

Notice of Meeting and Agenda

The City of Edinburgh Council

Thursday, 11 March 2010 at 10 am
in the City Chambers, High Street, Edinburgh

1 Order of Business

Including any notices of motion and any other items of business submitted as urgent for consideration at the meeting.

2 Declaration of Interests

Members should declare any financial and non-financial interests they have in the items of business for consideration, identifying the relevant agenda item and the nature of their interest.

3 Deputations

3.1 Grant Aid to Third Parties

- (a) **Link-Up Women's Support Centre** – e-mail dated 2 March 2010 (circulated)
- (b) **The Broomhouse Centre** – e-mail dated 10 February 2010 (circulated)
- (c) **EVOC** – e-mail dated 1 March 2010 (circulated)
- (d) **Lothian Association of Youth Clubs (LAYC)** – e-mail dated 1 March 2010 (circulated)

4 Questions

- 4.1 **By Councillor Rust – School Walking Bus Routes – Pavement Clearing Priorities During Inclement Weather** – to be answered by the Convener of the Transport, Infrastructure and Environment Committee
- 4.2 **By Councillor Buchan – Administration Participation in Neighbourhood Partnerships** – to be answered by the Leader of the Council

- 4.3 **By Councillor Buchan – Traffic in the Craiglockhart Area** – to be answered by the Convener of the Transport, Infrastructure and Environment Committee
- 4.4 **By Councillor Balfour – Community Centres** – to be answered by the Convener of the Education, Children and Families Committee
- 4.5 **By Councillor Hinds – Care and Support Tendering** – to be answered by the Convener of the Health, Social Care and Housing Committee
- 4.6 **By Councillor Hinds – Care and Support Tendering – ‘Involve’ Magazine** – to be answered by the Convener of the Health, Social Care and Housing Committee
- 4.7 **By Councillor Henderson – School Closures – Additional Supplement for Receiving Primary Schools** – to be answered by the Convener of the Education, Children and Families Committee
- 4.8 **By Councillor Henderson – School Closures – Administration Policy** – to be answered by the Education, Children and Families Committee
- 4.9 **By Councillor Henderson – Children and Families Budget Savings** – to be answered by the Convener of the Finance and Resources Committee
- 4.10 **By Councillor Child – Waste Recycling Targets** – to be answered by the Convener of the Transport, Infrastructure and Environment Committee
- 4.11 **By Councillor Child – Garden Aid** – to be answered by the Convener of the Health, Social Care and Housing Committee
- 4.12 **By Councillor Ewan Aitken – Care and Support Commissioning Project – Equalities Impact Assessment** – to be answered by the Convener of the Health, Social Care and Housing Committee
- 4.13 **By Councillor Johnstone – Parent Councils’ Funding and School Lets** – to be answered by the Convener of the Education, Children and Families Committee
- 4.14 **By Councillor Johnstone – Cycling Training in Primary Schools** – to be answered by the Convener of the Education, Children and Families Committee

5 Minutes

- 5.1 **The City of Edinburgh Council** of 28 January 2010 (circulated) – submitted for approval as a correct record
- 5.2 **The City of Edinburgh Council** of 11 February 2010 (circulated) – submitted for approval as a correct record

6 Election Business

- 6.1 Placing in Schools Appeal Committee – Re-appointment** – report by the Director of Corporate Services (circulated)

7 Reports from Committees

- 7.1 Leader’s Report** (circulated)
- 7.2 National Eligibility Framework for Adult Social Care** – report by the Health, Social Care and Housing Committee (circulated)

8 New Business

8.1 Grant Aid to Third Parties

- (a) **Overview** – report by the Director of Corporate Services (circulated)
- (b) **Performance and Outcomes 2008/09** – report by the Director of Corporate Services (circulated)
- (c) **Funding Proposals 2010/11** – report by the Director of Corporate Services (circulated)

- 8.2 Portobello High School** – joint report by the Directors of Children and Families and City Development (circulated)

- 8.3 Assembly Rooms Refurbishment** – joint report by the Directors of City Development and Corporate Services (circulated)

- 8.4 Revenue Budget 2010-2013: Increase/Amendments to Fees and Charges** – report by the Director of Finance (circulated)

- 8.5 Annual Treasury Strategy 2010/11** – report by the Director of Finance (circulated)

- 8.6 UK Parliamentary Election 2010 – Polling Places** – report by the Chief Executive and Returning Officer (circulated)

9 Reports from Neighbourhood Partnerships

- 9.1 Proposed Closure of Community Learning and Development Establishments** – report by the South West Neighbourhood Partnership (circulated)

10 Notices of Motion for Debate at Council

10.1 By Councillor Godzik – The Gathering 2009

“Council recognises the on-going speculation surrounding The Gathering 2009, and possible future Gathering events in Edinburgh; believes that a number of confused and conflicting statements have

been issued by the Scottish Government, CEC and DEMA on this issue; notes the recent admission by the Council Leader that at the time of the original announcement on 15 October that "due diligence had not been completed"; also notes that the Scottish Government now claim to have "no direct discussions with DEMA" on this matter (S3W-28342).

