

Environment & Transport Report 17 July 2019 by Jerry Ozaniec

**Notices and general information**

1. We have been asked by the Colonies Residents Association to consider approaching the Council concerning their readiness to handle flooding from the Water of Leith. Recently we have had significant rainfall in short periods where the river level has risen to such an extent that the path by the Falshaw Bridge was completely under water during which crisis the Council responded to enquiries that they were too busy to monitor the situation! Is there no contingency plan to ensure that all areas of the city who need flood defences to be operated are handled? If not, the council needs to revise their procedures.

All of our local Councillors (Iain Whyte, Max Mitchell, Gavin Barrie, and Hal Osler) have responded and pursued this. Hal has had a full report of what happened during the incident mentioned, the short of it being that they had responded and had invoked some of the defences in order to control the flow. I can provide the full report if anyone would like to see the e-mail.

2. Since 2017 the Council has managed a contract for an annual event taking place during the summer festival in Inverleith Park. 2019 is the final year of the current contract and the Council is planning to re-tender it. The Transport and Environment Committee requested that a consultation with stakeholders take place prior to this process. Anyone wishing to take part in this should respond to the survey at

<https://consultationhub.edinburgh.gov.uk/sfc/inverleith-park/>

If anyone does not have access to the internet or is unable to view this survey, hard copies are available, please email [parks@edinburgh.gov.uk](mailto:parks@edinburgh.gov.uk) or call 0131 529 7921 and a hard copy can be sent out.

3. The Scottish Government has introduced legislation which allows councils to license 'Sexual Entertainment Venues' (SEVs). The City of Edinburgh Council is seeking views on whether should adopt these powers and has opened a consultation. Anyone wishing to take part in this should respond to the consultation at

<https://consultationhub.edinburgh.gov.uk/sfc/licensing-of-sexual-entertainment-venues/>

4. Reports on the following which affect our area were due last month (June), but I have been unable to find them on the Council's website.
  - Pedestrian Countdown Timers at Traffic Signals
  - Annual Review of the Parks Manifesto
  - Active Travel Investment Programme to 2023
  - Communal Bin Enhancement Update

**Transport, Infrastructure and Environment Committee Activity and Decisions**

No further meeting of the Committee has been held since our last meeting.

**Traffic Disruptions**

<b>Road</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Details</b>	<b>Start Time</b>	<b>End Time</b>
LEARMONTH TERRACE	At Dean Park Crescent	Scottish Water; Manhole cover replacement. Off-peak temporary traffic lights.	24-Jul-2019 9:30	24-Jul- 2019 16:00