

LEITH HARBOUR & NEWHAVEN COMMUNITY COUNCIL
April 2, 2008

Present: S. Burns, E. Carnegie, G. Chapman, L. Duckworth, C. Forsyth, J. Langton, M. Macgregor, J. MacKenzie, G. Munro, C. O'Farrell, P. Rennie, N. Sherry, D. Young.

Apologies: M. Chisholm, R. Munn.

1. **Chairman's remarks:** Graham welcomed everyone to the meeting. He announced that Roy Errington has now moved out of the area and Alison Thomson will be leaving but is willing to maintain the website in the meantime.
2. **Matters arising:** Sentence to be inserted within Section 7 of March 2008 minutes: Members are also aware of an alternative proposal being proposed by an expert group 'Joined up Master Planning' for the development of Leith Docks. Jenny will be attending a meeting to find out more details regarding their proposals.
3. **Platinum Point Resident's Association:** Pat Rennie reported that she is very concerned about lack of shops near Platinum Point and in particular lack of mail boxes. Pat has lived there for three years and has not seen an improvement in the level of facilities for residents. Graham will raise these concerns with local councillors on Pat's behalf.
4. **Community Concerns:** Gangs of youths have been leaving broken glass on the walkway in Newhaven, Sandie has reported this to Environmental Health; Heavy bus traffic has caused the vibration of buildings, broken drains and sets in Henderson Street urgently requiring attention, Cathie has reported this to Clarence; broken pavements at the gap site in Great Junction Street being a danger to pedestrians require attention; residential bins in Great Junction Street and Bangor Road are being used by businesses, black bins are left out 24 hours a day leading to them being blown about by the wind and vandalised by youths, Loraine will contact Steve Cuthill; warning signs and give way signs are required for Annfield; problems with fire hydrants at Western Harbour, Gordon will contact Keith Largo and ask him to conduct a risk assessment.
5. **Secretary's report:** Elaine circulated latest correspondence to the group.
6. **Treasurer's report:** Sandie has kindly offered to take over the role of treasurer from April 2008. The community council account currently holds £740 and the newsletter account holds £8,640.
7. **Planning:** A new bistro is to be opened behind Loch Fyne restaurant; approval has been granted for 258 housing units at Western Harbour;

planning permission has been granted for two barges in the Shore area in the Water of Leith.

8. **Newsletter:** As part of transitional arrangements, the community council and newsletter will receive six months funding from the Regeneration Outcome Agreement Fund. Jenny will start working with Leith Central and Leith Links community councils for newsletter content.
9. **Meetings attended:** John attended a meeting with TIE and received details regarding the closure of Constitution Street and the one way system within Duke Street.
10. **AOCB:** Gordon reported that the bus routes of numbers 7 and 10 will be extended to Western Harbour. Houses being built near the Asda development will be affordable housing; houses being built on the peninsula will consist of a mix of high rise and town houses to fit in with the existing skyline. Gordon will address problems of damaged road at Annfield, Newhaven, the lack of post boxes in Platinum Point area and the damaged drain at Henderson Street. He will be appealing against the closure of Leith Victoria Centre crèche by Edinburgh Leisure.
11. **Date of next meeting:** May 7, 2008 in the Holiday Inn.