

The Element Newhaven Owners' Association (TENOA)

LETTER FROM THE CHAIRMAN: SUMMER 2018

18th June 2018

Dear Fellow Owner,

Since I last wrote to you at the New Year your **Committee** has continued to work with **The Element Factors (TEF)** to follow up things from the AGM last November. Here is an update and important dates for your diary.

Our own **TENOA website** has been redesigned to set out attractively things about **The Element** existing or new owners and tenants need to know about how we work. It is active, so improving all the time. Click on tenoa.co.uk for details of **a competition** to improve our identity as a good community.

We are gradually appointing **key contacts** in each block – individuals and families as the first port of call for things you wish to discuss about your own block in particular. We are not quite there yet and want it to keep it informal to encourage variety. Soon the website will provide more information.

We are on our way to **improving access in and out of the garden** by changing the courtyard doors' mechanism with keys being provided – just right for the summer. (This should also stop damage to doors we all have to pay for!) It also means easy access into the basement garage when the lift is out of action. The minutes of our last Committee meeting on 8th May give details; you will also hear from **TEF** about how to get your key. After our next meeting (10th July) check the website for more information.

CCTV cameras are now working well in Block 8 – and soon Block 7 – as well as in the Garage. This is a great help in pursuing those who have little regard for others and especially anyone breaking the law.

Nuisance things and people! There are many tales of woe about people who couldn't care less about others. **TEF** is not our policeman nor our nursemaid. We must take responsibility ourselves, with **TEF** always responding to requests for practical help or advice. Responding to calls for emergency action/repairs often uncovers faults endemic in the original building construction or involving insurance issues. There is no magic wand to the cry "I've got a leak. Fix it!" It's rarely that easy. But bit by bit things are improving and every opportunity we have to meet each other helps with positive ideas.

IMPORTANT DATES:

Monday 25th June 2.30 – 7.30pm See attached notice from **Forth Ports Limited** of a **PUBLIC EXHIBITION** of plans for the "wasteland" area. Answers to questions asked about the future here!

Saturday 18th August 11 – 3pm Our own **Summer Garden Fest** in our courtyard garden. Like last year only even better as we learn how to organise things for our community. See details and get involved.

Tuesday 4th September 7 – 9pm **Annual General Meeting** at the David Lloyd Centre. Critical for decision making. Also the election of officers/committee. Download the website form to nominate **Chairman** and **Secretary** for 2018-19 (if you don't nominate there won't be a Chairman or Secretary) Two vacancies on the **Committee** to serve for the period 2018 – 21. Alan Henderson, no longer an owner, has left the Committee. Pamela Bowman stands down but is eligible for re-nomination. The four continuing members: Dave Gardiner, Jo King, Simon McIntyre and Evan Simpson. **TENOA** now has well over 200 active members, so encourage anyone you know who has not yet joined to do so, the best way to look after our own interests.

I have tried to show our determination to make **The Element** an ideal community whatever the challenges, taking all views into consideration. Contact me with any comments or questions: chairman@tenoa.co.uk or use any of the following details: 33/9 Western Harbour View, EH6 6PG 0131 555 2217, or 07749710369 westerlodge@hotmail.co.uk I would be glad to meet you to chat if that would help.

Yours sincerely,

Rodney Matthews (Chairman)