

## Southside Community Council (SCC) Secretary's report, January -February 2016

### Letters and emails sent

Request for planning reports sent to planning officer  
Carole Arnott [<mailto:Carole.Arnott@edinburgh.gov.uk>]  
Reports have now started to arrive.

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Letter inviting the Edinburgh Mosque to send a representative to our meetings  
<http://www.edmosque.com/contacts/contact-us/>

A reply was received: Thank you very much for this invitation. We appreciate the effort taken to reach out to us and make us feel welcome to the community and we will do our best to acknowledge and reciprocate this. What I'm doing right now is copying in members of the Central Mosque admin so that they are aware of this, and we will take the discussion then regarding how best to proceed.

Thanks again,  
Yahya Barry

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Emails re street lighting. Agreed with Colin Christison (SA) to email as follows (the email was sent)

'[streetlighting@edinburgh.gov.uk](mailto:streetlighting@edinburgh.gov.uk)'; '[Paul.Clarke@edinburgh.gov.uk](mailto:Paul.Clarke@edinburgh.gov.uk)'

At our meeting on Monday January 11<sup>th</sup>, the Southside Community Council discussed the complaints about the LED street lights. Opinions from people on the Community Council were mixed, but (as secretary) I have been asked to contact you to ask whether the level of illumination differs from the previous level, and whether it might be possible to increase the levels for some lamp-posts where it seems too dim. No reply as yet.

### Letters and emails received

11 Jan 2016, from East Parkside Proprietors' Association (EPPA)

Email re street light ECG14 not working properly. This critical section of the public cycleway is therefore often not properly illuminated.

Also notes (with details) the absence of any response to the long-standing, oft-repeated suggestion that unit ECG15 should be moved.

SENT TO "Allan Tinto" <[Allan.Tinto@edinburgh.gov.uk](mailto:Allan.Tinto@edinburgh.gov.uk)>, "Bryan Mackie" <[Bryan.Mackie@edinburgh.gov.uk](mailto:Bryan.Mackie@edinburgh.gov.uk)>, "Chris Brace" [Chris.Brace@edinburgh.gov.uk](mailto:Chris.Brace@edinburgh.gov.uk) and councilors

Feb. 1: Email pointing out that unit ECG15 has now been moved, but that the fault in street light ECG14 has not been corrected, and lighting remains unsatisfactory.

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February 2, 16

Agenda for Neighbourhood partnership meeting: **Tuesday 19 January, 14.00,**

## Dunedin Room, City Chambers

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January 13, 2016

### Review of children's hospital services in Lothian

Following problems with keeping St John's children's ward open overnight during the summer, NHS Lothian has invited the Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health (RCPCH) to conduct a review of children's hospital services at St John's and the Royal Hospital for Sick Children to identify a sustainable way forward (see details on [website](#)).

The Review team will visit the area during January 2015 [sic] and February 2016 to hear views of users of the services and stakeholders such as Action for Sick Children, and there is [An online survey](#)

Focus groups with members of the public and stakeholders will be held on 10-11 February (one can sign up for these at the end of the survey, or by making direct contact with the team, details below)

**Jenni Illma**, RCPCH, 5-11 Theobalds Road, London, WC1X 8SH  
020 7092 6049 / 07949 393 628 | [www.rcpch.ac.uk](http://www.rcpch.ac.uk)

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January 15, 2016

The Scottish Civic Trust My Place Awards

**SEEKING NOMINATIONS FROM COMMUNITY COUNCILS** to recognise projects that have had a positive impact in a local neighbourhood and have delivered positive benefits to that community. Also, the Civic Champion Award will be presented to a person who has made an outstanding contribution to their local heritage and/or civic society.

The Awards are supported by the Scottish Government.

For more information, including entry forms, guidance and galleries of past entries visit [www.myplaceawards.org.uk/](http://www.myplaceawards.org.uk/)

Nominations can be made by:

Civic societies and other local groups affiliated to the Scottish Civic Trust  
Community Councils  
Development trusts  
Local history societies  
Other community-based voluntary groups

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EACC meeting Thursday 11th February 2016 at 7pm in the European Room, City Chambers, to meet Paul Lawrence the new Executive Director for Place.

