

Transport and Environment Committee

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Dean of Guild Court Room, City Chambers, High Street, Edinburgh

Transport and Environment Committee

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Recent news	Background
<p>Transport for Edinburgh</p> <p>A Transport themed, consultative workshop will take place on 11 November 2013, in Almond Neighbourhood Partnership. The workshop is intended to engage with the local community on options for feeder bus services to Tram.</p> <p>In particular partners have requested clarity on how the proposed integrated approach will operate in areas, which currently receive limited service by Lothian Buses and a more detailed outline proposed travel options between Dalmeny Station and Gogar tram interchange.</p> <p>To support further discussion Cllr Hinds, as Convener, together with relevant CEC officers will attend the workshop to explore these issues and establish the most effective way forward.</p>	<p>Complete and meets Pledges and Outcomes: P3, P18, P22, CO2</p>

Integrated Catchment Modelling Study

The City of Edinburgh Council has been collaborating with Scottish Water and East and Midlothian Councils to undertake an Integrated Catchment Modelling Study (ICM) in relation to the Flood Risk Management (FRM) (Scotland) Act 2009. A collaboration agreement has now been signed for the study, which will be overseen by the Scottish Environment Protection Agency.

Under the FRM Act all Councils have a duty to identify measures to alleviate flooding, including flooding from surface water run-off and urban drainage. The ICM study will establish the risk of flooding to roads and properties from the combination of river, coastal, sewers and water flowing overland following high rainfall within Edinburgh area. The identification of the extent of flooding and recommendations on options to reduce flood risk are the project deliverables.

This study was referred to, in the recommendations laid out in the 'Flooding of Balcarres Street' report to the TIE committee, 29 November 2011. This study was also discussed during the elected members workshop "Does Your Constituency Flood?" which was held on the 16th January 2013.

The study commenced on 29th March 2013 with Halcrow Group Limited (a CH2M Company) being the successful tenderer. The study is to be completed by December 2015. The total cost of the ICM study is estimated at £1.6million and the contribution to be made by the City of Edinburgh Council is estimated at £390,000.

Recent news	Background
<p>Water of Leith Flood Prevention Scheme</p> <p>In considering a report on the Water of Leith Flood Prevention Scheme the Transport and Environment Committee, on 4 June 2013, agreed that a working group, comprising of elected members, community councils, major stakeholders and Council officers be formed. The purpose of the group to explore and investigate fully a reconfigured Phase 2 of the Water of Leith Flood Prevention Scheme. The first Stakeholder Meeting was held on 23 September 2013.</p> <p>At the meeting, it was explained that it was intended to reconfigure the proposals for Phase 2 and concentrate efforts in the Murrayfield/Roseburn area to make best use of the available funds. It was explained that the form of the proposed defences would be reviewed in light of lessons learned on the first Phase of the project.</p> <p>Major issues that were discussed included possible locations for the site compound, continued provision of services such as water and power supplies to homes and businesses and the need for a major gas main diversion. Access arrangements for construction purposes and continued access for residents and business during construction were also discussed.</p> <p>It was confirmed that the objections raised by the Scottish Rugby Union (SRU) had been incorporated in the Scheme as currently developed. However it was also intended to re-engage with the SRU to clarify their current needs.</p> <p>The next Stakeholder Meeting has been arranged for 2 December 2013 and invites have been sent out to form a Working Group.</p>	<p>The latest update on Phase 2 was made to the Transport and Environment Committee on 4 June 2013.</p> <p>The Council agreed to progress the WoL FPS in Phases on November 2009.</p> <p>1532 residential properties and 78 commercial properties now enjoy protection from flooding on Phase 1.</p> <p>Lessons have been learned from the first phase of the work which was reported to the T&E Committee in June 2013. These lessons will be referenced in the further development of Phase 2 with a view to providing cost certainty and reducing the time for construction.</p> <p>Over 500 properties are at risk of flooding in the Murrayfield / Roseburn Area.</p>
<p>Cammo Estate Advisory Committee</p> <p>The minute from the Cammo Estate Advisory Committee held on the 26 June 2013 is attached at Appendix one of the Business Bulletin.</p>	

Eco-schools

Eco-schools is an international initiative to promote environmental awareness and action, run in Scotland by Eco-Schools Scotland and managed in Edinburgh by Services for Communities. The Eco-Schools programme was developed by the Foundation for Environmental Education and introduced to Scotland in 1995. It recognises the work schools carry out to keep improving their environment and in making the wider community aware of sustainability issues. To become an Eco-School, schools work through a recognised structure and a choice of ten topics - energy, water, transport, health and wellbeing, school grounds, biodiversity, food and the environment, litter, sustaining our world and waste minimisation. Schools can then apply for an Eco-Schools award. There are three levels of award- bronze, silver and green flag.

