

Five things you need to know today

✘ At the oath taking / making solemn affirmation ceremony in the Scottish Parliament today, the Scottish National Party group of 69 MSPs will wear the “little white rose of Scotland” – from the poem of the same name by Hugh MacDiarmid:

THE LITTLE WHITE ROSE

“The rose of all the world is not for me
I want for my part
Only the little white rose of Scotland
That smells sharp and sweet – and breaks the heart”

There are two important council meetings this morning, firstly the [Planning Local Review Body](#) which meets at the City Chambers at 9 and the Development Management Sub-Committee which will discuss the future of the Fountain Brewery and the former Odeon cinema beginning at 10am. The committee is recommending refusal of an application to demolish the former Odeon.

Edinburgh Castle is both praised and slated by the tourism industry as reported by Craig Brown in [The Scotsman](#). On the one hand it is said to be atmospheric but on the other too expensive! Time for a rethink? Perhaps Marketing Edinburgh will have some influence on this kind of thing when it gets going under its new CEO in June.

Marchmont & Sciennes Community Council meet tonight for their regular monthly meeting

This is what is on the agenda:-

AGENDA

The next meeting of the Community Council will be held on Wed

11th May at 7.30pm in St Catherine's Argyle Church Community Hall, Grange Road

- 1. Minutes of the meeting of 9th April and matters arising*
- 2. Treasurers Report*
- 3. Police Report : oral report & questions*
- 4. Sub Groups*
- 5. Planning Group (meeting report circulated)*
- 6. HMOs Group (Ann Laird: Report)*
- 7. Roads and Traffic Group*
- 8. External Meetings*
- 9. Events*
- 10. Garden Competition*
- 11. Christmas Event*
- 12. Any other business – can be taken on the night*

Reports available on blog in advance will include any recommendations that the CC will discuss and agree;
<http://marchmontandsciennes.blogspot.com/>

*All who live or work or are active in the area are welcome.
Hearing loop available – please request in advance*

Edinburgh Airport saw record numbers of passengers last month having the busiest April ever according to [TTG](#).