

## Welcome

by Amy Richards

Welcome to the Liberton & District Community Council (LDCC) Spring Newsletter.

The LDCC represent the Liberton area, including: Gracemount, Mortonhall, Howden Hall, Alnwickhill, Glenvarloch, Malbet, Carnbee, and Greenend.

The LDCC hold public meetings on the **last Monday of the month** (except July and December) starting at 7pm at the Liberton Kirk Halls, Kirkgate. If you have any local concerns, we invite you to attend our monthly meetings to discuss the concern with us.

Our **Annual General Meeting (AGM)** is taking place on the **28th May** starting at 7 pm at the Liberton Kirk Halls. If you are interested in the work of the LDCC then it would be great to see you at the AGM.

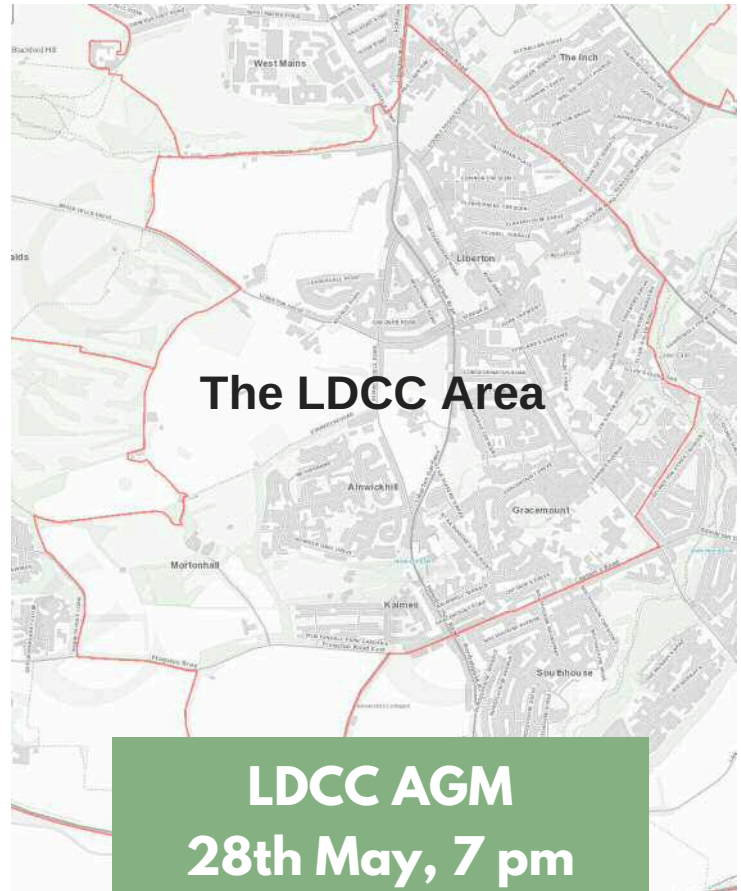
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Or by **post** at Liberton Kirk Halls

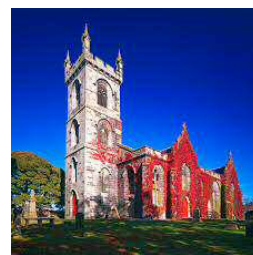
If you would like to receive more information from the LDCC, join our **mailing list** here:  
<http://eepurl.com/cS1AHT>

Our **website** is a great source of information:  
[www.libertondistrict.org.uk](http://www.libertondistrict.org.uk)

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**LDCC AGM**  
**28th May, 7 pm**  
**Liberton Kirk Halls**



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## Local Interest Groups

by Amy Richards

The LDCC is currently associated with 4 local interest groups: Friends of St Katharine's Park, the Gracemount Community Project, Liberton Association, and SEECAT. We can support 2 more local interest groups to become members of the LDCC. Please get in touch if you are interested: [mail@libertondistrict.org.uk](mailto:mail@libertondistrict.org.uk)

### Liberton Association

by Derek Kennedy



The Liberton Association continues to monitor proposed developments in the area. We do not aim to stifle changes, but we try to ensure that Liberton remains an attractive and pleasant place to live. On Saturday 17th February, we held our Mid-Year Meeting. As well as being a social event, we discussed local issues and events as well as offering a talk entitled, 'Nether Liberton from the Medieval Period, including Good's Corner'. Margaret Collingwood spoke briefly about the Greater Liberton Heritage Project and then introduced Alison Macdonald. The talk, which was well illustrated with old maps and pictures, really brought to life the now largely vanished community of Nether Liberton and gave a clear impression of the pivotal role of the rather humble premises we have come to know as Good's Corner.

## South Edinburgh Churches Acting Together



by Derek Jardine

A number of community focused activities are constantly under way such as: Food banks, Chaplaincy support at Cameron Toll Shopping Centre, practical help from many churches and so much more. Please contact us if you need any help.

