



**INVERLEITH NEIGHBOURHOOD PARTNERSHIP  
CLEAN, GREEN AND SAFE ACTION GROUP**

**Minutes of Meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> August 2009, at North Edinburgh Local Office**

	Item	Actions
1.	<p><b>Attendance:</b>            Stephen Brennan (Stockbridge and Inverleith Community Council)            Judy Conn (Friends of King George V and Scotland Yard Parks Rep / New Town and Broughton Community Council)            Alex Dale (Drylaw Telford Open Spaces Action Group)            Betty Dixon (Easter Drylaw Residents Association)            Catherine Bell (Friends of Inverleith Park)            Chris Peach (BTCV)            Ann Proudfoot (Easter Drylaw Residents Association)            Elaine Lennon (SfC Partnership Development Officer)            Steven Cuthill (SfC Environment Manager, Chair)</p>	
2.	<p><b>Apologies:</b>            Ruth Stanley (SfC Community Safety Manager)</p>	
3.	<p><b>Minutes of Previous Meeting:</b></p> <p>Need for dog-free fenced area in Easter Drylaw. SC to look into feasibility of this.</p> <p>Issue at footpath on Groathill Road North – options to reinstate path being discussed with owners. SC to update on progress.</p>	
4.	<p><b>Park Management Plans Updates:</b></p> <p><b>Inverleith Park &amp; Management Plan update</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Work continuing with FOIP (friends of Inverleith Park) to consult park users.</li> <li>➤ Draft Management Plan to be presented when available.</li> <li>➤ New Interpretation Panel well received</li> <li>➤ Ongoing dialogue with Bowling Club to tackle antisocial behaviour</li> <li>➤ Weekend problems with drinkers in Sundial garden. Request to Community Safety Team to look into.</li> </ul> <p><b>Rocheid Path/Bell Park</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ New Community Parks Officer, Ritchie Fraser and Parks Ranger, Jennifer Ross will be involved on day-to-day basis in development of work here and setting up Friends Group</li> <li>➤ BTCV to repair broken fencing if time permits</li> </ul>	<p>SC</p> <p>RS</p> <p>RF / JR</p> <p>CP</p>

	<p><b>King George V and Scotland Yard Park</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Opening of Tunnel from cycleway at Tesco very successful and group of young boys had cycled from Glasgow as part of the launch.</li> <li>➤ SC to look into completing seating around Rowan tree and to re-establish the Herras fence if appropriate. Drainage also to be monitored.</li> <li>➤ Safety concerns in park being monitored due to increased traffic with cyclists</li> <li>➤ Youth project in other tunnel entrance – work hopes to start soon and will provide shelter and youth work focus in park.</li> </ul> <p><b>Easter Drylaw Open Spaces</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Area 5 work underway. Path network complete, foundations prepared for play park and work hoped to start on this soon.</li> <li>➤ An opening day is being planned for September – confirmation to follow.</li> <li>➤ Drylaw Neighbourhood Centre awaiting decision on their Climate Challenge Funding application</li> <li>➤ Easter Drylaw residents want a ball park in this development, and this is being considered by NEP group for future funding.</li> </ul>	SC
5.	<p><b>Police and partnership working</b></p> <p>The Partnership Tasking and Co-ordinating Group report for July showed that crime in the North area as a whole is down 19% from last month.</p> <p>Youth and vandalism calls have decreased in Inverleith and there were no hotspots reported for youth or vandalism calls in Inverleith.</p> <p>Stockbridge saw the highest number of domestic housebreakings for any police beat in North - 9 recorded and one solved.</p> <p>Two charity organisations were also the victim of business housebreakings, with no particular pattern to the incidents.</p> <p>A new Community Beat Officer has started work in the Comely Bank Beat - John Tod. He has already made connections with our officers, and has been asking for details of NP meetings and Community Councils, so it seems he has a strong community focus. We're looking forward to working closely with John on the issues in the area.</p>	
6.	<p><b>Items remitted from Neighbourhood Partnership</b></p> <p>EL reported that the conference had been a success and a report of this will be out soon, but that the main issues relating to park which came out of this included praise for the quality and range of greenspace and a desire for better parking for bikes, toilets in Inverleith Park and more litter bins. Report to be circulated.</p> <p>SC reported that a follow-up event concentrating on parks and environment was being explored to enable more people to take part in these discussions.</p>	EL SC
7.	<p><b>A.O.C.B.</b></p> <p>AP – Reported an issue from a local disabled woman who needs advice on getting her pavement / driveway lowered. AP to pass details to Roads Manager so that contact can be made.</p>	AP

	<p>CP – Reported that BTCV have now moved premises to Wester Hailes and, although no longer based within Inverleith Park, he will still be working across the whole city, including Inverleith and is keen to continue relationships which have been built. New contact details are BTCV Scotland, 12a Dumbryden Road, Edinburgh, EH14 2AB, telephone 0131 442 4930.</p> <p>SB – requested clarity on work in Saunders Street, and it was explained that work here was to be phased over next few years through NEP (Neighbourhood Environment Programme) funding.</p> <p>SB – reported an increase in graffiti in Stockbridge, notably in Veitch Square and St Stephen’s Tunnel. Community Safety team to be requested to monitor this.</p> <p>CB – reported that a wall on Portgower Place (at Inverleith Park end) has fallen over and is a safety risk, and also that the hotel under development has been forced open and is now a fire / safety risk. It was reported that this is owned by Festival Inns and requested that it is made secure. To be reported to RS.</p> <p>AP / BD – reported that 2 drains outside William Hill Bookmakers are in need of repair. They agreed to contact Clarence in first instance and monitor progress. (Clarence 0800 23 23 23)</p>	<p>RS</p> <p>RS</p>
8.	<p><b>Date of Next Meetings</b></p> <p>All at 6.30pm in North Local Office:  6<sup>th</sup> October 2009  1<sup>st</sup> December 2009</p>	
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