

MURRAYFIELD COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of Ordinary Meeting
held on Tuesday, 2 August 2011 at 8pm
in Murrayfield Parish Church Centre
Chair: H Ross

Present: R Brown, G Douglas, S Holland, G McLeod, H Ross, R Smart,
W Spence, A Weatherston, J Yellowlees
Ex officio: Cllr Edie, Cllr Wheeler
In attendance: 14 members of the public, PC Durant, Chief Inspector Murray
Dykes, Superintendent David Carradice, Murray Black of the City
Council's West Neighbourhood Team
Apologies: M Crockart MP, M Biagi MSP, Cllr Balfour, W Amcotts,
E Robertson

1. Welcome and Apologies

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

2. Order of Business

This was approved.

3. Community Policing Report

P C Prince Durant reported that a Priority Setting Meeting had been held on 22 June and had identified a number of priorities.

3.1 There had been problems at Coltbridge caused by people throwing items from the bridge and damaging vehicles and property below. The culprits had not yet been apprehended.

3.2 The Police had been carrying out joint patrols with the Environmental Wardens and Community Safety Officers of hotspots where youths had been congregating, such as Roseburn and St Margaret's Park.

3.3 As part of the Gateway Initiative the Police, Lothian Buses Inspectors and Community Safety Officers have been stopping and searching buses at Murrayfield with a view to forestalling any trouble from passengers travelling into the city centre.

3.4 110 checks on licensed premises were carried out in July and no problems were found.

3.5 The "Street a Week" campaign to distribute leaflets and knock on doors to make residents aware of their Community Safety Officers was continuing.

4. Ward Councillors' Report

Cllr Edie reported that:-

4.1 following the recent flooding, he and Cllr Wheeler had written to Alex Neil MSP (Cabinet Secretary for Infrastructure and Capital Investment) to ask him to reconsider the withdrawal of Scottish Executive funding for the Murrayfield section of the Flood Prevention Scheme.

4.2 the Friends of Roseburn Park had organised the painting of a mural on the Armoury building in the Park to redirect the energies of local graffiti artists.

Cllr Wheeler reported that:-

4.3 at the City Council meeting on 15 June 2011 it was agreed that the tram line should be completed from the airport to St Andrew Square to enable the project to show “a slight profit”. Cancellation of the whole project would cost almost the same and there would be no asset to show for it.

In response to a question from S Holland, Cllr Wheeler stated that the next decision on funding would be made on 25 August 2011 and more information would be available then. The tram line will serve Ingliston Park and Ride and Edinburgh Park and the 22 bus service will tie in with the tram.

4.4 the Transport Committee had determined that the Murrayfield area was now ranked 7th out of 12 areas in the assessment of the impact of commuter parking and, as the resources available to create new priority parking areas were finite, the Murrayfield area was now scheduled for attention in 2014/15.

In response to a question from a member of the public, Cllr Wheeler stated that there would be opportunities for public consultation.

5. Approval of Minutes of Ordinary meeting held on 3 May 2011

These were approved. Prop: A Weatherston, Sec: R Smart.

6. Matters Arising

6.1. *AGM matter* – Statement of balances

The Chairman reported that he had asked the City Council for clarification on the format of MCC’s Balance Sheet, which is not a full Balance Sheet, as required by the Constitution. The City Council had replied to the effect that the format was the same as that used by all the other Community Councils and it was approved by the City Council. The question whether the Balance Sheet was at odds with the Constitution had not been answered.

6.2. *Murrayfield Stadium concerts*

This matter was discussed immediately after the Community Policing Report. The consensus among the contributors to the discussion was that the weekday Bon Jovi concert had caused fewer problems than the Sunday Kings of Leon concert and that most of the problems were caused by concertgoers who had consumed too much alcohol.

A Weatherston and S Holland had attended a meeting with the SRU on 27 July at which the main issues discussed had been the number of Police officers present on each occasion, the way in which they had been deployed inside and outside the Stadium and the problems caused by excessive alcohol consumption by the concertgoers prior to the concerts, particularly the Sunday concert.

W Spence reported that he had been out on patrol with the Safer Neighbourhood Team on both occasions and was of the view that the Police presence had been adequate. Several members of the public did not share his view in relation to the Kings of Leon concert.