There are currently 272 schools registered as Eco-Schools in Edinburgh, representing 93% of all local authority schools. 92 schools have green flag status, the highest Eco-Schools award (these figures include local authority, independent schools, private and partner provider nurseries). Schools are supported in Edinburgh with a wide programme of activities, resources, events and competitions to ensure their continued engagement and progression through the Eco-Schools programme. In 2013, this included:

- A growing competition run in partnership with Gardening Scotland, Edinburgh Zoo and the Royal Caledonian Horticultural Society.
- The annual schools daffodil planting competition with the Royal Caledonian Horticultural Society.
- The annual Eco-Schools Celebration, held in June 2013 at Edinburgh Napier University and attended by approximately 200 staff and pupils from 45 schools.
- A 'Litterless Lunchtimes' initiative with 4 secondary schools funded by Zero Waste Scotland's Litter Innovation Fund.
- Education support and engagement with three primary schools to support 'A Concert for Bees'.
- The annual Green Pencil Award creative writing competition for P4-P7 launched on 29 August at Leith Library.
- Ongoing work with six pilot schools as part of the Sustainability and Carbon Reduction Integrated Property Facilities Management work stream to

develop a campaign for reducing energy consumption and raising awareness of energy efficiency in schools.

- Working with six primary schools to develop food education projects, funded by Education Scotland.
- Developing support for new 'Learning for Sustainability' recommendations with the council's Outdoor Learning and International Units in Children & Families.
- Schools benefitting throughout the year from a series of themed CPD teacher training events, one to one visits, regular newsletters, including funding opportunities, website and email/phone support.

For more details on Eco-Schools in Edinburgh, please contact Helen Stockham (Education Officer, Parks and Greenspace Service) on helen.stockham@edinburgh.gov.uk

Forthcoming activities:

Transport for Edinburgh

Councillor Hinds to participate in an initial discussion meeting with members of the Almond Neighbourhood Partnership on Monday 11 November 2013.

Integrated Catchment Modelling Study

Work is ongoing.

Water of Leith Flood Prevention Scheme

A public exhibition will be arranged to provide the facts and illustrate a potential reconfigured scheme for the Murrayfield/Roseburn area.

The working group will be formed but in addition to this, meetings will be held with individual stakeholders with a view to determining their needs.

The Council shall investigate and evaluate the need for the major gas main diversion.

Forthcoming meetings:

The Policy Development and Review Sub-Committee will meet on 26 November 2013. Papers for this meeting will be available online from 19 November 2013.

The next meeting of the Transport and Environment Committee will be at 10 am on 14 January 2013 in the Dean of Guild Court Room, City Chambers, High Street, Edinburgh. Papers for this meeting will be available online from 7 January 2013.

Cammo Estate Advisory Committee

Edinburgh 26 June 2013

Present:-

Representing the National Trust for Scotland – Christopher Cassels and Sinclair Williamson.

Representing the City of Edinburgh Council – Councillor Karen Keil and Norman Work.

In Attendance:- Harry Taylor (Friends of Cammo), Dr David Osler (Cramond and Barnton Community Council), Alan McGregor (Regional Park Manager) Jenny Hargreaves (Senior Natural Heritage Officer) and Lee Rankin (Natural Heritage Officer) (from Services from Communities), Lesley Price (Estate Manager, City Development) and Blair Ritchie (Committee Services).

Apologies:- Carol Smith.

1. Chair

In the absence of the Convener, Christopher Cassells of the National Trust for Scotland was appointed to the Chair.

It was explained that the National Trust for Scotland was looking for a replacement for the previous convener. There would be a meeting of the National Trust on 5 July 2013 and it was hoped that a new chair would then be appointed.

2. Welcome

A staff member of the National Trust for Scotland was welcomed to the meeting.

3. Minute

Decision

The minute of the meeting of 27 March 2013 was approved as a correct record subject to the amendment of:

Item 5.2 to "Plaque in memory of previous owner".

Item 6 to "National Trust for Scotland".

3. Matters Arising

3.1 Traffic Management

The Senior Natural Heritage Officer indicated that there was nothing to report on traffic management.

4. Cammo Estate Management Plan

The Natural Heritage Officer gave a verbal update on the following issues:

Site Management

- Weekly patrols were being carried out onsite (including a check of the farmhouse, car park, a litter pick and site health and safety).
- The cutting of rank and woody vegetation on South West and Larch Tree Meadows was undertaken in April by Natural Heritage Service (NHS) Staff.
- The ongoing removal of a redundant post and wire fencing.
- The repair of holes in the wall of the old house by a stonemason.
- The removal of vegetation and undergrowth encroaching the Pintetum, which was ongoing.
- The removal of fly tipping from the car park by the task force on 23 May.
- Butterfly transect surveys were carried out on a weekly basis by a National Heritage Service officer as part of their duties on a Thursday at Cammo Estate.
- The removal of an unauthorised structure from the vicinity of the badger sett. Plywood boards and posts were left after the construction of the structure. These were removed by NHS staff.
- Two breaches to the farmhouse were repaired by Estates on 23 May.

