

# Five things you need to know today

## This week at the Council

Today the council's Housing Homelessness and Fair Work committee meets at 10am. [The papers and how to watch the meeting are here.](#)

- The committee will discuss the Housing Emergency Action Plan

On Wednesday the Development Management Sub-Committee meets to discuss various planning applications. [The papers are here.](#)

- The applications to be considered include the pre application stage of a proposal to build a care home on the site on St John's Road and bounded by Manse Road where previously there was a supermarket. In addition there are several short term lets and the demolition of Murrayfield Sports Bar to make way for student flats.

On Thursday the Culture and Community committee meets at 10am. [The papers are here.](#)

- The committee will discuss closing Moredun Community Centre permanently after a fire and possibly using the site for houses or putting it up for sale.

## Historic Environment Scotland talk

Historic Environment Scotland are holding a Curator's talk on

4 March with archive material about Rosslyn Chapel. The event will be held at John Sinclair House, 16 Bernard Terrace, Newington, Edinburgh EH8 9NX, but it will also be possible to attend on Zoom.

The talk will be delivered by Fran Baseby the Deputy Head of Archives and will explore the recent acquisition of the Rosslyn Chapel album which includes letters, sketches and engravings all linked to the chapel. The talk will be followed by a visit to John Sinclair House. To book email [archives@hes.scot](mailto:archives@hes.scot). More information [here](#).

## Sponsors and volunteers needed

Edinburgh Festival of Cycling seeks sponsors and supporters for the 2024 edition which will take place from 31 May to 9 June 2024.

The event celebrates all aspects of cycling in Edinburgh and challenges people's perceptions of what cycling is and put the city on the map as an international cycling destination.

Featuring a wide range of events: from rides (sporty and otherwise) to family activities, to a range of cultural events, the Edinburgh Festival of Cycling truly has something for everyone!. The festival was first run in 2013. In 2014, it offered over 80 individual events at 46 different venues, with around 5,000 people from around the world participating. In 2015, the festival got bigger, and it had to extend so that we could fit in even more events.

The Edinburgh Festival of Cycling says it has been listed as one of Active Traveller Magazine's [top 10 cycling festivals in Europe for 2017](#), as well as one of the UK's best cycling festivals by [The Guardian](#) and [Total Women's Cycling 2016](#) (also [2015](#) and in [2014](#) too).

The Sponsorship pack is here:



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# Community Council closes Facebook page

Stenhouse, Saughton Mains and Whitson Community Council has advised that it is closing its Facebook page temporarily but “hopes at some point in the future to be able to reopen this again. We do not have enough members to allow us to continue to operate this page at the time being”.

The next committee meeting will be held on 11 March at 7pm in the Carrickvale Community Centre and residents are invited to come along to help the group grow, to support local issues as well as making improvements in the area.

- Any notices will be put on the physical noticeboards here:
- Saughton Mains – Stenhouse Drive,
- Whitson in Stevenson Drive,
- Chemist at Stenhouse Cross.

A spokesperson for the community council said: “The local Community Council Elections are due to take place around May this year where we hope to have new members come on board. If you need to contact us please email: [ssmwcommunitycouncil@gmail.com](mailto:ssmwcommunitycouncil@gmail.com).”

## Our February issue

Our February issue is out now and we are already working on the March issue which goes to press today. The February edition has more on Stephen Rafferty’s exclusive story about Chief Constable Jo Farrell revealed in our centre spread and our new columnist Liam Rudden will entertain you with news of all the theatre you must see.

We are pleased with this month’s issue, and really pleased to

be nominated for an award for our newspaper which will be announced in March. And if you wish to buy a copy and have it delivered to your home or business then [please subscribe here.](#)

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## Year of the Dragon

### Bringing success and opportunity

By PHYLIS STEPHEN

**THERE WILL BE** a full programme of events in the capital to herald the start of the Year of the Dragon and celebrate Chinese New Year 2024.

The entertainment in Edinburgh firms the largest celebration of its kind in Scotland and it runs from 3 to 13 February. There is a wide range of activities including the Official Chinese New Year Concert at Usher Hall which has become an annual fixture in the civic calendar.

The programme includes dragon and lion dances, a bilingual ceilidh, tai chi sessions, calligraphy and tarot card reading, all of which help to promote local businesses and to reinforce the links between Scottish and Chinese culture.

The Dragon is a significant emblem in Chinese culture symbolising power, nobleness, honour, luck and success, and it is predicted that the new year will bring opportunities, changes and challenges.

The festival in the capital is supported by Heriot-Watt University and Hainan Airlines, and is coordinated by Edinburgh Tourism Action Group (ETAG). This forms a large part of the group's China Ready initiative and ETAG will hold their annual conference during the week at the Edinburgh International Conference Centre with training sessions and industry meet-ups.

For a full run down of this month's events to celebrate turn to page seven

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