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Newsletter

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Welcome

by Bill Krol, Chair of LDCC

Welcome to the Winter 2019 Newsletter of the Liberton & District Community Council (LDCC). **Our area** includes Glenvarloch, Liberton, Carnbee, Gracemount and Mortonhall.

The Community Council is non-political and has places for 18 members, 12 of whom are elected and 6 members who are representatives of local groups, for example Friends of St Katherine's Park. The **purpose** of LDCC is to 'express to the local authority the views of the community'. This requires community councils to 'engage widely with their local communities' and 'take action in the interests of the community.' LDCC is **consulted** on local planning applications and takes an interest in government development plans for South East Scotland and Edinburgh as they affect our local community.

The next round of **elections** is in autumn of 2019 so if you are interested please contact us or City of Edinburgh Council to find out more.

There are four newsletters a year with each issue distributed in one of our areas, now it is Carnbee and Malbet's turn. I hope you find the articles below of interest.

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

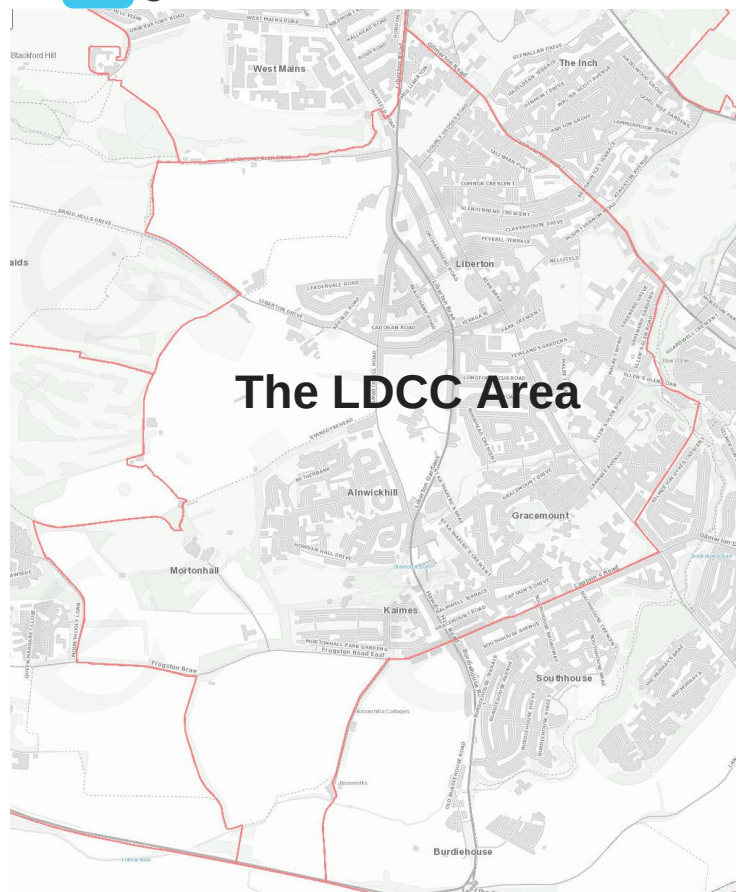
We would love to hear from you and this year we are holding **public meetings** every two months on the last Monday of the month. All residents of the community council area are very **welcome to attend**. Meetings are held at 7pm in Liberton Kirk Halls and the **dates** for early 2019 are: 28th Jan, 25th March and 27th May (also the AGM). Dates of meetings after this will be issued in early June.

Residents can also contact the LDCC via **email**: mail@libertondistrict.org.uk or by **post** at Liberton Kirk Halls.

Our **website** is a great source of information: www.libertondistrict.org.uk .



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Glenvarloch Litter Pick

by Graeme Forbes, Secretary of LDCC

The latest LDCC litter pick targeted Glenvarloch on Sunday 7th October. Five intrepid souls braved the drizzle to scour the area around the playpark and shops. The Council provided gloves, bags and litter grabbers. Several bags were filled: mostly discarded crisp packets, plastic pop bottles, take-away packaging and beer bottles, with an odd couple of trainers and some broken bicycle parts. Overgrown hedges provided a haven for much litter, trapping wind-blown items and hiding a variety of empty cans and bottles. Some planted areas were out of reach of the pickers, but were reported to the Council.

Our **next litter pick** will be part of the **Big Spring Clean**. We'll keep you updated about our plans – many hands make litter disappear!



