

Cllr Richard Lewis

Convener of Culture & Sport, Festival & Events Champion

Colinton Community Council – June 2016

Remit

Guinness Pro 12 Final – BT Murrayfield, Saturday 28th May 2016

The season finale of the European professional rugby union league took place in Edinburgh at BT Murrayfield on the 28th May. This was the first time in the league's existence that the final had taken place outside of Ireland and I was delighted to represent the City of Edinburgh and welcome the league and club representatives to the capital city. The final was contested by two Irish teams – Connaught and Leinster – with Connacht emerging victorious with a 20-10 win.

Imagine Festival – 28th May to 5th June 2016

Edinburgh's international festival for children features some of the world's best dance and theatre for young people. Imagine is truly inspiring and magical festival that delights the young and the young at heart with shows full of excitement, music, light, and colour and fun. The festival is recognised around the world as one of the best places to see children's theatre and dance of the highest order and I was delighted to speak at the launch of this year's opening event.

Cultural Task Force

The second meeting of Edinburgh's Cultural Task Force took place last week. This is a high level group looking at the strategic development of Edinburgh's cultural offering. The creation of this group came out of the Desire Lines process which was a call to action from Edinburgh's cultural community.

The first project to be developed by the group is a mapping of cultural and creative spaces in Edinburgh. The mapping exercise will be taken forward with possible support from Creative Scotland and Edinburgh University.

Culture & Sport Committee – 31st May 2016

The Culture & Sport Committee took place at the end of the May and discussed reports on a new Events Strategy for Edinburgh, a new BT rugby academy to be based at Sighthill Park, an update on the cycling facility development at Hunters Hall Park and an update on encouraging live music in Edinburgh.

Reports can be found at

http://www.edinburgh.gov.uk/meetings/committee/1009/culture_and_sport_committee

City Art Centre – exhibition opening

Two new exhibitions have opened at the City Art Centre. Making It: Sculpture in Britain from 1977 to 1986, focuses on a period which saw an emergence of talented sculptors working in the UK achieving international recognition for their work.

The second exhibition is Stephen Collingbourne: Don't be afraid of Pink. The exhibition is a collection of oil paintings inspired by a concept from Stephen's student days when a lecturer suggested he should work with the colour he disliked the most, rid himself of any pre conceptions and see the potential in every colour.

Both exhibitions are free to the public and are on display until the 3rd July.

Edinburgh Festival Dates

Edinburgh Film Festival	15 June – 26 June
Jazz and Blues Festival	15 July – 24 July
Edinburgh Festival Fringe	5 August – 29 August
Edinburgh Art Festival	28 July – 28 August
Edinburgh International Book Festival	13 August – 29 August
Edinburgh Military Tattoo	5 August – 27 August
Edinburgh Mela	27 August – 28 August

Constituency

PPP1 School Closures

Firrhill High School will fully reopen to pupils from Monday 6 June as planned.

Remedial works on the remaining schools are due to be completed on time and they will all reopen before pupils are welcomed back on Wednesday 17 August.

This is in line with the programme of works submitted by the Edinburgh Schools Partnership and if any reopening dates can be brought forward then we will let parents know.

I visited Braidburn, Oxgangs and St Peters Primary schools on Friday to chat with the head teacher and see how the children were settling back into their school, the reopening has went well. It was nice to hear that the schools have made good contacts with the schools they were decanted to and they shall continue to maintain good lines of communication.

Waste

There are still waste issues arising but I have been advised that waste complaints are getting close to acceptable levels.

Roads

TTRO Works: Iron Work Repairs
Location: Swanston Avenue/Biggar Road
Date: 17 June 2016

Closure

Swanston Avenue between Biggar Road and Swanston Drive
Friday 17 June 2016 Friday 17 June 2016

Waiting, Loading and Unloading

Biggar Road between 20 and 26
Friday 17 June 2016 09:30 - Friday 17 June 2016 15:30

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