

Chair's Report 2025/26

I welcome the progress that has been made in the last year. I am looking forward to the Oral History project getting underway now that the required equipment has been acquired and training organised. I expect there will be some very interesting and illuminating contributions from members of the community. Our Community Council area is full of history as is demonstrated by the Canal and its aqueduct, and the Jacobite army camp near Sainsbury's. I hope it will be possible to provide some information on the latter event. Although it may not be a part of the Oral History Project I hope that more information can be presented on the Quarry and how it ties in with the history of Edinburgh. There is a little information on display in the Park but there ought to be a lot more.

I welcome the efforts of Council members and others to improve our environment through community gardening and tree planting. I support the work of the Friends of the Quarry Park to improve the facilities of the Park which is a vital resource for the community,

Community health and safety is important. I hope our working with the Police can continue so that we can deal effectively with irresponsible bike/ electric bike and motorcycle use in our neighbourhood. There has been some improvement to lighting within the Quarry Park but I do not think it is yet in a satisfactory state. I hope that the Community Council can push for more work to be done.

The next local authority elections are due in May 2027. I am sure the election campaign will get going later this year. I would like to see the Community Council influencing our Councillors on the service changes and improvements that are needed to benefit our community and the City of Edinburgh.

To finish up I hope that the Council will continue to do well and make progress over the next year. I would like to thank all those on the Council who have served the community over the past year, and those who have attended our meetings.

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