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Community Council meeting

Ian Murray MP – two birds with one stone

Edinburgh Award

Serious assault in Edinburgh at the weekend

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Craigentinny/Meadowbank Community Council hold their meeting this evening at 6.30pm at the Craigentinny Community Education Centre, 9 Loaning Road EH7 6JE. All local residents welcome.

In a cleverly worded question, Ian Murray MP for Edinburgh South managed to include references to both James Gillespie's High School and local Edinburgh man Mohammed Asghar at Westminster last week.

The MP explained that during a visit to the school he had been asked by pupils there about the possibility of 16 and 17 year-olds having the right to vote at next year's General Election, and that he had met Mr Asghar's granddaughter.

Mohammed Asghar is being held in prison in Pakistan despite having a mental health condition. Mr Murray asked : "May we have an urgent statement or debate on how we can get British nationals who have been diagnosed with health concerns back to this country so that they can be treated with their loving families?"

William Hague the Leader of the House assured Mr Murray that actions were being taken on both counts.



Votes for the Edinburgh Award 2014 must be submitted [online](#) or by post no later than Thursday 27 November 2014.

The Lord Provost, Councillor Donald Wilson, said: “The Edinburgh Award is the City’s chance to pay public tribute to an extraordinary individual whose work or achievements have brought positive attention to Edinburgh in the past twelve months.

“Whoever receives the award in 2014 will become the latest member of a very elite club indeed. If you haven’t cast your vote yet, fill out the nomination form right away and send it in to us to make sure your chosen candidate has a chance of gaining the recognition they deserve.”

To nominate, fill in the survey online or download and post the Edinburgh Award nomination form. Submissions are quick and easy to fill in and are available from <http://www.edinburgh.gov.uk/edinburghaward>.

Completed nomination forms must be received by Thursday 27 November 2014.

The 2014 recipient of The Edinburgh Award will be honoured at a ceremony to be held in Edinburgh early next year.

Police in Edinburgh are appealing for witnesses after a man was seriously assaulted in the city in the early hours of Saturday morning 22 November 2014.

The 41-year-old man was attacked in Murrayburn Green around

2am by three men, all aged around 15 to 18 years and all wearing hooded tops, jeans or cottons.

The man was stamped and kicked by his attackers, who also struck him with a pole.

He was taken to the Royal Infirmary of Edinburgh, where he remains in a serious but stable condition.

Detective Constable Steven Livingstone, who is leading the enquiry, said: "This was a horrific and sustained attack on a man by three others, who used significant violence and a weapon to inflict serious injuries rendering him unconscious and lying on the ground.

"We have only a very sketchy description, but believe his attackers walked away towards a nearby bridge.

"I would appeal to anyone who witnessed this assault, or has any other information which could help us, to call Police Scotland on 101 or call Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111."

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