Farmhouse Sale

- On 7 May 2013, there was a site visit by the Planning Reporter from the Scottish Government regarding the development of the Home Farm. Boards were removed from the building and viewed from the exterior. The group was given a tour of the site by the former Natural Heritage Officer for Cammo.

Management Plan

All site works were carried out in accordance with the adopted Management Plan, which included:-

Volunteers.

- The Friends of Cammo Estate.

- Trust for Conservation Volunteers (formally British Trust for Conservation Volunteers).
- Edinburgh College (formally Stevenson College).
- City of Edinburgh Council Natural Heritage Service volunteers.
- New Caledonian Woodlands.
- The Green Team.

Projects

- ICONIC Tree Project- following visits and advice from the Royal Botanic Gardens, the dead Chilean Yew Plum was to be replaced and the specimen which had been in poor health was to receive a soil conditioning treatment, which should restore the tree to full vigour. The work would be carried out by the Botanic Gardens and the Natural Heritage Service. The Natural Heritage Officer would pursue this and provide a progress report.
- The restoration of “pineapple” sculptures - specialist stonemasons would be consulted and prices requested for the restoration of the sculptures to the stone stairway. Potential contractors had been identified and estimates and quotes had to be obtained.

Forthcoming Activities

- The removal of encroaching vegetation from the Pinetum - the Forestry Squad would assist with work, clearing felled and fallen tree debris. Timber would be chipped and utilised on site as path surfacing material. The Natural Heritage Officer would look at the possibilities for additional volunteer and corporate groups to assist with path construction.
- Further cutting of the Larch Tree and South West Meadows would take place to further weaken wood and rank vegetation regeneration. Vegetation regeneration would be assessed and a meadow restoration strategy would be drafted looking at methods of woody vegetation removal and suppression, soil condition and suitable species for each site. The Larch Tree Meadow might be more suitable to be developed as a woodland glade type habitat, requiring less intensive management. The South West Meadow would contain a more traditional meadow species mix.
- Yellow Rattle would be introduced into the North Meadow following the autumn cut and lift. A conservation task was planned for 1 October, sowing yellow rattle seed. Various sowing methods and ground preparation methods would be employed on marked plots to ascertain the best method of site preparation for future introductions.
- The removal of a fallen beech from the path at the south west corner by Natural Heritage Service staff.

The Senior Natural Heritage Officer indicated that there would be a team day with Parks and Greenspace staff in August which included the Forestry Team to undertake

activities on site. The farmer who had cut the fields previously had been contacted to carry out with grass-cutting and discussions would take place with the head of the Forestry Team regarding the Walled Garden.

Discussion took place on the possible use of the Walled Garden, which included the planting of orchard trees, the use for allotments, and the condition of the walls.

Decision

To note the position.

4. Interpretation of the Estate

It had been previously agreed that the Natural Heritage Officer discuss the installation of directional signage with the Senior Natural Heritage Officer.

Details were provided of the various methods of signage for the estate, which included self-guided trails. Various designs were shown to the members and it was explained that these should be in harmony with the estate. It would be possible to use Quick Response (Q.R.) codes, as opposed to the traditional boards, which could be scanned and linked to web-sites.

Discussion took place on the type of signage being considered. This included the cost of the signs, the type of material, the possible location and the possible use Q.R. coded boards. There was further discussion on the need for a balanced approach for signage, so that modern methods would complement traditional methods and that the colour of the signage should be appropriate for the estate.

Decision

- 1) That the members study the maps provided of the site and provide suggestions on where the signage should be located.
- 2) That the members then provide feedback to the Natural Heritage Officer for the next meeting of the Advisory Committee.

(Reference – Cammo Estate Advisory Committee 27 March 2013 (item 4.))

5. Cammo Home Farm

The Advisory Committee had previously discussed the proposed sale of the Home Farm.

The Estate Manager indicated that there had been no change regarding the proposed sale of the Home Farm. Services for Communities was still waiting for the decision of the Reporter from the Directorate for Planning and Environmental Appeals, but in the event of any progress, she would forward the information to Committee Services, who would then forward this to the members.

Decision

To note the position.

(Reference – Cammo Estate Advisory Committee 27 March 2013 (item 5.)

6. Any Other Business

6.1 Resignation

The member from the Barnton and Cramond Community Council indicated that he was resigning from the Advisory Committee.

The Acting Chair thanked the member for his contribution to the Advisory Committee.

6.2 Wild Flowers in Field

The "cut and lift" method which was being employed in grass-cutting was encouraging wild flowers, but this method would help the quality of the grass in the long term.

6.3 Map of Estate

Decision

The Natural Heritage Office indicated that he would e-mail the map of the estate to Committee Services, who would forward this to the members of the Advisory Committee.

7. Date of Next Meeting

Wednesday 2 October 2013 at 2.00 pm in the Cammo Lodge.