The Chairman reported that most of the correspondence which he had received comprised complaints about concertgoers urinating in public places, particularly near Roseburn Bridge. It was generally agreed that the 10 portable toilets in Roseburn Park provided by the promoter and the SRU for the Kings of Leon concert had proved to be inadequate.

D Carradice and M Dykes explained that on both occasions Environmental Wardens and Safety Officers had been deployed with the Police officers and their numbers had been increased for the Sunday Kings of Leon concert. Increased waste management and collection resources had also been deployed on that occasion.

Murray Black, the Local Environment Manager, reported that he had fed his observations on both events into the de-briefing process. He was of the view that the promoters should be involved in this process in order to make them aware of the problems. The Chairman asked that he share with MCC as much information on the de-briefing process as possible.

D Carradice informed the meeting that the Police can take action against an individual only if he or she is “drunk and incapable” and not just drunk. In response to a question from Cllr Wheeler about stewarding outside and inside the Stadium, he confirmed that the promoter is responsible for providing sufficient stewards to keep people safe inside the Stadium, but not to deal with crime, and the Police have to judge the further manpower required for that purpose.

The Chairman concluded that MCC should provide feedback on both concerts to the Events Planning and Operations Group. He asked the meeting to decide what position MCC should take in relation to future events. Various suggestions were made regarding requiring the promoter to provide a certain number of toilets outside the Stadium, the temporary closure of some side streets, making the promoter responsible for an area beyond the Stadium boundary, a temporary alcohol ban and requesting a meeting with the new SRU Chairman, Sir Moir Lockhead, but no conclusion was reached.

6.3. *Roseburn Terrace area*

This was discussed immediately after the discussion on the Stadium concerts. The following points were dealt with by Murray Black:-

6.3.1 He confirmed that Environmental Health operate the air monitoring unit, which will be removed “during September” once it has been disconnected by Scottish Power.

6.3.2 He has received assurances that the replacement of the lighting on Roseburn Bridge is going ahead and will be completed by 31 October this year.

6.3.3 He reported that Scottish Water is to deal with the 4 missing toby covers in the carriageway. The toby valves have to be dug out and repaired. He will inquire whether temporary “make safes” can be done meantime.

6.3.4 He confirmed that the shop owners are regularly requested to remove the advertising boards outside the shops which obstruct the pavement.

6.3.5 He has been having no success in getting Tie to remove the tram diversion signs, which related originally to the closure of Russell Road.

6.3.6 The Environmental Wardens will deal with the large bins which are blocking the pavement.

6.3.7 He will chase Tie to remove the 2 concrete blocks holding signs which have been placed outside both cafes.

6.3.8 Cllr Wheeler reported that he had been told by Jim Davidson of the City’s Property Conservation Department that the contractor who had been using the scaffolding on the south side of Roseburn Terrace

had ceased trading. The job is to be re-procured and completed and the scaffolding removed.

6.3.9 R Smart proposed that MCC assess what needs to be done to improve the area around Roseburn Bridge on the understanding that the funds to carry out any works would have to be found later.

The Chairman concluded that MCC would continue to pursue the resolution of the above issues.

6.4. *Donaldsons College*

The Chairman reported that MCC had written to the Lands Tribunal to object to the application by CALA, as owners of Donaldsons College, to have certain title conditions restricting building in front of the College removed. The Tribunal had replied to the effect that this was not a matter in which MCC could express an interest. G Douglas reported that CALA's solicitors had made mistakes in the Notice advertising the application and it had been dismissed by the Lands Tribunal and would have to be submitted again. He stated that the planning process would give MCC an opportunity to make representations. Savills had intimated that there had been much interest in the property.

6.5. *Any Other Matters Arising*

J Yellowlees asked for clarification as to whether Sarah Boyack, who is no longer a local MSP, but is now a List MSP, should continue to be invited to MCC meetings as an ex-officio member.

7. Subsequent Meeting Dates and Guests

The Chairman informed the meeting that Marco Biagi MSP had intimated his intention to attend the next MCC meeting in September.

The Chairman provided the attached list of provisional meeting dates for 2012. R Smart expressed the view that the gap between the May and August meetings was too long and there should be a meeting in June.

