

Five things you need to know today

Dalry plans

A local engagement event will be held on Thursday 11 April at St Bride's Centre focusing on the new proposals for Dalry which the public is now being consulted on. Cllr Scott Arthur commented these are intended to make the area greener, healthier and a more vibrant place to work, live and visit.

He said: "The plans for the town centre aim to create a more attractive place, and have been designed with community input to make it easier to access local shops, schools and services with wider pavements, better cycling provision and reduced bus journey times.

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General Election 2024

It could happen any time until 28 January 2024, but candidates are being lined up for all the major parties and for all the constituencies in Scotland. If that is you then get in touch. If you are a voter then please do tell us the questions you would like to put to any candidates in your area.

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Filmhouse fundraiser

The fundraising for the Reopening of The Filmhouse continues apace.

The target is £300,000 and the balance is quite small – in fact it is likely that with Gift Aid the target has been reached. But the Crowdfunder remains open for anyone to donate any last minute sums should you wish to.

<https://www.crowdfunder.co.uk/p/filmhouse-open-the-doors>

With the recently announced [UK Government funding](#) the doors will reopen in the autumn.



Filmhouse Edinburgh with Open the Doors banner outside PHOTO ©2023 The Edinburgh Reporter

Murrayfield Community Council meeting

The community council meets next week on 16 April at 7.45pm in Saughtonhall Community Centee 22 Saughtonhall Avenue.

Out of all the levels of political representation (who all have a standing invitation to these regular meetings only Cllr Alan Beal attended the last one on 5 March. Presumably community councils can begin to expect an influx of politicians and prospective politicians visiting them in the next few months.

From last month's minutes (still in draft form) it appears that the council are paying for hanging baskets on Roseburn Terrace for the shops to hang outside. Also there has been a large puddle outside Dine for some time and this had not yet been resolved.

Much discussion took place over the Roseburn Path and the anticipated tram extension. It is notable that Cllr Beal said that in relation to the tram he had "no idea where the funding would come from". In the past the Scottish Government were persuaded to fund some of the tram projects.

And there was discussion of the impending opening of the City Centre West to East Link ([CCWEL](#)) – which has now happened.



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Picture Alan Simpson

The new £23 million City Centre West to East Link (CCWEL) walking, wheeling and cycling route officially opened at Haymarket.

Patrick Harvie MSP, the Active Travel Minister and Cllr Scott

Arthur with children from St George's School and Roseburn Primary School

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Lift off at dance festival

Traditional dancers have spring in their step

By PHILIP DIXON

TRADITIONAL DANCE will take centre stage during the Pongopon Festival which showcases international dance on a teaching, learning and performing platform. The still new festival is on at The Scottish Storytelling Centre and other Edinburgh venues from 25-30 April.

Five dance commissions and audiences will be performed, with live music, poetry, and art and the festival invites audiences to take part in artilis, workshops (both in person and live streamed), tours, and talks about traditional dance.

Some of the highlights include a family day with a crafts fair all led by Gemma Brockbank of Caledonia, and a matinee showcase by traditional dance artists who are in residence at Edinburgh primary schools, and Bulgarian and Christian language schools in the capital.

Styren Nerliova, Festival Producer and Curator of the Traditional Dance Forum of Scotland said: "It is so satisfying to see that the pongopon ruby seeds of traditional dance that we planted for the first time in spring 2022, once again blossom into Scotland's springtime festival for world traditional dance."

"In a new festival born in times of uncertainty, displacement and border reconfigurations, we were inspired by a poem by Lee Min-Hwan that captured the zeitgeist."

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