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East Parkside Proprietors' Association (EPPA)  
24 January: More reports of graffiti

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24 January, from [Anita.Sharkey@edinburgh.gov.uk](mailto:Anita.Sharkey@edinburgh.gov.uk), Senior Waste and Open Space Development Officer | Tel 469 5070  
 Notification of grants to fund (£50-£200 or £500 - £2500) to encourage more people in the Capital to reduce, reuse and recycle, and for groups working to prevent litter in their local area.

[http://www.edinburgh.gov.uk/info/20203/funding\\_opportunities/650/waste\\_action\\_grant](http://www.edinburgh.gov.uk/info/20203/funding_opportunities/650/waste_action_grant)

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 27 January: Copy of letter sent to Unite asking for missing Street Trees to be replaced in Lutton Place.  
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**From:** Sharp, Lynn [mailto:lynn.sharp@improvementservice.org.uk] **Sent:** 27 January 2016 12:02

The Scottish Community Councils website [www.communitycouncils.scot](http://www.communitycouncils.scot) redesign

- An improved community council location finder
- Link to live Public Information Notices through data from [tellmescotland.gov.uk](http://tellmescotland.gov.uk).
- A dialogue area, where guest editors will be given a voice on community council issues.
- An event calendar to highlight any events relevant to community councils.
- New channels to create networks for community councillors, including highlighting the CC twitter accounts, links and info about the Community Council Knowledge Hub group, a regular newsletter.
- A link section for the site to provide a portal to other relevant organisations.

[lynn.sharp@improvementservice.org.uk](mailto:lynn.sharp@improvementservice.org.uk)

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 Emails reporting trade bins still not removed.  
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Jan 28: Updated CC Development and Support Programme information on the Neighbourhood Partnership website, including the materials from How to Apply for a Grant Workshop

<http://www.edinburghnp.org.uk/community-councils/community-council-support-and-development-programme/>

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 Emails about the burst water main at the west end of E Preston St. Cameron Rose is blogging about this.  
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An email was circulated from Edinburgh Tenants Federation announcing seminars on the challenges that communities are currently faced with, on

**Tuesday 9th February 2016, 6:00pm-8:45pm at Norton Park Conference Centre, 57 Albion Road, Edinburgh, EH7 5QY.**

and **Wednesday 10th February 2016, 2.15pm-5pm, Trust Housing Association, 12**

**New Mart Road, Edinburgh, EH14 1RL**

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February 1 from Alcohol Focus Scotland(AFS): **Invitation to launch of community toolkit 'Alcohol licensing in your community: how you can get involved'**, a new resource explaining the licensing process in Scotland, and providing practical tips to help people who want to get involved (they hope to empower communities to have a say on how alcohol affects their local area).

Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February, from 1pm – 2pm in the Business Centre, Edinburgh City Chambers (with lunch from 12.30pm).

RSVP by noon on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> February by emailing [david.new@alcohol-focus-scotland.org.uk](mailto:david.new@alcohol-focus-scotland.org.uk) or phone 0141 572 6708.

Forwarded to CC members

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01 February 2016: **From:** Tim Mullens [tim.mullens@keepsotlandbeautiful.org] Notification of Climate Challenge Fund open for applications from community led-organisations including community councils. The fund was allocated £10.3 million in the Scottish Government's Draft Budget 2016-17. Grants up to £150,000 per project are available for community-led schemes, including energy efficiency, sustainable travel, local food growing projects and initiatives to tackle waste. They must be one year projects with a start date of 1 April 2016 and completion date of 31 March 2017. See [www.climatechallengefund.org](http://www.climatechallengefund.org)

**The application deadline is 5pm on Friday 19 February 2016, with expressions of interest by 5pm on Friday 5 February 2016 (!) on an online form:**  
**<http://www.keepsotlandbeautiful.org/sustainability-climate-change/climate-challenge-fund/how-to-apply/criteria/expression-of-interest/eoi-form/>**

**(<http://www.keepsotlandbeautiful.org/ccfhowtoapply>)**