Further notes that CEC have now been referred to the Information Commissioner after they refused to publish correspondence in response to a Freedom of Information request on the matter, and also that the Scottish Parliament Economy, Energy and Tourism Committee look set to investigate the circumstances around The Gathering 2009, including the proposed CEC/Scottish Government 'bail-out'.

As such believes that the on-going speculation and lack of transparency on this issue is damaging to the reputation of this Council, and therefore calls for a report by the Chief Executive outlining:

- 1) why the announcement on this matter was made given that due diligence had not been completed
- 2) the role CEC played in discussions with DEMA and the Scottish Government regarding The Gathering 2009, including a record of any meetings
- 3) confirmation of how the debts incurred by The Gathering 2009 will be settled
- 4) details of any plans for future Gathering events
- 5) a full timeline of discussions between CEC, the Scottish Government, DEMA, the Gathering 2009 Ltd and any other parties involved."

10.2 By Councillor Buchan – Mark Beaumont – Cycling Challenge

"Council:

- i) congratulates Mark Beaumont on his latest cycling challenge, having cycled from Anchorage in Alaska through to Ushuaia in Southern Argentina, following the American Cordillera mountain range;
- ii) welcomes the positive impact that Mark's cycle challenges have on inspiring people to become more active;
- iii) agrees to hold a suitable reception to welcome Mark back to Edinburgh."

10.3 By Councillor Buchan – Edinburgh International Magic Festival

“Council:

- i) notes that the first ever Edinburgh International Magic Festival is due to be held between 7th and 11th July;
- ii) notes that organisers hope to attract 3000 people to the Festival;
- iii) welcomes this new opportunity to expand the cultural offering of the city;
- iv) agrees to provide help and assistance to the organisers of the Festival where practical and within budgetary constraints.”

10.4 By Councillor Munro – Rough Sleepers in Edinburgh

“Council notes that a number of organisations delivering services for homeless people in Edinburgh have questioned the reported decrease in numbers of rough sleepers in Edinburgh as being counter to their experience. Council calls for a robust reporting system, including information from service providers, to be put in place so that the true figures of rough sleepers in Edinburgh are known.”

10.5 By Councillor Munro – Homeless Services for People with Addictions

“Council notes the responses from Streetwork, Bethany Christian Trust and Gowrie Care to the Health, Social Care & Housing Committee on 2 March, indicating that there is a gap in Homeless Services for people with addictions who are sleeping rough, in insecure accommodation or in need of support in their tenancies. Council calls for an urgent report on how this gap can be tackled.”

10.6 By Councillor Johnstone – Discretion to Waive Letting Charges for Schools and School-Related Organisations

“That this Council recognises and appreciates the massive contribution Parent Forum fundraising makes to education in Edinburgh, raising many thousands of pounds each year, enabling, for example, the purchase of equipment from sports strips to smart boards, and the funding of school trips and camps.

Notes that parent bodies were previously entitled to 16 hours of free lets in schools and that this has now been reduced to 8 hours.

Agrees that Council officers be given discretion to waive charges where the event is raising funds for the school.”

10.7 By Councillor Burgess – 20 mph Zones

“That Council:

Notes that Edinburgh has 20mph zones in residential areas across almost half the city which reduce vehicle speeds and reduce casualty numbers;

Notes the intention in the Council’s ‘Transport 2030 Vision’ to extend 20mph zones to other residential areas;

However, notes that limited funds are available to implement further 20mph zones and because of this the introduction of 20mph zones in remaining residential areas may not even be achievable by 2030;

However, notes that Portsmouth for example, has introduced a 20mph speed limit, but without expensive traffic calming features, to over 85% of its road network at an approximate cost of £500,000;

Therefore, calls for a report on introducing lower cost 20mph zones with fewer traffic calming features in order that 20mph zones can be rolled out to remaining residential areas as soon as possible.”

11 Notices of Motion for Remit to Committees

11.1 By Councillor Blacklock – Policy on Domestic Violence – for remit to the Health, Social Care and Housing Committee

“Following agreement at the Policy and Strategy committee on 23 February to the Council’s policy on domestic abuse, Council agrees to bring forward a further report on the implementation of a city-wide policy on domestic violence to include the wider community of Edinburgh, as well as Council employees.”

Alastair Maclean
Head of Legal and Administrative Services

Notes:

- 1) If you have any questions about the agenda or meeting arrangements, please contact Carmel Riley, Committee Services, City of Edinburgh Council, City Chambers, High Street, Edinburgh, EH1 1YJ; ☎ 0131 529 4830; e-mail carmel.riley@edinburgh.gov.uk.
- 2) A copy of the agenda and papers for this meeting will be available for inspection prior to the meeting at the main reception office, City Chambers, High Street, Edinburgh.
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