

Cllr Richard Lewis

Convener of Culture & Sport – Festival & Events Champion

Colinton Community Council – 11th October 2016

Olympic / Paralympic Athlete Celebration

The Olympic and Paralympic Athlete Celebration took place on 28th September at Festival Square. The athletes had a busy day with events also taking place at Oriam – the National Performance Centre for Sport. The event at Festival Square allowed the public to mix with the Scottish athletes and celebrate their achievements at Rio 2016.

Oriam – National Performance Centre for Sport

The new world class national sports performance centre at Heriot-Watt University's Riccarton Campus is now open to athletes and the public. Oriam will provide our sportsmen and women with the facilities and support services pivotal for successful performance on the international stage.

Oriam will be the performance base for the Scottish Football Association and Scottish Rugby Union as well as Basketball Scotland, Scottish Handball, Scottish Squash and Racketball & Scottish Volleyball. Council officers will also be working closely with Oriam colleagues to ensure adequate community access is in place for clubs and the public to the full range of first class facilities.

Wester Hailes Library – Public Library Improvement Fund

I was delighted to be at Wester Hailes Library with the Cabinet Secretary for Culture, Tourism and External Affairs – Fiona Hyslop MSP to launch the Scottish Government's Public Library Improvement Fund. The £450k fund is provided by the Scottish Government for libraries to progress the strategic aims of the National Library Strategy. Wester Hailes Library was one of the first recipients of the new fund which will see the delivery of its Edinburgh Explorers programme. The project will promote and encourage the use of free cultural and arts facilities, primarily based in the city centre, as fun family activities. Participants will be provided with an Explorer passport to collect 'Visa stamps' of places they visit with a number of tasks to complete along their journey.

Transfer of management responsibility for school sport facilities

Edinburgh Leisure has now taken on the management responsibility for school sport facilities at James Gillespies High School. Plans are being developed for the new high schools at Boroughmuir and Portobello with the aim that EL will manage out of school hour access to all high school sport facilities by the start of the 2017/18 school year.

Music is Audible

I am delighted to report that the Licensing Board agreed to change its policy on amplified music at its meeting on the 26th September. After two years of work by the Music is Audible Working group, the Licensing Board agreed to change its policy from *'The Board will always consider the imposition of a condition requiring amplified music from those premises to be inaudible in residential property'* to *'Amplified music shall not be an audible nuisance in neighbouring residential premises.'*

Desire Lines Gathering – Thursday 28th September 2016, Scottish Storytelling Centre

The latest Desire Lines event took place on Thursday 28th September with updates and discussion taking place on Edinburgh's cultural direction. Speakers included Lady Susan Rice, Paul Lawrence and the new Director of the Festival Fringe – Shona McCarthy.

I spoke in the second part of the event where representatives from the five CEC political groups were been invited to present their political party's views and proposals on Edinburgh's future as a creative and cultural city.

Scott Monument

I was delighted to launch the new lighting scheme at the Scott Monument at the end of September. The origin of the Scott Monument's new scheme began with the adoption of a new lighting strategy for the city centre. The museum service made the suggestion that the Scott Monument might become the first test case for this new strategy.

Edinburgh World Heritage Trust provided funds to get the project off the ground with a feasibility study and have been very supportive throughout the project.

Edinburgh based company Kevan Shaw Lighting Design was appointed to design the scheme and oversee the fabrication of the fittings and installation. The project has been over two years in the planning and delivery. It has already been shortlisted for a major lighting award. The new scheme is not designed to change colour in the same way that neighbouring Jenners can be pink one night, blue the next (we have numerous requests to have this done each year). The steering group were unanimous that this was not appropriate for a memorial.

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Road	Extent	From	To
Woodhall Road	From junction with Bonaly Road to No 56 Woodhall Road both sides of the road	Tuesday 11 Oct 2016	Wednesday 12 Oct 2016

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