

Item 5.1 - Business Bulletin

Petitions Committee

2.00pm, Thursday, 30 March 2017

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

This is a public meeting and members of the public are welcome to attend

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Petitions Committee

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Recent news	Background
<p>Lothian Buses to continue to accept Adult City Single Tickets</p> <p>On 14 April 2016, the Petitions Committee considered a petition entitled ‘Lothian Buses to continue to accept Adult City Single Tickets’ the Petition asked that the City of Edinburgh Council do everything within its powers and remit to persuade Lothian Buses to continue to accept Adult City Single Tickets.</p> <p>On 17 January 2017, the Transport and Environment Committee considered an update from the Executive Director of Place ‘Adult City Tickets’.</p> <p>The Committee agreed to note the update and that the Convener and Vice Convener plan to hold a meeting with key stakeholders, including the original petitioner and representatives from Lothian Buses.</p> <p>The Convener, Vice Convener and Executive Director recently met with Richard Hall from Lothian Buses. Mr Hall agreed to discuss this issue with Edinburgh Cyrenians and to develop a suitable scheme to replace Adult Single Tickets.</p>	<p>Petitions Committee - 14 April 2016</p> <p>Communities and Neighbourhoods Committee - 10 May 2016</p> <p>Transport and Environment Committee – 1 November 2016.</p> <p>Transport and Environment Committee – 17 January 2017.</p> <p>Transport and Environment Committee – 21 March 2017.</p>
<p>Gull de-nesting in North Merchiston</p> <p>On 10 November 2016, the Petitions Committee considered a petition entitled ‘Gull de-nesting in North Merchiston’ the Petition asked that the City of Edinburgh</p>	<p>Transport and Environment Committee – 15 March 2016</p> <p>Petitions Committee – 10 November 2016</p>

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<p>Council run a pilot programme of Gull de-nesting within North Merchiston.</p> <p>An initial meeting of the multi-agency working group of officials, local residents and local members to formulate an approach to tackling the gull problem in Edinburgh was held on 1 March 2017. It was recorded that all birds are protected species and gulls would have to be de-nested under a general license. Council Officers stated that contrary to the Petitioners belief that the pilot would be at no cost to the council, pest control operatives would have to be directed away from fee earning work to carry out the proposed work.</p> <p>On 21 March 2017 the Transport and Environment Committee considered a deputation request from the Petitioner and agreed to note that prevention is the best long term solution as gulls are creatures of habit and would continue to return unless effective preventative measures are in place and that any future proposals would include a focus on measures to stop the problem reoccurring. The Committee also agreed that a report would be submitted to the next meeting of the Transport & Environment Committee on the outcome of the multi-agency working group's deliberations.</p>	<p>Transport and Environment Committee – 21 March 2017</p>
<p>A plaque for the Melville monument</p> <p>Officers met with the petitioner on 20 January 2017 to discuss the proposed plaque and agreed that a bronze plaque would be appropriate. A quote from is currently being sought.</p> <p>Officers are corresponding with Professor Emeritus David Walker regarding the wording that would be included on the plaque and would also engage with relevant interested parties to agree appropriate the text.</p>	<p>Petitions Committee – 8 September 2017</p>
<p>A71 Dalmahoy Junction Improvements</p> <p>On 4 September 2014, the Petitions Committee considered a petition entitled 'Dalmahoy Traffic Lights Needed' The Petition asked that the City of Edinburgh Council to install traffic signals at the A71 Dalmahoy junction to reduce the danger to pedestrians crossing at this location.</p> <p>A report to the Transport and Environment Committee on 30 August 2016 noted that an investigation into potential options to fund the approved junction</p>	<p>Transport and Environment Committee - 30 August 2016</p> <p>Transport and Environment Committee – 21 March 2017</p>

