: From julie.dickson@edinburgh.gov.uk. Link to updated CC Development and Support Programme information on the Neighbourhood Partnership website, including the materials from previous day's session "What Needs Planning Permission"
<http://www.edinburghnp.org.uk/community-councils/community-council-support-and-development-programme/>
9. March 4, 2016: Waste Action Grants to support the development of Orphan Land patches through community-led activities such as clean ups. More information is here:
http://www.edinburgh.gov.uk/info/20203/funding_opportunities/650/waste_action_grant
10. March 4, 2016: Reply about the enquiry from ourselves and the SA concerning the new LED street lights. The letter repeats what we have already heard at several SCC meetings. (from Paul Clarke, Customer Service Officer, Street Lighting, City of Edinburgh Council, 0131 458 8040, E:Mail: paul.clarke@edinburgh.gov.uk)
11. March 8, 2016: Email from David Doig saying that he is retiring from the Council on Thursday 31 March 2016, and that his replacement will probably be announced by late April/Early May.
12. March 8, 2016: Email about a workshop on digital engagement for Community Councils (forwarded to other SCC members).