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## Annual general meeting

The AGM of the East Grange Association will be held on Monday, October 24th, 1977 in Mayfield Church, Lower Hall at 7.30 p.m. All Members are invited. The formal Agenda will include reports on EGA activities during the year, and the election of the committee for 1977-78.

After the Business of the meeting there will be an illustrated talk on HERALDRY by Dr. Jean Munro. Guests are welcome to this talk (at the usual charge) but only paid-up members of the EGA may vote at the AGM. Coffee will be served during the evening.

### ELECTION OF COMMITTEE

Nominations for the new Committee are invited from members. They should be sent to the secretary (with names of the proposer and seconder, and signed by the nominee) on, or before, October 17th.

The Committee consists of the four office-bearers and up to eight ordinary members elected annually for a maximum of four years in succession.

Present members of the Committee are:-

#### Chairman

\*Dr. L.J. Hale 34 Fountainhall Road 667 2974

#### Vice - chairman

Miss R. Williamson 80 Grange Loan 667 3249

#### Treasurer

Mr. R. MacKenzie 25 St. Albans Road 667 5552

#### Secretary

\*Mrs. S. Clarke 27 Grange Loan 667 6331

Mrs. S. Carter 62 Grange Loan 667 6052

\*Dr. J. Hammond 61 Fountainhall Road 667 6146

\*Mrs. B. Howden 37 Dick Place 667.6051

\*Mrs. A. Lilwall 2 Dick Place 667 9743

\*Mr. I. McNab 17 Cumin Place 667 4175

\*Mr. A. Reid 108 Findhorn Place 667 4876

\*Denotes available for re-election

Constitution. At the AGM in 1976 it was decided that the constitution should be amended to allow the EGA to apply to become a Recognised Community Association. Copies of the amended constitution can be inspected on application to the Secretary.

## Planning

### Craigmount, Dick Place

Miller Homes have been granted planning permission for 6 town houses, 45 flats, and 10 garages; but there are important conditions imposed. These include stipulations about preservation and protection of the maximum number of trees; detailed landscape planning and maintenance; external surfaces of buildings; and retention of the existing wall and gate to Dick Place.

### 18 Lauder Road

Despite suggestions in publicity issued by the selling agent, current planning proposals do not include the demolition of this house. Application has been made to convert the house into 4 flats; to build 3 single-storey, flat-roofed houses (each with 3 bedrooms) on ground to the south of the access lane from Lauder Road; and to build one larger, single-storey house at the end of the lane on the north side.

The EGA has written to the Planning Department welcoming the conversion of the old house and urging preservation of as many trees as possible. The plan includes demolition of the old stable-block, which is the only building surviving from Grange House. The EGA suggests it should be kept as part of the new development.

### Neil's Printing Factory, Causewayside

Ross Motors have been given permission for a four-storey office-block on this site, not including the site of Ross Motors' garage itself. The block will be L-shaped, with a frontage of about 60m. to Causewayside, at about 10m. back from the footpath. The return length (about 43m.) ends 7½m. from the Findhorn Place boundary-wall, along which the plans show trees. The 3rd and 4th floors are each stepped back 3m. with no windows on the gables facing Findhorn Place. Maximum height of block is 7½m., parking is provided for 40 cars. Construction is expected to take 18 months.

### Mountgrange, Strathearn Road

Readers may have seen publicity in newspapers about an application for change of use of these premises to an hotel. The District Council refused permission, and the owner appealed against the decision. Residents in Hope Terrace and Strathearn Road approached the EGA to join them in expressing support for the Council's decision. The premises had been in use as lodgings, and they complained of various annoyances in consequence.

The EGA Chairman has written to the Planning Inquiry expressing concern about the disruptive effect of change of use being granted; and the implications of deterioration in amenity of this residential area should hotels be allowed to spread.

## **Planning**

### West Savile Terrace

We understand that plans are being prepared to convert the Laundry at No.25 to a supermarket. Although this lies outside the EGA boundary, residents in Relugas Road etc. may be affected, and we hope to have further details in time for the Annual General Meeting.

## **Hotels**

The District Council has a policy of restricting guest-houses to radial roads. In a recent letter to "The Scotsman", Cllr Brereton (Chairman, District Planning Committee) suggested that the increasing number of holiday visitors, and the mounting cost of maintaining older houses, argue for allowing new guest-houses on non-radial roads. The committee feels that spread of guest-houses would jeopardise the character and amenity of a residential area. We would welcome the views of members on this subject.

