Five things you need to know today!

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Parking in the city

Broomhouse Community Shop need a bookkeeper

There will be fireworks

Festival tip of the Day

Edinburgh to Helsinki

Since the spring of this year council officers have been considering what they might do about evening parking, Sunday parking and the council's overall approach to charging. Their main aim is to discourage commuter car travel in the city, preferring instead that commuters use public transport or a means of Active Travel.

These matters were referred to the Transport Forum for feedback and it is clear that paying for parking into the evenings is well supported by the forum.

Those who live in Controlled Parking Zones might be supportive of this extended charging as it could make their lives easier when they return in the evening or on a Sunday to find a resident's space to park their vehicle.

The council now proposes to roll out shared use parking which will make some of the spaces in the city dual use and therefore more flexible. All residents' zones will have Visitors Permits introduced. This was thought necessary by some carers and those visiting daily where the resultant cost was considerable. The other part to this strategy is that motorists will be expected to pay for parking in Zones 1 to 6 and in part of Zone 7 on Sundays also in an effort to make streets safer for all. The council aim that by 2030 the transport system in the city is one of the greenest and healthiest in Northern Europe.

Pricing will be set in such a way that motorists will be deterred from bringing cars to the city centre on an all day commuter parking basis. This will encourage turnover of spaces on a regular basis.

Although these matters are being recommended there will be a long lead in as the council will have to consult on the measures to be put in place and Traffic Regulation Orders will be required. Edinburgh has a low car ownership ratio in any case, five per cent below the Scottish average, and the council want to encourage that along with increased bus usage, cycling and walking to work.

All of this will be discussed at next week's <u>Transport and</u> <u>Environment Committee</u>.

There is a job on offer in Broomhoouse.

This is a vacancy for a bookkeeper within the Community One Stop Shop. It is a 6 month vacancy for 4 hours per week.

Experience essential. Duties include:

- Reconciliation of accounts
- Funding award returns
- Financial support for funding applications
- Invoicing
- Compliance with OSCR returns
- Training and recruitment of a volunteer treasurer for management committee representation
- Preparing of financial reports

Immediate start available. Please send CV
to cossinfo@ymail.com

Another few days until the Festival Fireworks on 31 August but here's a video to whet your appetite!

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Our Festival tip of the day is to go to see Dr Professor Neal Portenza's Catchy Show Title

This Australian will have you holding your sides with laughter. He is appropriate for those 12+ but not those of a serious or nervous disposition. At The Mash House 6-30 August at 19.40. <u>Tickets here.</u> ***

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