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<p>signalisation had been undertaken, but that a funding shortfall was projected. Officers were instructed to report back to the Committee within three cycles, outlining proposals for meeting this shortfall.</p> <p>The latest cost estimate for the junction signalisation is £455,520. A review of funding contributions which were previously reported to Committee has been carried out, along with an exercise to explore potential additional funding sources. Following this exercise, sufficient funding to deliver the improvements has now been identified. The funding shortfall previously reported will be met from contingencies within the 2017/18 capital Carriageways, Footways and Street Lighting budget.</p> <p>The funding which has now been identified to deliver the scheme can be broken down as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Road Safety - £143,000 • Access to Bus Stops - £25,000 • Cycling, Walking, Safer Streets - £30,000 • Craigpark Quarry S75 Agreement - £40,000 • South West Locality (NEPS) - £50,000 (over two years) • Capital Investment Programme for Carriageways, Footways and Street Lighting contingency funding - £167,000 <p>Officers have made an initial approach to landowners with a view to opening discussions to acquire the land outwith Council ownership required to deliver the junction improvements. It is currently anticipated that the land acquisition process will take around 12 months to complete. A low cost safety scheme involving vehicle-activated signs and a reduced speed limit will be introduced in the interim period. This will be funded separately from the 2016/17 capital Road Safety budget.</p>	
<p>Safety First - close the bridge!</p> <p>On 23 January 2017, the Petitions Committee considered a petition entitled 'Safety First - close the bridge!' the Petition asked that the City of Edinburgh Council to rethink of the role of Viewforth Bridge, with a view to it being closed to vehicular traffic.</p> <p>On 21 March 2017, the Transport and Environment Committee considered a referral from the Petitions Committee and agreed to visit the site to observe the issues that had been raised.</p>	<p>Petitions Committee – 23 January 2017</p> <p>Transport and Environment Committee – 21 March 2017.</p>

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<p>Petitions Live</p> <p>Our webcast facility allows you to watch the committee as it happens. You can also catch up on what you have missed by visiting our webcast pages, where previous meetings of the Petitions Committee and the full Council can be viewed. Other Committees are now being webcast and are available to view.</p> <p>There are options to pause, fast forward and rewind this recording and to view the reports and minutes at the same time.</p>	<p>Webcast archive</p>
<p>Petitions to the Council</p> <p>Since the Petitions Committee launched on 8 October 2012, the Council has received a total of 70 petitions. Of these, 45 were valid and have amassed a total of 17,286 signatures.</p> <p>The remaining 25 petitions were deemed invalid as they did not meet the Petitions Criteria.</p> <p>Of the 45 valid petitions, the Petitions Committee has, so far, considered 32 petitions. In each case, the Committee has agreed that the issues raised merit further action and have taken action as appropriate.</p> <p>A list of all the petitions received can be found at appendix 1.</p>	<p>Current Petitions</p>
<p>Contact Us</p> <p>If you have any comments or suggestions, or if you would like information on how to submit a petition please contact us</p>	<p>Samuel Ho Tel: 529 4210</p> <p>Stuart McLean Tel: 529 4106</p>

Forthcoming activities:

The next meeting of the Petitions Committee is planned for 2pm on 10 August 2017 in the Dean of Guild Court Room, City Chambers.

Appendix 1

Date of meeting	Valid Petition	Number of signatures	Unsuccessful Petition	Number of signatures	Invalid Petitions	Reason for being considered invalid
Thursday, 30 March 2017	Turn up street lights	76			Keep Portobello Powerleague for 5 a side pitches	Invalid in terms of paragraph 1(2) of our Petitions criteria
	We call on the City of Edinburgh Council to do everything within its powers and remit to require that Lothian Pensions Trust divest from all investments concerning arms manufacture.	400			Save the WHEC Young Mum's Unit and Crèche	Invalid in terms of paragraph 2(2) of our Petitions criteria
Monday, 23rd January 2017			Edinburgh music and exhibition arena	27		
	Safety First - close the bridge!	251	Return Edinburgh's main roads to 30mph	8		
			Use of Micro-Asphalting for Urban Road Repairs Resurfacing	38		
Thursday, 10th November 2016	Gull de-nesting in North Merchiston	304				

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Thursday, 8th September 2016	A plaque for the Melville monument	264	Edinburgh Council to Keep Our Trees!	34	Lothian Bus Service No 70	Invalid in terms of paragraph 1(3) of the Petitions Criteria
	Save Granton Castle Walled Garden	694	Edinburgh Currency (Similar to that in Bristol)	75	Save Our Inch House Community Centre	Invalid in terms of paragraph 1(2) of the Petitions Criteria
			Statue of Thomas Aikenhead	21		
Thursday, 14th April 2016	Lothian Buses to continue to accept Adult City Single Tickets	249	Future of Powderhall Refuse Plant	15	No confidence in CEC Planning Committee	Invalid in terms of paragraph 2(2) and 3(2) of the Petitions criteria
			Make Calton Hill ready for Hogmanay 2016/17	4		
Wednesday, 3rd February 2016	Call on the Council to invest in improved facilities and to increase the number of inspections to tackle dog dirt	383				
	Re-Union Canal Boats location at Fountainbridge	270				

