

LEITH LINKS

COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES

MONDAY 8 MARCH 2021

6.30pm

(Extraordinary meeting)

online, via Microsoft Teams

Councillors Present: Gail Clapton (Treasurer), Angus Hardie, Sally Millar (Secretary), Jim Scanlon (Chair), Michael Traill (Engagement Officer).

Elected Representatives: Cllr Chas Booth, Cllr Adam McVey.

In attendance: Gavin Graham, Parking and Traffic Regulation Manager, City of Edinburgh Council; 34 members of the public.

Minute Taker: Kay Goodall.

1. Welcome, Apologies

Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting, and introduced the speaker Gavin Graham.

2. Speaker on the “West Leith” Controlled Parking Zone proposal

Gavin Graham gave a presentation on the proposal for West Leith (Easter Road / Lochend Road / colonies / through to Restalrig Road). There had been an increase in complaints about on-street parking in the city, and so the council reviewed this across the city. All the survey results are available on the council website, along with consultants’ reports.

There will be four phases in the city. Phase 1 includes parts of Leith and Gorgie, where a Traffic Order is currently being taken forward. ‘West Leith’ is in the second phase. There are 124 review areas in total. West Leith is one of the areas where there is concern that parking will be displaced, when controls are introduced elsewhere in Leith. Parking pressures appear to be highest near Leith Walk and Easter Road. The council is therefore consulting residents in a variety of ways, including online, and is delivering leaflets to all addresses.

The team are trying to maximise parking for residents, with some focus on shared parking for visitors where there appears to be capacity. Mews parking areas are also proposed, where there are no marked spaces but the street is still reserved only for residents.

3. Questions and Discussion

Chair began with questions that had been submitted by the public in advance, after which the rest of

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the meeting was devoted to questions from the floor. A large number of questions were asked and answered, and Notes detailing these can be accessed on the LLCC website at <http://www.leithlinksc.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/03/LLCC-Notes-of-Extraordinary-Parking-Meeting-8-March-20216929-converted.pdf>

Gavin encouraged everyone to make their own submissions to the consultation. The weblink is: <https://consultprojectcentre.co.uk/ph2westleith>

Background documents to the consultation:

<https://consultprojectcentre.co.uk/parkingph2?fbclid=IwAR3q142Doc0lq3wXFhZjAzKYdxTzJCC8zFpMgDsg5Oz6OTYlcXtgmD-imoY>

Cllr Booth reiterated that people are welcome to contact the three Leith ward councillors:

<https://democracy.edinburgh.gov.uk/mgMemberIndex.aspx?FN=WARD&VW=LIST&PIC=0>

The Parking Team can also be contacted by snail mail, if letters are marked for the Parking Team at Waverley Court, Edinburgh. Councillors can be reached by name at the City Chambers. The closing date is 14 March, but the team would endeavour to include any late responses.

Chair thanked Gavin for taking part, and the public for joining in. Meeting ended at 7.55pm.

Date of next 'ordinary' public meeting of LLCC: Monday 29th March 2021, 6:30pm via Zoom