

MURRAYFIELD COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of Annual General Meeting
held on Tuesday, 9 November 2021 at 7.30pm
by Zoom
Chair: J Yellowlees

Present: A Anderson, R Beavis, R Brown, D Dawson, J Forbes, P Gregson,
N Henderson, B Knowles, J McDonough, E Robertson, M Stevens,
H Whaley, J Yellowlees,
Ex officio: Cllr Gillian Gloyer, Cllr Frank Ross,
In attendance: 8 members of the public,
Apologies: Norma Macdonald, Cllr Scott Douglas, Cllr Karen Doran, Cllr
Claire Miller, Cllr Jo Mowat, Cllr Alasdair Rankin, Jeremy Balfour,
MSP, Miles Briggs, MSP, Sarah Boyack, MSP, Foysoy Choudhury,
MSP, Alison Johnstone, MSP, Angus Robertson, MSP, Lorna Slater,
MSP, Sue Webber, MSP, Christine Jardine, MP.

1. Welcome and Apologies

Apologies were received as above. The Chairman welcomed those in attendance.

He reported that in the absence of any candidates for the role of Secretary he had taken on this role and, as it chiefly involved monitoring the mailbox, he was happy to continue.

2. Order of Business

This was approved.

3. Approval of Minutes of AGM held on 6 October 2020

These were approved. Prop: J Yellowlees, Sec: M Stevens.

4. Chairman's and Secretary's Report

The Chairman had circulated his report by email prior to the meeting. A copy is attached.

5. Treasurer's Submission of Audited Accounts

The Treasurer had submitted the audited Accounts for 2020-2021 by email prior to the meeting. A copy is attached.

The Treasurer reported that there had been very few financial transactions in the previous year and running costs of only £231. In the past six months MCC had funded four micro projects – two plaques beside milestones on the A8 road and two to commemorate the connection of artists Charles H Mackie and Samuel Peploe to the Roseburn/Murrayfield area. The expenditure on these projects would be included in the accounts for the current financial year.

6. Social Engagement Report

The Social Engagement Officer had circulated his report by email prior to the meeting. A copy is attached.

The Chairman expressed his sympathy to R Beavis on the difficulties in carrying out this role. R Beavis said that, while he had intimated his wish to

step down, he would continue in the role until a replacement could be found. He would also pursue his proposal to persuade local schools to take part in an art competition inspired by the Colourists and an exhibition of the competition entries. He confirmed that he had contacted Heather Raeburn to offer his help with the Christmas tree at Roseburn.

J McDonough thanked R Beavis for his efforts over the previous year.

7. Election of Office Bearers

The Chairman reported that the current office bearers had indicated their willingness to serve again. R Brown confirmed that no further nominations had been received. The Chairman and the other office bearers stood down and Cllr Ross took the Chair. He asked that the Minutes record his thanks to the office bearers for their time and efforts on behalf of MCC. The outgoing Chairman expressed his gratitude for the support which he had received.

In the absence of any further nominations the office bearers were re-elected without a contest as follows:-

Chairman: J Yellowlees	Prop: J Mc Donaugh, Sec: J Forbes
Vice Chairman: J Forbes	Prop: J Yellowlees, Sec: M Stevens
Treasurer: J McDonough	Prop: J Yellowlees, Sec: J Forbes
Secretary: J Yellowlees	Prop: J McDonough, Sec: R Brown
Minutes Secretary: R Brown	Prop: M Stevens, Sec: J Yellowlees
Social Engagement Officer: R Beavis	Prop: R Brown, Sec: J Yellowlees.

Cllr Ross congratulated the newly elected office bearers and J Yellowlees took the Chair.

8. Any Other Competent Business

8.1 The Chairman congratulated N Henderson (nee Oldroyd) on her recent marriage.

8.2 The Chairman referred to the recent death of Valerie Forbes, whom he described as the life, soul and conscience of Roseburn Park. He intimated that Valerie's funeral would take place at Warriston Crematorium on Tuesday, 16 November at 10am.

P Gregson described Valerie's active commitment to protecting the interests of the Park in connection with the Flood Prevention works, her understanding of local views and her work as a former Chairman of the Friends of Roseburn Park ("FoRP") and chief organiser of the Fun Days.

B Knowles recalled with gratitude the help which she had received from Valerie when B Knowles first took on the role of Secretary of FoRP.

The meeting held a minute's silence in Valerie's memory.

8.3 In answer to a question from a member of the public R Brown confirmed that Community Council elections take place every four years and elections will next be held in 2023.

There were no other items of business.

9. Date of next AGM and Close

No decision was made on the date of the next AGM.

The Chairman closed the Annual General Meeting.

Minutes approved at AGM of [] 2022.

MURRAYFIELD COMMUNITY COUNCIL AGM 2021
CHAIRMAN/SECRETARY'S REPORT

This was again a year like no other, when we remained online but found that at least our timekeeping improved!

CoVid recovery

The 2020 AGM when we appointed Roy as our social engagement officer took place just as our community headed back into lockdown, which in terms of hospitality lasted from October through to April. However, businesses like Dine, the Murrayfield Bar, the new dog groomers boutique at Western Corner and Roseburn's new florist and hairdresser have led a welcome bounce-back, and our Turkish barber has recovered from a fire.

Some successes

Principal among our successes was the Christmas Tree – a triumph for all concerned which seems set to be repeated – so a big thank you especially to Heather Raeburn, both schools and John McNeill.

Renewal of the pitches in Roseburn Park was celebrated in September, and represented perhaps the greatest investment in our community's future.

