

**Ratho & District Community Council**  
**Report for October 2013 – March 2014**

*(The AGM dates were changed to comply with the new arrangements devised by the City of Edinburgh Council)*

Reflecting on the last seven months my immediate thoughts are of planning, the buses and dog fouling.

We have had two PAN's – the David Wilson application at Freeland's Road and the Lafarge Tarmac application in Baird Road. Both these PAN's were in outline and to date no formal planning applications have been lodged. The main focus of the planning work related to the Stewart Milne planning application and the CALA application for the Glebe site. We held a public meeting to inform our residents about the planning process and the various points identified by the Community Council. Over 100 residents attended the meeting and 208 objections were submitted. To date we have not heard of any residents supporting the application.

The Council subsequently turned down the application.

With the Glebe CALA proposed to build 14 houses on the Glebe field. This was contrary to the non-statutory design brief guideline and conservation area essential requirements. This application was also refused. To date no appeal has been submitted for either application.

We have continued to meet with other local Community Councils to discuss local applications and preserve the rural feel of our communities. This has included discussion of the developer's suggestions for the Local Development Plan (LDP), the draft LDP is to be issued shortly.

Following the tendering process by the Council for the Ratho bus route and, despite an increase in subsidy of 36%, only a shuttle bus service was proposed to Gyle. There was significant lobbying but no direct bus service to the centre of Edinburgh via Corstorphine was offered but after consultation a revised route was offered, extending the 20 service between Asda and Ratho. This service will be reviewed in the next few months.

Once again dog fouling has been raised as has a replacement Doctors surgery, the proposals for which appear to have gone back to the drawing board. We have discussed amongst many things the extension to the school, the green belt, traffic regulation orders, a Christmas tree for Ratho, the state of the canal towpath. We have been actively involved in the neighbourhood partnership sub-committees. We have also successfully applied for a grant for a Community Council notice board in Ratho, similar in style to those in Newbridge and Ratho Station.

But all of this has only been possible with the help of the whole Community Council. Please keep up the good work.