

Five things you need to know today

✖ By the time the Balmoral Clock strikes one today it is unlikely that the Council meeting about the budget will even be halfway through. It is a [short agenda](#) but one that will undoubtedly take a long time to discuss and agree.

You are asked to tell The Chronicle about your events and meetings in Craigmillar and Portobello for the new [What's On section](#) on their website.

A postie from Edinburgh won possibly the first [chilli eating competition](#) to be held in Scotland in such record time last night that everyone had gone home by the time our photographer got there! [STV](#) were in at the start though with footage of the competition.

Edinburgh bands are joining together to raise funds for the proposed new St Columba's Hospice at the Jam House on 6 March. [You can find out more here.](#)

You can see the albino squirrel which lives happily at Edinburgh Zoo if you click [here.](#)