

Liberton Association Newsletter November 2020

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Welcome to the third newsletter of the Liberton Association.

Committee News

The Committee continue to have virtual monthly meetings to discuss the way forward in regard of the preservation of the local Greenbelt land, Planning Applications, Local amenities and local history.

We check the weekly planning applications and will notify members of any applications which may have an impact of the residents of Liberton. In addition, we will raise local issues with the local Councillors and Authorities in an attempt to have them resolved. Please keep notifying us through the website or email if you have any concerns in the local area.

Unfortunately, with the current Government restrictions, we are unable to have any public meetings. The next Annual General Meeting should take place in May/June 2021 if permissible. If there are any pressing issues, we will have a virtual extraordinary public meeting if necessary.

Edinburgh City Boundaries Centenary Project

The Committee has been involved with the planning for the Edinburgh City Boundaries Centenary Project which celebrates 100 years since the Liberton area became part of the City of Edinburgh. Our original proposal was a community picnic party and litter pick in association with neighbouring associations along the Braid Road. Unfortunately, due to the Covid restrictions this could not take place and we would hope to plan this as a future event in the community. In addition, we are currently producing a “Brochure of Walks to Places of Interest ‘Aboon the Kirk’” with associated map and facts in the wider Liberton area. The Brochure will be sent electronically to all members and paper copies will be available from the cafe at Liberton Kirk. A small donation will be welcome to cover the printing costs. We hope you enjoy using the Brochure to explore your local area and learn some interesting facts.

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Liberton Association Volunteers and Local Help

Our thanks go to all the LA members who volunteered during the lockdown phase earlier this year. Volunteers in association with Liberton Kirk delivered daily meals to hundreds of families in the wider Liberton area including Moredun, Gracemount, and the Inch.

Work continues from Bridgend Farmhouse who are still requesting volunteers if you wish to help.

If you have friends, neighbours or relatives in Edinburgh who need assistance, please see the following information;

Scottish Government helpline 0800 111 4000

EVOC is a list of the voluntary organisations offering help throughout Edinburgh

<https://www.evoc.org.uk>

Bridgend Farmhouse is delivering food to vulnerable families in the South East of Edinburgh

<https://www.bridgendfarmhouse.org.uk>

Goodtrees Community Centre Moredun are delivering groceries and help in the local area

Tel 0306133260

Current Planning News

You can comment on any planning application, including those outside the Liberton area, through the Council's website

<https://www.edinburgh.gov.uk/planningcomments>

Student Flats at Braefoot Terrace and Mayfield Road.

Demolition work at this site has now started, there are currently two planning applications which were approved. Application 16/04158/FUL for the north site (old garage) was granted in Feb 2017 for 89 studio flats. Application 18/03617/FUL for the south site (Pub site) was granted in March 2019 for 148 student studios.

There have been more recent applications for these sites which are currently under consideration

Amended application from 18/03617/FUL to 20/00487/FUL

<https://citydev-portal.edinburgh.gov.uk/idoxpa-web/applicationDetails.do?keyVal=QCBH41EWL1Y00&activeTab=summary>

Amended application from 16/04158/FUL to 20/02489/FUL

<https://citydev-portal.edinburgh.gov.uk/idoxpa-web/simpleSearchResults.do?action=firstPage>

Energy Station at Kaimes

20/02823/PAN | Proposed renewable energy development comprising solar panels/photovoltaics, battery storage, flexible gas generation and associated infrastructure. | West Of Existing Kaimes Substation Old Burdiehouse Road Edinburgh

<https://citydev-portal.edinburgh.gov.uk/idoxpa-web/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=documents&keyVal=QDEBH9EW0XE00>

Broomhill/Frogston Road East Housing Planning Application Notice

20/04554/PAN | Residential and commercial development with associated roads, landscaping and open space. | Land 200 Metres South of 4 Mortonhall Park Gardens Edinburgh.

