

# Old Town Community Council

Meeting Agenda - 9th September 2025, 6.30-8pm  
The Crannie, 9 Cranston Street, Edinburgh EH88BE

## Welcome and Apologies

Here: Oonagh, John, Maria, Karen, Daniel, Antonia, Iona, Sugan, Claim, Paul

Apologies: Margaret Graham, Patrick Keady, Finlay McFarlane, Marie Macarthur, Jo Mowat, Claire Miller

### 1. Matters arising from the last meeting (minutes attached)

AR proposed, JM seconded

### 2. Planning and Licensing Update

CFM not here so no update on the Hotel on the corner of High Street and George IV bridge

Ran through planning and licensing updates and highlighted some small issues.

Shared CFM's comments from the Q&A on onstreet merchandise. Need to keep on this as shops should not have any merchandise outside. There is a 'no goods' on street rule by the council. CFM will continue to push on our behalf.

### 3. Chair's concerns

Accessibility: freedom of movement, sustainability and reduction of waste.

7,500 residents, 4 million visitors. Unique positions, community engagement.

Mercat tours - community liaison has been in touch. Aim to build a relationship with them.

Waste - bin hubs are being redone. Check with the local councillors what the update on this is, as they should be done.

Concerns with large waste bins over festival period, with no recycling available.

### 4. Lawnmarket Pedestrianisation

Calim update: busking was really bad over August. Fringe stepped in towards the end.

Had a meeting with three councillors and other related organisations and residents.

There are accessibility issues due to overcrowding and busking.

Residents are applying for a TRO to ensure that busking is restricted during summer months, which will give power to the council to enforce.

Calim spoke to Claire Miller at her surgery. There will be a public consultation on this, which will require statements from the OTCC in support.

Next steps: Claim to get support for the local councillors to start the consultation process for the TRO.

Marie not here for update on buses.

### 5. Local Place Plan

Carolynn went through the Place Plan proposal and suggested partnership with EOTDT.

- Carolynn proposed, Paul seconded

6. Police conversation

- Send out historic environment survey about tron.
- David Duthie will be attending the meeting on the October 14th.

Setting agenda:

- Carolynn to send out agenda. 30th September - send out requests for agenda items. Agenda collated and sent out to all members and on the 7th of October. For Council members only.

7. Any other competent business

Matter of regret that no councillor could attend.

Thanking Daniel for his contribution as Chair.

Oonagh to chair November meeting.