

Cllr Jim Orr – Report to Southside Community Council - Monday 8th October

Missed bin collections

These have increased once again and this has been discussed at Full Council and in the press. The festival is sometimes blamed but there have been collection problems for many years. On the plus side, we now have better on-street glass collections for tenement areas than before.

Council approved relaxation in tolerable noise levels

From Evening News 26/9/16:

<Licensing board votes to relax noise test for live music noise restrictions on the performance of live music in the Capital are to be relaxed. The city's licensing board decided by six votes to two that the current requirement that music must be "inaudible" in neighbouring properties should be dropped. Instead, the policy on noise will say that amplified music should not be an "audible nuisance" in neighbouring homes.>

Causey Development Trust

A summit was held on 27th September with numerous stakeholders and was found to be very effective. There is a lot of support for the project and it was widely felt that it needs to get going. TROs have been issued. Some locals have also contacted councillors to oppose the project though.

Dumbiedykes

Parking improvement plans are now underway. A controlled parking zone is the proposed option, but this will take well over one year to consult on and implement.

Progress with the "skelf" bike park continues. There was a volunteer cleaning up day in September.

Road repairs

Having said that they would repair the junction Clerk St and East Preston St, officers later reported that this would not be possible!

Southside Christmas Lights

These will get turned on on Tuesday 6 December at 6pm at St Patrick's Square.

Vigil

There was a vigil on Buccleugh St after an object was thrown at the Mosque in September. There has been an arrest and someone has appeared in court. Hopefully this is an isolated incident. The Police have a zero tolerance approach to any hate crime.