



Hermitage of Braid Doocot by Arne Strid

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Police Report

The police reported 55 recorded crimes and traffic offences and gave their usual warning about security risks to both houses and tenements. Operation RAC is ongoing focusing resources on prevention and detection of housebreaking.

Jordan Lane Planning Application

Local residents have raised concerns about the consequences of an application to develop a block of houses on land released by the sale of Gerry Martin's garage on grounds of congestion of space which will result in ingress of water and drainage problems, intrusion from balconies and windows of the proposed block on existing properties which will involve light pollution which is illegal in new buildings. There will also be traffic congestion issues. MCC will be writing to the Planning Department to oppose the application.

Stair lighting

The Council's Housing and Regulatory Services have circulated all tenement owners and landlords that from 1 July 2016 they will only supply electricity, and will not continue to repair and maintain the common stair lights. As these functions are a legal responsibility owners and landlords are required to have in place, by 30 June 2016, alternative repair and maintenance arrangements either through a property factor or a privately-appointed electrician. The Council and Police Scotland recommend Edinburgh Trusted Trader (0131 513 9921).

Proposed change to Edinburgh Licensing Policy regarding amplified music

Community Councils and the public are being consulted on a change in licensing policy applying to amplified music on licensed premises. At present licences generally have a condition requiring amplified music "*to be inaudible in residential property*". The proposal is to change the requirement such that amplified music "*shall not be an audible nuisance in neighbouring residential premises*". If the change is made, the existence of a nuisance will have to be judged by Licensing Standards Officers ("LSOs") and it is suggested that they follow the statutory nuisance provisions of the Public Health (Scotland) Act 2008, which require evaluation of 8 "key issues". At present, the requirement of inaudibility would seem to be simpler, more objective and more easily enforceable.

The full proposal is on our website (<http://www.morningside.org.uk/news/>) under "News". The unanimous decision of MCC is to oppose this proposed change and a letter will be sent to the Licensing Board accordingly.

*Next Meeting, Wednesday 15 June 2016, 7.30 pm at the Open Door. All welcome.
Confidential police surgery from 7.00 pm.*

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