Housing Choices for City Plan 2030

by Jim Henry, member of LDCC



Many of you will be aware of the development going on in the south eastern edge of the City. These housing developments were identified and approved in principle in the Adopted City Development Plan (ALDP). Housing numbers required to meet Edinburgh's future needs in the second Strategic Development Plan (SESPlan 2) have not been approved (at Dec 2018) but the City of Edinburgh Council is progressing work on the replacement ALDP. **The new Plan is the City Plan 2030 (CP2030).**

The first step in producing CP2030 is the publication of the Main Issues Report (MIR), which will be called Choices for City Plan 2030, in January 2019. This date is provisional and depends on the Scottish Government approving the Strategic Development Plan - SESPlan 2. The MIR is **likely to identify site specific proposals and planning policies the Council wish to include in CP2030**. It is currently proposed that there will be an **8 week public consultation** between 8th February and 5th April 2019. The MIR will be available on the City website and in the local libraries.

It is **important that you understand the choices** for City Plan 2030 and **make your views known** (both for and against) to the Council. LDCC will consider the MIR and would like you to help shape its response. To this end **LDCC is proposing to stage two drop in events** and details will be given on the LDCC website once arranged.

The Listening Space

by Jenny Green, Health in Mind

Health in Mind's Listening Space has been designed alongside a group of local people, who are inspired by the belief that everyone needs someone to listen to them, and that being around others who understand how you are feeling can be helpful. At our **free weekly drop-in**, you can speak to a **peer listening volunteer** on a one-to-one basis, access information or join in wellbeing activities as part of a group. We hope to hear from you soon.

THE LISTENING SPACE

A space for positive mental health and wellbeing

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Drop in and join us:

- Speak to a peer listening volunteer
- Talk about what is on your mind
- Get involved with wellbeing activities
- Access information

How are you?

Every Wednesday, from 1pm to 2.30pm
Gilmerton Community Centre (Downstairs Hall)

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Friends of St Katharine's Park Update

by Su Millar, member of LDCC

What a great year! As well as **litter picks** throughout the year, we had **tree maintenance** sessions on the 5th May and 15th September to raise the canopy of certain trees. The St Katharine's gate got a new coat of **paint** on the 7th July with our most recent event, on the 10th November, **planting** hundreds of daffodil and narcissus bulbs in collaboration with Edinburgh & Lothians Greenspace Trust (ELGT). All this hard work paid off with the group receiving a **Keep Scotland Beautiful award**.



We also received a **Neighbourhood Partnership grant** that has allowed us to develop a **natural bark path** along the burn as well as an **orienteering course**. Watch out for new animal sculptures that will be coming soon! More information here: <https://foskap.wordpress.com/>

We would **love you to come and join our growing band of FoSKaP-ers!!** Our next event is some tree maintenance on **Saturday 2nd February at 9:30 am**. If you would like to come then **please contact us** through the website: <https://foskap.wordpress.com/contact-us/>



Community Walkabout Report

by Bill Krol, Chair of LDCC

At the end of October, on a very cold Monday evening during the rush hour, Community Council members took part in a 'Walkabout' around the district with a council officer and a councillor. The purpose of this was to **show points of concern to the officials**. The idea of a Walkabout was suggested by the City of Edinburgh Council for districts within the new Locality areas. Edinburgh is divided into four Locality areas whose offices manage the council services which are provided at a local level - for example, roads, housing, parks and green spaces and cleansing. We are in the South East Locality area with its office at 40 Captains Road.



After consultation with members a **route** was agreed starting at Gracemount Mansion (After closure of the site due to health & safety concerns, LDCC are working with Gracemount Mansion to identify a long-term solution for this site. We hope to keep you updated throughout the year), St Katharine's Park, Little Road, Lasswade Road, Kirkgate, Liberton Brae and finishing off at Kirk Brae and Mossgiel Walk in Glenvarloch.

Issues of concern included **parking at junctions** of side streets with Liberton Brae, Liberton Gardens and Lasswade Road obstructing visibility – an extension of the double yellow lines around the junctions is requested, the problems of **pavement parking by the bus stop** at Margiotta's in Lasswade Road, the **narrowness and poor state of the pavements** at the Lasswade Road / Kirk Brae crossroads, the **speed of traffic** on Lasswade Road and density of traffic on Liberton Brae and Liberton Gardens, the **difficulties for cyclists and pedestrians of crossing the Liberton Brae / Liberton Road junction** especially from Mayfield Road for cyclists and Kirk Brae for pedestrians.

The Walkabout schedule and a **report** of the responses from council officers to date **can be accessed on the Community Council website here:** goo.gl/2AQawB. The report does not offer immediate solutions, but discussions on the issues of concern continue and are being kept alive. Specific progress will be reported on the community council website and in future newsletters.