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	Charges relating to The Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982 (Licensing of Skin Piercing and Tattooing) Order	251				
Thursday, 5th November 2015	Reverse the 'Reserve places' for incoming catchment children in Primary 1 policy	276				
	Save the Lorne Street Community	1098				
Thursday, 3rd September 2015	Save the Adult Learning Project	481			Place a moratorium on the construction of private student	Invalid in terms of paragraph 1(1) of our Petitions criteria
	Resolution of Fly-Tipping at Caroline Park Avenue, EH5 1HY	131				
Thursday, 11th June 2015	Edinburgh Conscientious Objectors Memorial Petition	453			Save 1-6 Canonmills Bridge EH3 5LF	Invalid in terms of paragraph 1(1) of our Petitions criteria
Thursday, 26th March 2015	One way system and traffic calming measures in Redhall Drive	258			Say NO to 20 mph Campaign	Invalid in terms of paragraph 1(3) of our Petitions criteria
	Street Light Safety	400			Save Duncan Place Resource Centre	Invalid in terms of petitions criteria 1(1) and 1(3)

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	Bus Service Craigleith	315				
Thursday, 22nd January 2015	Bike Hire Scheme	739			Kirkliston 0 - 4 group	Invalid in terms of paragraph 2(2) of our Petitions criteria
Thursday, 6th November 2014	Ratho Surgery Capacity	562			Petition to remove the new changes to George Street	Invalid as the principal petitioner was not on the electoral role in Edinburg
					Road Safety at South Morningside Primary School.	Invalid in terms of petitions criteria 1(2)
Thursday, 4th September 2014	Dalmahoy Traffic Lights Needed	1528	Rename Festival Square "Mandela Square"	3	Build an Outdoor Skate Park in the Bruntsfield - Morningside area	Invalid as the individual submitting the petition was not on the electoral register in Edinburgh
	Halting the planned decommissioning of Craig Park Play Park situated in Ratho Village	571			Official Recognition of Ken Buchanan MBE	Invalid in terms of paragraph 2(1) of our Petitions criteria
Thursday, 23rd January 2014	Save Redhall House and Lawn	524	Permanent Location for ePetition Signatory	12	Allow Pomegranate to keep its signing and lighting	Invalid in terms of paragraph 2(1) of our Petitions criteria
					Save the Picture House	Invalid in terms of paragraph 2(1) & 2 (10) of our Petitions criteria

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Thursday, 5th September 2013	Ban cycling on City Centre pavements by cyclists over 12 years	64	No composite classes at Blackhall primary	10	Unfair Treatment of Independent City Centre Takeaways	Invalid in terms of paragraph 2(2) of our Petitions criteria
					Bedroom Tax - Discretionary Housing Payments	Invalid in terms of paragraph 2(2) & 2 (3) of our Petitions criteria
Monday, 3rd June 2013	Remove Religious Observance from Non-Denominational Schools	896	Dog Control on Shared Paths	112	'East Craigs Primary School Catchment Area'	Invalid in terms of paragraph 2(2) of our Petitions criteria
	Retain Religious Observance in Non-Denominational Schools	1522	Closure of Holyrood Park to Through-Traffic	171	Save the House Concerts at no 42 Royal Park Terrace	Invalid in terms of paragraph 2(1) of our Petitions criteria
Thursday, 18th April 2013	Crackdown on Legal Loan Sharks	938				
	A safer mechanism for reporting Edinburgh Council mismanagement	515				
	Princes Street for People	592				
	Bedroom Tax	988				
	Dumbiedykes Bus Service Petition	454			Release the Deloitte Report (2)	Invalid in terms of Paragraph 8 of our Petitions criteria

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Tuesday, 22nd January 2013					Review the ongoing controversy over public land sales and private development	Invalid in terms of Paragraphs 2 & 8 of our Petitions criteria
					Petition to release front page and contents page of Deloitte report	Invalid in terms of Paragraph 8 of our Petitions criteria
Monday, 3rd December 2012	Kirkliston Public Transport Provision	785			Against the Continual Refusal of Planning Applications for Dormers in the Lochend Road Colonies	Invalid in terms of Paragraph 2 of our Petitions criteria
					Release the Deloitte Report	Invalid in terms of Paragraph 7 of our Petitions criteria
	Total number of signatures	16756		530		