Our greatest jumping-for-joy moment came at the end of June when we learned that funding was likely to be forthcoming for both Rejuvenating Roseburn and the cafe-conversion.

Most successful community impact was seeing off at least for now the one-size-fits-all CPZ proposal especially in Saughtonhall

A particularly welcome sight in August was the arrival of new crossing patrol keepers at Murrayfield Avenue, Roseburn Terrace and Roseburn Place.

A worthwhile task was our logging of people's interest in the possible reversion of Pansy Walk to allotments.

A task from which some of us derived particular pleasure was the microprojects led by Jim McDonough, with Mike Stevens securing a plaque for Peploe, Jim Forbes taking forward with John Riddell the ones for the A8 milestones, and the Mackie plaque to be unveiled tomorrow by author Pat Clark.

Continuing challenges

Road safety on Ellersly Road, traffic calming at Kinellan Road, the proposed development 30 Corstorphine Road, local flooding and St George's floodlighting were examples of issues that continued to hang over us.

We were concerned about failures in the planning process to protect our trees, and witnessed a worrying acceleration in tree-loss as ash dieback began to manifest itself right across our area – it is to be hoped that the Million Tree City can point to a new future for our tree-cover.

Finally at year's end the biggest elephant in our room hit the road with the award of the CCWEL contract to Balfour Beatty which will remove a great burden of uncertainty.

People

During the year we welcomed Dave Dawson but bade farewell to Ruth Davidson, hearing very promptly from her successor Angus Robertson, and acknowledged Scott Douglas's forthcoming departure.

Thanks and hopes

My thanks go to everyone for their continuing patience and support, and particularly to Rosanne for her management of our online meetings – the zeal with which she mutes us all has revealed a whole new side to her character! Diversifying our membership remains a heart-felt aspiration – surely someone out there would welcome an opportunity to join us for a study of our operations – as does a return to physical meetings when this can be smoothly accomplished.

J Yellowlees

SOCIAL ENGAGEMENT OFFICER'S REPORT

As acknowledged in the Minutes of the last Ordinary Meeting on 5 October 2021, promoting social engagement over the past year past has been, and currently still is, challenging and is likely to remain so over the winter months. I began the process of increasing social engagement last Spring when I had a very productive telephone discussion with Jill McNair of the Murrayfield Grapevine magazine. She was enthusiastic about extending the magazine's coverage of community news and was willing to advertise community events free of charge, particularly if they were promoted by MCC.

I also proposed that MCC mark the centenary (now past) and connection to the local area of artist Charles H Mackie by promoting an art competition. I remain committed to this proposal and intend approaching local schools in the coming months to ask them to produce artwork inspired by Mackie, the Colourists and the Impressionists for a local exhibition in Spring 2022.

I remain convinced that MCC can best encourage social engagement and participation in community by promoting and sponsoring events which bring diverse groups of people together. Recognising and rewarding individuals and groups contributing substantially to community would also raise the profile of MCC. However, I am not the person best suited to lead such an approach and, consequently, do not wish to continue in this role. I will continue to represent the interests of the Roseburn Maltings community and support the work of MCC.

Roy Beavis

MURRAYFIELD COMMUNITY COUNCIL REPORT ON ACCOUNTS 2020 - 2021

- 1 Our sole income in the year 2020 - 2021 was the annual administrative grant from the City of Edinburgh Council.
- 2 Due to Covid-19 Lockdown restrictions, all Murrayfield Community Council meetings in the period April 2020 - March 2021 were run virtually using the Zoom platform. This resulted in a reduction to annual running costs. With no hall hire or photocopying/printing charges the only expense items were Insurance Premiums, Webhosting & Support Services and Member expenses.
- 3 Murrayfield Community Council has no paid employees or fixed assets. Council members do not receive remuneration for work carried out. The balance sheet consists, therefore, solely of the money we hold in our bank account.



Jim McDonough
Treasurer
8 June 2021

MURRAYFIELD COMMUNITY COUNCIL
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR TO 31
MARCH 2021

	2021	2020
	£	£
INCOME		
City of Edinburgh Community Council Grant	842.70	842.70
Bank Statement Reporting Adjustment	0.50	
	<u>843.20</u>	<u>842.70</u>
EXPENDITURE		
Website Hosting & Support	115.00	115.00
Hall Rental (meetings)	----	210.00
Photocopying & Printing	----	126.30
Insurance Premium (Public Liability)	84.00	84.00
Treasurer's Expenses	----	9.60
New Notice Board (Final Payment)	----	1,200.00
Friends of Roseburn Park Donation (Drinking Fountain)	----	800.00
Vice Chair Expenses	32.00	----
	<u>231.00</u>	
Surplus / (Deficit) for year to 31st March 2021	<u>612.20</u>	
	<u>2,544.90</u>	
	<u>(1,702.20)</u>	

MURRAYFIELD COMMUNITY COUNCIL BALANCE SHEET
STATEMENT OF BALANCE at 31 MARCH 2021

	2021	2020
	£	£
Opening Balance 1,376.43 3,111.63 less uncleared cheques 95.50 128.50	1,280.93	2,983.13
Surplus / (Deficit) for year	612.20	(1,702.20)
	1,893.13	1,280.93
Closing Balance less uncleared cheques	1,893.13 ----	1,376.43 95.50
	1,893.13	1,280.93
Represented by: Bank of Scotland Treasurer's Account	1,893.13	1,376.43

I have examined the Records of the Treasurer in respect of the Accounts for the year ending 31 March 2021 and found them to be correct.



Independent Examiner Neil M. Davidson M.C.I.B.S