R Smart proposed that he try to arrange for Riccardo Marini to give a lecture at the start of the meeting scheduled for 1 November this year and that the meeting start earlier to accommodate the lecture. It was proposed that the event be advertised in the Church newsletters, the Evening News and the Murrayfield Grapevine and on the MCC noticeboards. Cllr Wheeler suggested that Mr Marini be asked to look at the Roseburn area and comment on it. S Holland suggested that a shorter agenda than usual would be required for that meeting.

8. Community Council Boundary

R Smart proposed and S Holland seconded the proposal by G Douglas that MCC and the West End Community Council write jointly to the City Council to request the boundary change which would result in Donaldson Area Amenity Association falling wholly within the MCC area with effect from October 2012, when the next elections to Community Councils would take place. Cllrs Edie and Wheeler confirmed that they were happy to support the proposed boundary change.

The Chairman reminded the meeting that there are vacancies on MCC which can be filled by co-opting members before the election in 2012.

9. Publicity and Community Representation

The Chairman advised the meeting that MCC has been trying to live up to the requirement in the new Constitution adopted 2 years ago to ascertain and

represent the views of the community. He circulated a draft flyer publicising the aims and activities of MCC, which met with approval. R Smart requested that the small amount of red lettering, which was difficult to read, be replaced by black.

It was agreed that a survey be put on the MCC website with a view to ascertaining the views of the public.

It was further agreed that, if MCC wished to engage with a particular issue in future, MCC's proposed observations/ course of action would be publicised on the website and the views of the community sought.

10. Western Corner Cash Machine

G McLeod informed the meeting that the cash machine at Western Corner, which incorporated a telephone and which had been well used, had been closed down and steel plates fixed over it. The Manager of the Prego shop has collected 700 signatures to a petition to have it reinstated. G McLeod has asked Cllr Balfour to find out who owns the machine. Murray Black volunteered to ask the Streetscape Working Group the same question. The meeting agreed to support the petition to the owner to have the cash machine reinstated.

11. Murrayfield Farmers Market

R Brown reported that she had been approached by Helena Paul about advertising the Gorgie Farm Farmers Market on the MCC noticeboard. In discussion with the Chairman it had been decided that this was not appropriate. Helena Paul and her husband, Nick, had urged the MCC to consider running a farmers market in Murrayfield, as a market run by Juniper Green Community Council has been very successful and has proved beneficial to local shops. They had suggested Roseburn Park and the paved area near Roseburn Bridge as suitable venues. Cllr Edie expressed the view that a Murrayfield market would be too close to the Castle Terrace market to attract sufficient numbers. It was decided that R Brown should contact Juniper Green Community Council for further information. Murray Black requested a map of any proposed venue so that it could be considered by the City Development Team.

12. Association of Scottish Community Councils Closure

The Chairman confirmed that the Association continues to provide MCC's public liability insurance and further discussion of the effects of its closure was postponed.

13. Friends of Roseburn Park

Cllr Edie had already mentioned the mural which had been completed on the Armoury building. The Chairman reported that the Cricket Club have begun painting the rest of the building. Murray Black intimated that an event will be held in the Park on 11 August to publicise the mural.

14. Network Rail Edinburgh-Glasgow Improvement Programme

J Yellowlees reported that Transport Scotland have decided to bring forward the rebuilding of Haymarket Station. A consultation will take place over the next few months and details can be found on the Network Rail website.

15. Planning and Licensing

There were no licensing matters of note .

R Smart had considered some small domestic planning applications. He had also been told by the architect for the Balfour Stewart House scheme that another developer is interested in the site.

No one was able to confirm whether the ground floor of the former car showroom at Roseburn is to become a Tesco shop.

S Holland passed the South East Scotland Development Plan, which had been sent to him, to R Smart for perusal.

16. Traffic and Transport

In response to a question from a member of the public as to why the traffic lights at the junction of Roseburn Street and the Western Approach Road had been switched off, the Chairman explained that they were intended for use once the tram was in service and had been switched on prematurely.

J Yellowlees expressed the gratitude of the residents of Roseburn Cliff to the City Council for the way in which the reconstruction of the carriageway there had been carried out.

