

MURRAYFIELD COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of Annual General Meeting
held on Tuesday, 31 May 2016 at 7pm
in Murrayfield Parish Church Centre
Chair: J Yellowlees

Present: R Brown, S Holland, N Macdonald, E Robertson, R Smart,
J Yellowlees,
Ex officio: Cllr Edie, Cllr Ross,
In attendance: 6 members of the public,
Apologies: WAmcotts, J Forbes, D Huckle, P Sizeland, Cllr Balfour.

1. Welcome and Apologies

Apologies were received as above. The Chairman welcomed those in attendance. He informed the meeting that D Huckle had stood down as Vice Chairman for health reasons.

2. Order of Business

This was approved.

The Chairman informed the meeting that Community Council elections will take place later in 2016 with the period for nominations beginning on 5 September. He reported that Murrayfield Community Council ("MCC") is seeking candidates and he urged those present to consider standing and encourage others to do so. In response to a question from P Gregson about standing for election, the Chairman informed him that, as the recently appointed Chairman of the Friends of Roseburn Park, he will be co-opted to MCC.

3. Approval of Minutes of AGM held on 12 May 2015

These were approved, subject to an acknowledgement that the date of the current AGM had been estimated.

Prop: S Holland, Sec: R Smart.

4. Chairman's Annual Report

The Chairman reported that in the past year work had begun on the long-awaited flood prevention works and on turning Donaldson's Hospital into homes, and the focus had shifted to the Roseburn-Haymarket cycle-track proposal – with great benefit at least to the size of MCC's audience! The local community had said goodbye at Roseburn Terrace to the Bank, the card-shop and seamstress, but had not yet seen the emergence of a new shop at Kew Terrace or a new use for the purple-turned-white Regency. The Roseburn Action Plan had achieved planters on the Old Bridge, plates for the lights on the New Bridge and restoration of its bench. MCC had decided not to progress upgrading the path to Campbell Avenue, and had seen the belated commencement of work on the new advertising hoardings. New bus shelters had been hailed as having lost their way to some Continental city.

MCC had advanced the start-time of their meetings to 7.30 pm, and implemented Jim Forbes's guillotine for a 9.30 pm closure. They had welcomed the West Edinburgh Neighbourhood Partnership to Murrayfield and met many new faces from Police Scotland, but had said goodbye to some old ones in

their own ranks: Walter Spence, George Douglas and Valerie Forbes. Marco Biagi and Cameron Buchanan had retired from the Scottish Parliament, and, sadly, Sarah Boyack had lost her seat in a “shoogle” of the political kaleidoscope that had seen Edinburgh Central become represented at Holyrood by the leader of the main Opposition party, which now counts among its list members a reinvented Jeremy Balfour.

The Chairman thanked the three City Councillors, Cllrs Balfour, Edie and Ross, for their commitment and support throughout the year and the City Council’s officers, including Mags Laing, who had attended MCC meetings during the year. He expressed gratitude for the support given to him by his fellow Community Councillors and appreciation of the interest shown by the members of the public in MCC’s deliberations.

5. Treasurer’s Submission of Audited Accounts

The Treasurer submitted the audited Accounts. A copy is attached.

The Treasurer reported that in the past year MCC had spent money only on administrative costs – the renting of the meeting room and photocopying – and the Balance Sheet shows more than £3,000 held in MCC’s bank account. The Chairman suggested that MCC find another project on which to spend these funds. The Treasurer reminded the meeting that R Smart had a proposal for repairing stone work on West Coates and some of the funds could be used for that. R Smart informed the meeting that he intended to apply for a £5,000 grant to fund the start of that project, but more money would be needed.

The Treasurer reported that the annual grant from the City of Edinburgh Council had been received net of the insurance premium which the City Council pays to the insurers, Zurich, on behalf of MCC.

The audited Accounts were approved. Prop: R Brown, Sec: N Macdonald.

6. Election of Office Bearers

The Chairman informed the meeting that the election of office bearers would be postponed until after the Community Council elections later in the year.

7. Date of next AGM and Close

It was agreed that the next AGM would take place in mid May 2017.

The Chairman closed the Annual General Meeting.

Minutes approved at meeting of 2 May 2017.