

Notice of meeting and agenda

City of Edinburgh Council

10.00 am Thursday, 25th November, 2021

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1. Order of business

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

2. Declaration of interests

- 2.1 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.

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8. Motions

8.1 By Councillor Neil Ross - Call for Action on Zebra Markings for Side Streets

“Council:

- 1) Notes the national call for authorisation from central government to use zebra markings for side streets. The joint statement has been signed by Living Streets, British Cycling, Guide Dogs, the Campaign for Better Transport, The Ramblers, Sustrans and Playing Out as well as motoring body The AA.
- 2) Recognises that, in the face of the global climate crisis and worsening obesity and physical inactivity levels, the need to enable millions more people across the nation to make local journeys on foot is not a choice but an absolute necessity.
- 3) Notes that Greater Manchester Council has published new evidence showing that zebra markings on side roads lead to drivers giving way 30% more than where there is no marking and is asking for permission to roll out a large-scale trial of zebra markings at side roads.
- 4) Notes that the Danish city of Aarhus is to trial 3D zebra style crossings.
- 5) Notes that new YouGov polling data published and commissioned by Living Streets has found that:

- **83%** of adults would feel more confident crossing the road with zebra markings
 - **29%** of adults have been hit or had a near miss at a side road
 - **65%** of adults think the UK government should authorise zebra markings on side roads
 - **76%** of parents of 4-11-year-olds would feel safer about their child walking to school (or allowing them to walk independently) if there were zebra crossings on side roads
 - **76%** would also be more likely to walk to school if there were zebra crossings at side roads.
- 6) Notes that the proposed side road zebra markings - that do not use expensive Belisha Beacons or zigzags - are in common use across the world to give greater priority to pedestrians when crossing quieter roads. They are also in widespread use across the UK in supermarket car parks and airports and are already authorised for use on protected cycle tracks. The crossings typically cost around £1,000 compared to £40,000 for a zebra crossing with Belisha Beacons.
- 7) Requests that the Convener of Transport & Environment writes to the Scottish Government ministers responsible for Transport and Active Travel to
- highlight the benefits to pedestrians of zebra markings for side streets;
 - ask for authorisation, if necessary in conjunction with the UK Government, for the Council to implement zebra markings for side streets; and
 - report to the Transport & Environment Committee within two cycles to provide details of the correspondence with the Minister, including the response received from the Minister and details of any progress made.
- 8) Requests that officers investigate the potential to set up a trial of zebra markings on side streets in Edinburgh, learning from the trials in Manchester and Aarhus, by

selecting suitable locations in each of the locality areas in collaboration with local councillors with a focus towards, but not exclusive to, safer routes to school. Officers should report their recommendations to the Transport & Environment Committee in one cycle with the aim of commencing the trial within the current Council term.”

8.2 By the Lord Provost - Freedom of the City of Edinburgh on the Edinburgh Squadron of the Scottish and North Irish Yeomanry

“Council:

Notes that 2021 is the 250th anniversary of the birth of Sir Walter Scott and the variety of celebrations organised to commemorate this.

Notes that on 30th October 2021 the City hosted the largest civic commemorative event seen for several generations to mark the 250th anniversary.

Notes that the Scottish and North Irish Yeomanry, based at Redford barracks, is formed of four Squadrons and has a rich history and role in Scotland’s past. They are formed of A (Earl of Carrick’s Own) Squadron based in Ayr, B (North Irish Horse) Squadron in Belfast, C (Fife & Forfar/Scottish Horse based in Cupar and in Edinburgh, E (Lothians & Border Yeomanry) Squadron.

Notes that the latter’s antecedent Regiments having been formed by Sir Walter Scott, protected the Lord Provost on North Bridge, formed the Reconnaissance unit for the 51st Highland Division at St Valery in 1940 and more recently supported the SNHS.

Notes that Edinburgh Squadron has been at the forefront of the military contribution at home and abroad and has a proud and deep connection within the communities in which we live and serve.