## **Traffic**

GRANGE LOAN: between Findhorn Place and Lauder Rd.  
A Traffic Order has been proposed by the Regional Council: it will prohibit parking on the north side during the working day. This seems a sweeping and inconvenient way of solving the parking and traffic problem. The EGA has written to the Director of Highways proposing the restriction should be limited to the narrow, and therefore dangerous, part of the road; and that there should be "Road Narrows" warning signs erected. This letter supplemented one sent by Dr. Sadler of Grange Loan on the basis of a questionnaire issued to residents affected by the proposals. Similar proposals have been made by the Regional Council to deal with the same problem on the periphery of the controlled parking zones in other parts of the city..

### Junction of GRANGE LOAN and KIIGRASTON ROAD

We understand that the proposed improvement scheme should come before the Transportation Committee on October 24th.

## **Cornelians**

Women who feel the need to stretch their minds beyond daily preoccupations of home or job may be interested in joining the Cornelians. They meet every three weeks or so, mainly in each other's homes, and topics range wide - from Arts to Architecture, Genetics to Journalism. Further details from local representative, Mrs. Betty Moffat, 14 Dalrymple Crescent (667 1822).

## **Re-cycling Waste**

Friends of the Earth have had to cut back their re-cycling projects, mainly because the lease on their collecting-premises has run out. They can no longer accept GLASS at all. PAPER can be taken to their office at 2 Ainslie Pl.- 225 7752 - during office hours; or ring 225 2424 for the Cleansing Department to include you on the "green sack" paper collection. ALUMINIUM FOIL can still be taken to Mrs. Noble at 17 Dick Place (667 0439) who will collect it for Friends of the Earth.

We should like to thank all the people who have helped the waste-saving schemes, and particularly those who volunteered to provide collecting-points.

## **Reports**

The Craft Exhibition in May was very successful, attracting nearly 150 entries of high standard and great variety and some 200 visitors. The commission, some £25, will help a local senior citizen's charity.

The Conservation meeting in April, attended by about 60 people, was addressed by Mr. Carruthers of the District Planning Department, who explained that designation as a conservation area imposes stricter control over new buildings, demolition and alterations to existing property. Also there is the responsibility to maintain the appearance of existing property. Reaction of EGA members was broadly favourable so the Committee appeal for help from anyone with particular interest or knowledge to draw up proposals. (More details later)

## Trees

TREES Exhibition has been in Newington Library since June 16th. Lots of interest has been shown - it's well worth seeing! Congratulations to Mrs. Simpson who organised it for the EGA; and thanks to the Library staff and especially Mr. Robertson, the Librarian, for staging the exhibition, and for much practical help and advice. The Scottish Civic Trust is to carry a report in their newsletter and the exhibition is to visit other city libraries. A real feather in the EGA cap!

## Seasonal Notes

Summer having passed almost unnoticed it seems that autumn is already upon us and this brings to mind three items of EGA concern -

### Welcome to overseas students -

Many students come to Edinburgh each year and a fair proportion of them live in our area. It is hoped that opportunities are taken to make them feel welcome in our neighbourhood. They may like to attend meetings and other functions organised by the EGA, so if you know of any, do show them this Newsletter and encourage them to come along.

Pruning of Trees - This is the season when amateur gardeners are inclined to attack trees and flowering shrubs with perhaps more energy than skill. Mrs. Isobel Simpson at 48 St Alban's Road (667 7747) remains willing to give advice on the best way to tackle this job.

Hypothermia - This word has become, only too sadly, familiar to us recently, but a reminder that elderly people can suffer very acutely from it may be timely. Awareness on the part of neighbours could avert problems here.

## Programme

**WINE and CHEESE PARTY**

**7TH OCT**  
Friday 30th September  
Carlton Cricket Club.  
8.00 p.m.

Tickets at 50p for members and 75p  
for non-members can be bought from  
Committee members. All welcome.

**INFORMAL MUSICAL EVENING**  
Members playing or  
singing

Saturday, 15th October,  
34 Fountainhall Road,  
8.00 p.m.

Contact Ian McNab or Bill Hale if you wish to  
come or to contribute to this or future evenings,  
also if you would like to have one in your home.

**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**  
and  
Illustrated Talk by  
Dr. Jean Munro on  
HERALDRY

Monday 24th October  
Mayfield Church, Lower  
Hall. 7.30 p.m.

Coffee served

Illustrated talk by the  
CHIEF PILOT of the FORTH  
PORTS AUTHORITY

Date being arranged,  
November or December.  
Mayfield Church Hall.

**COFFEE MORNING**

Saturday, 21st January.  
Details later.

If anyone would like to have a car collect them so  
that they can attend meetings - and get a lift home  
afterwards - please let Ian McNab know - 17 Cumin  
Place, telephone 667 4175.

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