

Five things you need to know today Edinburgh!



Theresa Riggi – Culture & Sport committee meeting today – Spokes Meeting – Chatterbooks at Sighthill Library – Councillor Walker

The news broke last night that convicted murderer Theresa Riggi had apparently taken her own life in a secure prison in Nottinghamshire.

[Read more here.](#)

The Culture & Sport Committee will approve the addition of a new inscription at Makars' Court when they meet this morning.

The latest addition proposed is a quotation from Elizabeth Melville, Lady Culross who lived in the 16th and 17th centuries. Here is what the report recommends:-

The Council of the Saltire Society now recommends that a further application be approved, to commemorate Elizabeth Melville, Lady Culross (c1578-c1640)

Elizabeth Melville, Lady Culross, was the first Scotswoman to see her work in print. Her mini-epic "Ane Godlie Dreame", was first printed in 1603; it was a best-seller, reissued at least twelve times up to 1737. A daughter of the well-known courtier, diplomat and memoirist Sir James Melville of Halhill (d.1617), Elizabeth also left a very substantial body of manuscript verse, which is only now beginning to be explored by admiring critics. The melodies to which five of

her poems were designed to be sung are known, while other poems reflect her major involvement in the struggle to defend religious freedom against the policies of James VI and his son Charles I, which led to the National Covenant of 1638. Thanks to the extent of her work which has survived, she is undoubtedly Scotland's most significant early modern woman writer.

The proposed inscription, and source of the quotation, are as follows:

Elizabeth Melville, Lady Culross (c.1578-c.1640)

Though tyrants threat, though Lyons rage and rore Defy them all, and feare not to win out.


(from "Ane Godlie Dream" (1604 edition), lines 386-87)

A stone inscribed in memory of John Muir will be unveiled later this spring.

The Culture and Sport committee convene in the Dean of Guild Court Room at 10am and all members of the public are welcome. The papers can be found online [here](#).

Council Leader Andrew Burns who is a keen cyclist is to speak at the meeting of the local cycling group, Spokes on Monday 24 March 2014.



 Sighthill Library run this group each month for children with dyslexia, but you don't have to live in the area to go along and join in. Contact Hannah for more details.

You can read more about [Sighthill Library at Gate 55 here.](#)



Councillor David Walker who represents the Portobello/Craigmillar Ward told The Edinburgh Reporter yesterday that he had shot a hole in one during a friendly golf match with friends just recently, but failed to have a photo taken to commemorate the event!

Have you been out on the golf course already this year? Any memorable moments captured in photos? Then send them to us! We would love to know about them and share your story.

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