

HIGHLIGHTS – 2 MARCH 2010

Councillors' Report

Councillors Balfour and Wheeler reported that the City Council budget for 2010-2011 had been approved. This had been a difficult process, since savings of £30m had to be identified and a similar figure would be required in future years. The objective was to protect frontline services where possible.

Flood Insurance Issues

The Secretary reported that the City Council was no longer planning a formal survey of these issues and was instead working with the Association of British Insurers. It was agreed that the Secretary should monitor the situation.

Controlled Parking Update

The Secretary had received a copy of a letter to Councillor Balfour from the City Council's Head of Transport confirming that there were no plans to introduce a Controlled Parking Zone (CPZ) in the Roseburn or Murrayfield areas. This was mainly for financial reasons, because it was thought that a scheme in these areas would not recoup the costs involved in implementing a CPZ. A member of the public questioned this assumption and Councillor Balfour said that he would co-ordinate a stronger, political level engagement with this issue.

Environmental Improvements in the Roseburn Area

Following the report at the last meeting on the Western Corner improvements, a member of the Community Council had raised the possibility of some comparable scheme for the Roseburn area. Councillor Balfour said that he would contact the Manager of the West Neighbourhood Partnership about this and liaise with the member of the Community Council who had first suggested the possibility of a scheme for Roseburn.

Traffic and Transport

Councillor Wheeler said that he was investigating the possibility of filtering right-turning traffic from Ellersly Road into Corstorphine Road.

He also undertook to enquire about improving the flow of traffic along Roseburn Terrace which is affected by right-turning traffic into Roseburn Street and Russell Road. The Secretary reported that two City Car Club bays were proposed for Russell Road.

SRU Meeting with local residents

A meeting between representatives of the Scottish Rugby Union and local residents, including representatives of the Community Council, had been held on 26 February. Councillor Edie was following up a concern about parking outside Roseburn Court on international days which impeded access by carers. No other major issues had been raised.

It was pointed out on 2 March that there were also concerns about the parking of coach and minibus parking on Murrayfield Road and Kingsburgh Road which made it difficult for other traffic to use these roads.

Future Meetings

The next meeting which would include the Annual General Meeting would be held on **Tuesday 27 April 2010** at 8 pm in the Upper Room of Murrayfield Parish Church Centre. Subsequent meetings would take place on 8 June, 27 July and 14 September. Members of the public are welcome to attend these meetings.