17. Reports

A Weatherston raised the request by Reform Scotland that MCC complete their survey on Community Councils. Cllr Edie expressed the view that the Community Council format needed new life breathing into it and that things could be done to better engage people, but it was too big a topic for the current meeting. It was agreed that consideration would be given to responding to the Reform Scotland survey by the deadline of 3 October.

18. Correspondence

The Chairman provided the attached list of correspondence received since the last meeting and requested that, if anyone had comments on any item, they email him.

19. Any Other Competent Business

R Smart and several members of the public complained about blocked gullies and gutters and the accumulation of debris following the recent heavy rain and flooding.

A resident of Murrayfield View complained that parking on both sides of the street there prevented access by the refuse lorry and the bins had not been emptied for some time. The Chairman undertook to write to Murray Black detailing these complaints.

G Douglas advised the meeting that Cllr Balfour and his wife had become parents to twin girls in June and he proposed that MCC send a letter of congratulation to them. This was agreed.

20. Questions from the Floor

A member of the public complained that the beer garden at the Ellersley Hotel had been causing noise disturbance and asked up to what time at night the Hotel was permitted to play music. She was advised by Cllr Edie that the Noise Abatement Team now function only at weekends and the Hotel's activities are governed by their licence.

A member of the public complained that strong lighting which had been added to Roseburn Primary School was disturbing nearby residents.

2 August 2011

21. Date of Next Meeting: Wednesday 14 September 2011 at 8pm, Saughtonhall Community Association Hall, 22a Saughtonhall Avenue.

Subsequent meetings: 1 November, 14 December 2011.

Minutes approved at meeting of 14 September 2011

for approval

**Murrayfield Community Council Main Correspondence Received
Since meeting of: 2 May 2011**

24 Feb	The Hermitage property owners	Copy correspondence of objection to Balfour Stewart Park plans	
5 May	CEC CC Liaison	On-line resource for community funding	
7 May →	Various	Responses to CC interest in forthcoming Murrayfield concerts	
10 May	SNT	May Newsletter	
10 May	tellmesotland.gov.uk	Public information publishing service	
15 May	ASCC	Bulleting May 2011	
16 May	CEC	Publicizing Edinburgh Biodiversity Week	29 May
17 May	CEC Library service	Latest edition of 'Word Up' newsletter	
17 May	Various CCs	Inter-CC discussion about CEC's revised planning hearing arrangements	
17 May	Gorgie City Farm	Interest in CC noticeboard	
18 May	Cllr Wheeler	Copy correspondence for various Temporary Traffic Orders	
18 May	SNT (Insp. Gilhooley)	Drawing up a Community Safety Plan for Murrayfield Concerts	
19 May	CEC CC Liaison	Advising that the CC Liaison personnel was changing	
20 May	CEC Traffic Orders	Proposed disabled persons' parking places (various)	
20 May	CEC Corporate Services	Invitation to intergenerational engagement for Drumbrae Hub centre's development	
20 May	CEC CC Liaison	Requesting information for public liability insurance provision	
22 May	CEC CC Liaison	Approval of Murrayfield CC's accounts format	
23 May	CEC Planning & Strategy	Draft Edinburgh Canal Strategy	
23 May	CEC Planning & Strategy	Survey about CEC's planning service	
23 May	CEC CC Liaison	Advertising 2011 CC Joint Annual Meeting	27 June
23 May	CEC Licensing	Application lists for meeting of	27 June
24 May	Sarah Boyack MSP	Next steps for Party Flats legislation	
24 May	Marco Biagi MSP	Asking to attend CC meeting	
25 May	Lands Tribunal Scotland	Response to CC objection to removal of Donaldsons College grounds burdens	
27 May	WNP	Online survey for the area	
31 May	CEC	Draft Edinburgh canal strategy	
31 May	CEC City Development	Information about a new planning list listing	
1 June	Edinburgh's Strategic Skills Pipeline	'Working Capital' Issue 1, June 2011	
1 June	Sarah Boyack MSP	Requesting continuing contact information	
2 June	WNP	Draft Commissioning Plan for preventing homelessness	6 July
2 June	WNP	Consultation on City Housing strategy	11 July
2 June →	Sustainable Government	Weekly newsletter	
2 June →	Various CCs	Discussing submissions to CEC regarding the trams	
3 June	Cllr Balfour	Copy correspondence regarding value of Roseburn Terr. advertising hoardings	
3 June	Mike Crockhart MP	Monthly email update	
6 June	Cllr Wheeler	Copy correspondence re: Wester Coates Avenue resurfacing	
6 June	Cockburn Association	Change of meeting agenda for meeting of	14 June
7 June	J. Riddell	Information about Roseburn Terrace advertising hoardings	
7 June	J. Riddell	Suggestions for improvement to Roseburn Old Bridge	
9 June	CEC Library Services	Information about 'Get up and Go' Awards	
9 June	Chief Insp. Denise Mulvaney	Silver Commander for Murrayfield Concerts responding to CC interest in the concerts	
15 June	Sarah Boyack MSP	Party Flats meeting	28 June
20 June	Assist Social Capital	Advice about forthcoming events	27 June 1 July
20 June	CEC CC Liaison	Evaluation of Edinburgh's Plan for Older People	
20 June	CEC Licensing	Applications for next board	July

