

HIGHLIGHTS –8 JUNE 2010

Presentation by Licensing Standards Officer

Amy Ferguson described the range of changes that had taken effect from September 2009 with the coming into operation of the Licensing Act. She said that the roles of the Licensing Standards Officer (LSO) were to provide advice and guidance, mediate and ensure compliance. Any member of the public could ask for any licence to be reviewed but it would be useful first to involve the LSO.

Councillors' Report

Councillor Wheeler said that the amount of £30m per annum which the Council needed to save in the next two financial years might increase to at least £45m per annum and contingency plans were being prepared. He could not comment in detail on reports about the future of the tram system but negotiations remained difficult. He would ask the appropriate officers to investigate the problem of overgrowing hedges and vegetation in Murrayfield Gardens, Ormidale Terrace, Abinger Gardens and Roseburn Street.

Councillor Edie said that the Council had identified insurers who were prepared to deal with residents who might be affected by flooding.

Roseburn Terrace Air Monitoring Unit

The Secretary reported that he had been in touch with the relevant Council official who had said that demand for this unit elsewhere would result in its replacement by a smaller unit. Councillor Edie said that he would investigate what the timescale for this change was.

Water of Leith Management Plan

A member of the public explained that the draft Water of Leith Management Plan had been prepared by the Water of Leith Action Group. It covered all the major uses of and interests in the Water of Leith. The Secretary would register the interest of the Community Council. (The draft can be seen at www.waterofleith.org.uk/management/)

Meetings in 2011

In discussion of dates and arrangements for meetings in 2011 it was suggested that some meeting times and venues might be varied while

some could remain on the current pattern. It might also be possible to hold a meeting on an individual theme to attract a wider public. The Secretary would consider what changes could be made.

Next Meeting

The next meeting would be held on Tuesday 27 July in the Upper Room of Murrayfield Parish Church Centre at 8.00pm. Future meetings would take place on 14 September, 2 November and 21 December.

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The next meeting would be held on Tuesday 8 June at 8pm in the Upper Room of Murrayfield Parish Church Centre. Subsequent meetings would be held on Tuesday 27 July and provisionally on 14 September, 2 November and 21 December. Members of the public are welcome to attend these meetings.