Agrees to confer the Freedom of the City of Edinburgh on the Edinburgh Squadron of the SNIY in recognition of the above.”

8.3 By Councillor Laidlaw - Granton Gas Holder

“Council:

Welcomes the UK Government announcement that it will provide £16.482 million from its Levelling-Up Fund to support the Council in the first phase of the Granton Waterfront regeneration programme, with the money allocated to restore the B-Listed Granton Gas Holder.

Recognises the historic value of the Gas Holder as an iconic building for North Edinburgh and beyond, and its role in providing heritage context to the new development and public realm, with the aim to create a ‘new coastal town’.

Commits to working with the UK Government to secure additional Levelling-Up funding for projects across the City of Edinburgh to supplement existing sources of funding.”

8.4 By Councillor Booth - Cycle Parking Technical Guidance

“Council:

- 1) Notes the recently reported rise in cycle thefts in Edinburgh, with the capital responsible for over a third of Scottish statistics, and an increase of over 10% in thefts in the capital compared with last year;
- 2) Notes that safe, secure, well-lit and convenient cycle parking at both origin and destination locations can significantly reduce the chance of a bicycle being stolen, and is also essential to encouraging more people to cycle;
- 3) Welcomes the recent changes to the Permitted Development (Scotland) Order which removed the requirement for planning permission for certain small bike storage sheds;
- 4) Notes with dismay that the Planning technical factsheet "Cycle Parking in New Developments", which at the meeting of full council in December 2018 the Planning Convenor said he was keen to publish "as quickly as possible" has still not been published;
- 5) Therefore agrees that the council will urgently consult with Sustrans, Spokes and any other organisations with expertise in cycle parking as it sees fit, and present draft

technical factsheet(s) on cycle parking to the next meeting of Planning Committee for approval.”

8.5 By Councillor Howie - Street Furniture

“Council:

- 1) Notes Councillor Miller’s Equal Pavements Pledge motion which was passed during September’s Full Council Meeting.
- 2) Recognises the increase in street furniture facilitates the Covid recovery.
- 3) Commends the work done by many pubs and restaurants to make their outdoor areas in public spaces disability-friendly.
- 4) Notes that the recent applications for pubs and restaurants to place platformed seating areas outside their premises are now increasing and altering so that they become permanent arrangements instead of temporary.
- 5) Notes however that issues raised by Guide Dogs for the Blind Scotland regarding the enforcement of the regulations on street furniture indicate there are still issues for the blind in Edinburgh.
- 6) Is concerned that many blind and visually impaired people avoid parts of our city, such as Portobello Promenade, because the street furniture regulations are being ignored, leading to excessive, and for them, dangerous, street clutter.
- 7) Calls for officers to compile, in consultation with Guide Dogs for the Blind Scotland and other disability groups, a report on the continued impact of street furniture on blind and visually impaired people, the wider disabled community and parents with buggies and how to mitigate it and how this should be aligned with the aforementioned motion.”

9. Congratulatory Motions

9.1 By Councillor Neil Ross - St Margaret's Chapel Guild - 80th Anniversary

"Council notes:

In 1942 the Very Reverend Dr Selby Wright CVO TD, at that time minister of Canongate Kirk, placed an advertisement in the local press inviting anyone with Margaret in their name to place flowers in St Margaret's Chapel in Edinburgh Castle. Such was the response that the St Margaret's Chapel Guild was founded and has been in existence ever since. 2022 will be the Guild's 80th anniversary.

The aims of the Guild are to follow the example and to practice the principles of St Margaret, to promote the use of the Chapel for public and private devotion, to ensure that those with the name of Margaret place flowers in the Chapel every week of the year, and to support organisations or people with ideals similar to St Margaret's.

The Guild is a non-denominational charity and holds services in the chapel every year on St Margaret's Day, 16th November.

In acknowledging the positive work of the St Margaret's Chapel Guild, Council requests that the Lord Provost marks their 80th Anniversary in an appropriate way."

10. Questions

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Deputations

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