

HIGHLIGHTS –27 JULY 2010

Presentation by Transport Initiatives for Edinburgh

Representatives of Transport Initiatives for Edinburgh (TIE) gave a presentation about how the work on the tram system would affect the areas of particular interest to the Community Council. Russell Road would be subject to lane restrictions for about 3 months and then complete closure for 6-8 months and Balgreen Road would also be subject to restrictions. At no time would both roads be closed together. There would always be two way traffic along Roseburn Street, but to allow this parking might have to be suspended from time to time. Information was provided by TIE to householders immediately affected by the work. It was suggested that a small group of Community Council members might liaise with TIE. The TIE representatives would attend the meeting of the Community Council on 2 November to report on any further developments.

Councillors' Report

Councillor Balfour said that there had been a report to the Council in June about the cost of the work on the tram system. The Head of Finance was looking at how to find £50M more without affecting other programmes. A further report to the full Council would be made in September. Councillor Balfour also reported on a recent meeting of the Transport Committee of the Council. The Committee had decided to reject the proposal for a single yellow line outside Murrayfield Parish Church Centre, but had asked officials to report back to the Committee in six months on alternative solutions to the parking problem. It was likely that there would be a consultation on a move to a Controlled Parking Zone for the whole area.

Changes of Office Bearers

The Community Council approved changes of office bearers. Dr Hamish Ross succeeded Mr Walter Spence as Convener and Mrs Liz Robertson succeeded Dr Ross as Secretary. Mr Robert Smart was appointed Vice-Convener and Mrs Rosanne Brown was appointed Minutes Secretary with Mr John Yellowlees deputising as necessary. Mr Spence would continue to represent the Community Council on the West Neighbourhood Partnership.

Pillar at foot of Murrayfield Gardens

Mr Smart reported that planning permission had been given for the resiting of the east pillar at the foot of Murrayfield Gardens. A consultant had been asked to provide an estimate for this work.

School Bus Fares

As a result of budget cuts, pupils living more than 2 miles but less than 3 miles from an education authority school would no longer have free bus travel. Councillor Balfour confirmed that it was now too late to object to this change

Donaldson Area Amenity Association

Mr George Douglas of the Association gave a brief history of the Association. The Association would consider nominating one of their members to be co-opted on to the Murrayfield Community Council.

Next Meeting

The next meeting would be held on Tuesday, 14 September in the Upper Room of Murrayfield Parish Church Centre at 8.00pm. Future meetings would take place on 2 November and 21 December. Members of the public are welcome to attend these meetings.