

## HIGHLIGHTS – 14 SEPTEMBER 2010

### **New Chairman**

Dr Hamish Ross took the chair for the first time and thanked the outgoing chairman, Mr Walter Spence, for his service to the Community Council in that role over several years. Mr Spence remains a member of the Community Council.

### **Councillor's Report**

Councillor Wheeler said that the Council continues to look for savings in the budget and consultative meetings with the public about various options were being held. One of these would be held at Davidson's Mains Church in the first week of October.

### **Closure of Russell Road**

The chairman reported that he had been assured by TIE that there would be uninterrupted pedestrian access along Russell Road throughout the duration of the tram works. The route of the access might vary. Councillor Wheeler said that assurances had been given by TIE that Russell Road and Balgreen Road would not be closed at the same time.

### **Parking**

The Transport Committee of the City Council had refused a request by Murrayfield Parish Church for a single yellow line outside the Church Centre. Council officials were now looking at a possible alternative involving disabled parking bays for blue badge holders. The Murrayfield Club was considering how this might work in practice. Consideration was being given longer term to the introduction of a Controlled Parking Zone for the whole area.

### **Western Corner**

Work could not begin at Western Corner on the improvements which had been outlined to the Community Council at an earlier meeting until extensive gas works in the area involving road closures had been completed. It was understood that the earmarked funds for the improvements could be carried over into the next financial year if necessary.

### **Local Interest groups**

Mr George Douglas was welcomed as a member nominated by the Donaldson Area Amenity Association. The chairman was in touch with the Saughtonhall Community Association to find out whether the Association wished to nominate someone to become a member of the Community Council.

### **Next Meeting**

The next meeting would be held on Tuesday 2 November when it was expected that TIE representatives would be present. The meeting would take place at 8.00pm in the Upper Room, Murrayfield Parish Church Centre. A subsequent meeting would take place on Tuesday 21 December 2010.