ASCC = Association of Scottish Community Councils
 CC = Community Council
 CEC = City of Edinburgh Council
 DAAA = Donaldson Area Amenity Association
 EACC = Edinburgh Association of Community Councils
 SNT = Safer Neighbourhood Team at Lothian and Borders Police
 SESplan = The Strategic Development Planning Authority for Edinburgh and South East Scotland
 WNT = West Neighbourhood Team at CEC
 WENP = West Edinburgh Neighbourhood Partnership

20 June	CEC Sustainability Team	Sustainable Edinburgh 2020 questionnaire	
21 June	Network Rail	Meeting to hear about Edinburgh Glasgow Improvement Project	13 July
24 June	SNT	Responded to information about concerts received through CC	
27 June	CEC Planning & Strategy	Letter about adoption of Rural West Edinburgh Local Plan	
27 June	Planning Aid Scotland	Waste Planning Forum	1 July
27 June →	Sarah Boyack MSP	Monthly newsletter / e-updates	
28 June	Cllr Balfour	Copy correspondence response to CC's on-going concern with removal of the air monitoring unit	
30 June	WNT Roads Services	Forthcoming gas works Ravelston Dykes Rd.	4 July
30 June	CEC Traffic Orders	Proposed yellow lines in various places	
30 June	SNT	June Newsletter	
1 July	Edinburgh Trams	Water of Leith east embankment sewer works	11 July
4 July	CEC CC Liaison	Request for photos of the CC in action	
5 July	Transition Scotland	Invitation to a meeting about the Edinburgh Pound local currency	22 Aug
5 July	ASCC	ASCC to close due to Government cuts	
6 July	Scottish Rugby	Invitation to a Residents Meeting	27 Jul
6 July →	Various	Copy correspondence from a resident writing to SRU about the recent concerts	
7 Jul	CEC CC Liaison	New waste factsheets	
7 July	Reform Scotland	Survey of Community Councils	
8 July	CEC CC Liaison	Information about Achieving Community Empowerment project	
14 July	CEC	Response to CC enquiry about Roseburn Bridge lights project	
14 July	CEC Traffic Orders	Various parking bays and waiting restrictions	
14 July	ASCC	Scottish Politics Explained Conference	31 Aug
15 July	SESplan	Development Plan Scheme No. 3	
15 July	CEC Traffic Orders	Experimental changes to retailers parking permits	
19 July	CEC Licensing	List of applications for next board meeting	
19 July	EACC	Forwarding correspondence about a 'Big Drink Debate'	
19 July	J & I Scaffolding	Response to CC enquiry about scaffolding on Roseburn Terrace	
21 July	EACC	Drawing attention to new planning rules	
24 July	DAAA	Letter proposing CC boundary change	
31 July	Scottish Health Council	Newsletter 'Connect', Issue 8 (Summer 2011)	
31 July	SPOKES	Lothian Cycle Campaign bulletin 110 (Summer 2011)	
31 July	Edinburgh Tenants Federation	Annual Report 2010/11	

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