<https://citydev-portal.edinburgh.gov.uk/idoxpa-web/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=documents&keyVal=QIJZVHEW0XE00>

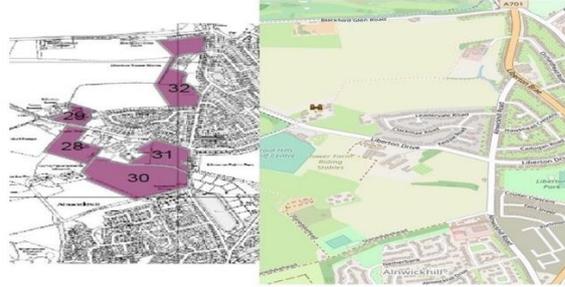
This proposal is being brought in advance of the new City Plan 2030 implementation by the house builders Barratts and the Catchelraw Trust. An online consultation on the proposed Planning Application is scheduled for 25th November at the following website, <http://holderplanning.com/>. The consultation will be live for questions from 1.30-3.30pm and from 5-7pm on that day. The same web page will have the proposal's plan boards, feedback forms and the developer's contact details from 17th November 2020.

Northfield House Hotel, Lasswade Road

20/02562/FUL | Demolition of existing hotel and redevelopment of the site for purpose built student accommodation including landscaping and all ancillary development. | Northfield House Hotel 115 Lasswade Road Edinburgh EH16 6UD

<https://citydev-portal.edinburgh.gov.uk/idoxpa-web/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=documents&keyVal=QCH0X6EWLGF00>

Potential Planning Applications Update



Local green fields map in Liberton

We have no further information regarding the fields in the local area but will continue to update you of any further applications.

Liberton Amenities

Concerns relating to amenities in the area have been given to the Committee who have followed up with the Council and other relevant bodies. Examples include the safe crossing at Kirk Brae for the community, especially children and families travelling to Liberton Primary School.

Containers in Liberton park remain a problem with gathering rubbish and the risk of vermin. The LA has highlighted this to the council and have been advised that the containers were to be rented by an amateur football team and discussions are ongoing regarding repair but this has been delayed due to Covid restrictions.

If you have any other concerns please let us know.

Litter Collection in the local area

Although the centenary commemoration events were cancelled, efforts have been made to clear up litter and/or report fly-tipping in the Liberton Area. Focus has been on Braid Hills Drive, Kirkgate, Mount Vernon Road, Liberton Brae/Gardens, and some surrounding streets, as and when littering and/or fly-tipping is reported to us. The council has a helpline, which has a Twitter feed, and one way of quickly getting prompt attention from the waste division is to photograph any fly tipping and tweet these photos to @edinhelp. The Liberton Association has been using this method to highlight local litter and fly-tipping problems. Over the course of the last 6 months, over 70 bags of litter have been collected in the area during weekly litter picking expeditions. Noticeably, once an area is cleared of litter, the scale and frequency of the problem seems to diminish, at least in some areas. Members of the public have approached Association litter pickers to express appreciation for our work, and have been informed of the Association's involvement. Anyone willing to do some litter

picking in the area is welcome to do so, but at this time it is best done solo or in family groups due to COVID-19. Our advice would be to purchase a litter 'grabber' and some protective, washable gloves, as some waste may be hazardous. If in doubt, report such potentially hazardous waste to the council. We will be producing a map of local litter bins that can be used to offload any litter collected.

More conventionally, fly-tipping and other local issues are best dealt with by registering for a 'mygovscot' account at the following webpage

<https://www.edinburgh.gov.uk/registration>

Following this process, you can log on to the Council's website and report a number of issues, or make requests to various council services.

These include, but are not limited to:-

- requesting bulky waste uplifts
- getting assistance with putting out your wheelie bins if you are disabled or have a medical condition that prevents you from doing so
- reporting dog fouling
- reporting fly-tipping and /or litter and graffiti problems
- reporting communal/public bins as full/overflowing
- reporting weeds and overgrown hedges blocking pathways
- reporting antisocial behaviour, including bonfire problems

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If you cannot access the services described, please email the Association at the email address on the front page of this newsletter, or get friend or family member to do so, and we can pass on any such issues to the council.

Protecting our local area

We are all enjoying the ability to use the local area for exercise and recreation however the Association has been made aware of people walking through the crops in the fields, parking on minor roads blocking access for farmers and those caring for horses. Our advice to walkers/joggers/golfers etc is please take care when walking in farmland, be considerate about your parking and take your litter home.

If you have received this newsletter by post and have an email address please let me know on;

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