SEECAT will be attending the LDCC Gala Day on 30th June. Come and find out more about what we do in the area at our stall. We regularly have activities that all the churches in the group can attend together. More information can be found at : [www.seecat.org](http://www.seecat.org)

## Gracemount Clean Up

by Amy Richards

A hardy group of volunteers braved the snow on Saturday 17th March to litter pick near and along White Church Lane. Thanks to Edinburgh & Lothians Greenspace Trust. We look forward to the next litter pick.



# The Scottish Planning System

by Jim Henry

The LDCC website has weekly updates of planning applications. Details can be viewed on the City of Edinburgh Council (CEC) website or at the Council Planning Offices in Market Street.

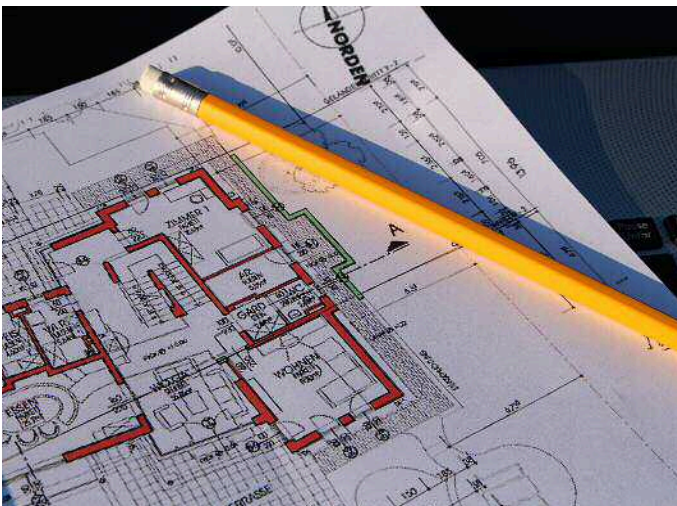
Planning is a statutory process. What it can /can't do is set out in various Planning Acts and associated statutory regulations. (A Guide to the Planning System in Scotland gives a good overview). The current system was recently reviewed and new legislation is passing through the Scottish Parliament. Planning operates at three levels: Scottish, City Region and Local Authority. The Development Plan sets out a framework for new development in principle and detailed proposals require planning permission before development can start. The Scottish Government produces a National Planning Framework which identifies required development for Scotland (National Planning Framework 3 {NPF3}). The Scottish Government also sets out pan-Scotland policy advice in Scottish Planning Policy (SPP) and expands on them in Planning Advice Notes.

City Region wide, strategic, proposals are in a Strategic Development Plan. The current South East Scotland Plan (SESPlan) will be replaced by SESPlan2 soon. [The proposed system sees strategic guidance in a combined National /Strategic Proposals document].

More detailed site specific proposals to implement strategic guidance are in Local Development Plans. The current Adopted CEC Local Development Plan will be reviewed/replaced once SESPlan2 is approved. You can be involved in the preparation process on your own or as part of the LDCC process. All documents can be viewed at your local library or on our website here:

<https://libertondcc.wordpress.com/trial-area/>

The Development Management process, administered by the CEC, considers all proposals for development. How an application is decided depends on its size i.e. National, Major, or Local Developments. Developers proposing Major Developments must consult with local residents for 3 months and should take into account the comments received. These proposals are decided upon by a CEC committee, as are larger scale Local Development proposals, whilst smaller scale proposals can be delegated to CEC Planning Officers. Applicants can appeal if a planning application is refused. All other appeals are considered by the Scottish Department of Planning and Environmental Appeals (DPEA). The public can comment on planning applications and may be involved in appeals.



The LDCC wants to create ways to bring the community together.  
We hope to do that by hosting a Gala Day in June.

**If you would like to be involved in the Gala Day then please get in touch with us - [mail@libertondistrict.org.uk](mailto:mail@libertondistrict.org.uk)**

Otherwise save the date and we look forward to welcoming you!

**Liberton & District Community Gala Day**  
**30<sup>th</sup> June 2018**  
**10.00am till 4.00pm**  
**The Kirk Centre, The Kirkgate**

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- Save the date!
- Come and find out what goes on in your local community
- Encounter groups that meet regularly & you could join
- Enjoy some live entertainment
- With plenty to eat and drink
- Something for all ages with plenty of activities
- A range of information will be available
- Find out more from Liberton & District Community Council

## Liberton Bank of Scotland Branch

by Rosy Carmichael

Residents have raised concerns about the future of the Liberton Bank of Scotland branch. We have received confirmation that full branch facilities are continuing. The Bank of Scotland encouraged members of the public to continue using the facilities commenting:

"We would love to see more locals using our branch for both transactional and financial reviews. At the moment, we have a personal banking adviser present in the branch 5 days per week and this service is something we would really like to keep in place so we can support the community. Opening hours and adviser capacity is something that continues to be reviewed regularly in line with customer demand and we hope to be able to sustain this level of availability and advice."