



**LIBERTON & DISTRICT
COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

LIBERTON MATTERS

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Welcome by Bill Krol, Chair LDCC

Welcome to the Liberton & District Community Council (LDCC) Spring 2021 e-Newsletter. Given the current situation it will come as no surprise to you to read that at present we are working virtually, meeting on Zoom and producing this, our first, e-newsletter.

About us

Our area comprises Liberton and the wider district. You'll find a map of our area [here](#). If you live within this area then we represent you on local community matters. You can raise any issues or suggestions you might have with us.

The Community Council is non-political. Its purpose 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.' This is a two way process. We actively pursue issues and concerns raised by local residents and we reflect the community's views on both local planning applications and development plans for Edinburgh and S.E. Scotland.

The current Community Council of 12 members took office after the elections in October 2019 and is in office until September 2022. 9 members were elected but 1 member has since resigned leaving a vacancy. There are 6 places for local interest groups but at present only 3 groups are represented which leaves 3 vacancies.

Join our meetings

We meet on Zoom at 7 p.m. on the last Monday of the month:
25 January, 22 February, 29 March.
All residents of our area are welcome to attend.

Have you visited our website?

It's where you'll find information on **planning** including applications for major developments and our responses, links to **local and national issues**, our **agendas and minutes** and how to **register for our monthly on-line meetings**.

Send us your feedback

Email: mail@libertondistrict.org.uk



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Our members

Members elected: Bill Krol – Chair;
Ann Landels – Vice Chair and Engagement Officer;

Graeme Forbes – Secretary & Treasurer;
David Cavanagh, Abu Meron, Neil Purves,
Peter Schwarz, Ronnie Shaw

Representatives of local interest groups

Friends of St Katherine's Park – Jennifer Pearce;
Friends of 7 Acre Park – Graham Beal;
Liberton Association – Rosy Carmichael

Ex-officio members

Local councillors, MSPs, MPs and Members of Scottish Youth Parliament (MSYP) that represent the ward/constituency covering the LDCC area.

The Community Council has two sub groups.

Engagement Group: Ann Landels (Convener), Jennifer Pearce and Peter Schwarz (Webmaster)

Planning Group: Ronnie Shaw (Convener), David Cavanagh, Graeme Forbes, Bill Krol, Peter Schwarz

Vacancies – we have 4 vacancies

1 place can be filled by co-option.

3 places are for representatives of local interest groups which can register interest [here](#).

Get in touch if you'd like to know more about joining us and about which areas and groups are under-represented on the Community Council.

Concerns, comments about Liberton & district ?

Get in touch - we'd love to hear from you

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Current and recent issues

Amenity of the Local Area

- **Gracemount Mansion** - continued dilapidation of this closed building and the consequent lack of community facilities.
- **Unemptied and overflowing litter bins.**
- **Glenvarloch Play Park** - the removal of play equipment.
- **Spaces for People** - concerns about the lack of time for effective consultation with local residents.

Roads

- **Liberton Brae / Liberton Gardens junction** - revised road markings and priorities.
- **Gilmerton Road** - The poor road surface between Double Hedges Road and Liberton Road causes increased traffic noise.

Safety

- **Speeding** on major roads and consideration of average speed cameras.
- **Liberton Brae, Kirk Brae, Liberton Road, Mayfield Road junction** - the only major road junction in the area that does not have adequate crossings for pedestrians and cyclists We have requested an urgent review, supported by our local Councillors.
- **Kirk Brae crossings** - the lack of road crossings on the 'walk to school' route across this busy main road.
- **Liberton Grange** - concerns about the state of the road surface and the potentially hazardous exit to Liberton Gardens.

Planning applications and responses

- You'll find all the details on the [planning pages](#) of our [website](#).