

MURRAYFIELD COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of Ordinary Meeting
held on Tuesday, 1 November 2011 at 8.20pm
in Murrayfield Parish Church Centre
Chair: H Ross

Present: W Amcotts, R Brown, G Douglas, S Holland, G McLeod,
E Robertson, H Ross, R Smart, W Spence, J Yellowlees,
Ex officio: Cllr Wheeler.
In attendance: 12 members of the public, PC Gavin Law.
Apologies: F Deans, Cllr Balfour, Cllr Edie, M Crockart MP, M Biagi MSP.

1. Welcome and Apologies

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

2. Order of Business

This was approved subject to postponing the delivery of the Community Policing Report until the arrival of the Police representative and intimation by R Smart re Item 4 of the Agenda of the absence of Mike Towers.

3. Community Policing Report

PC Gavin Law delivered his report after items 4, 5 and 6 of the Agenda had been dealt with. He reported as follows:-

3.1 Cycle and foot patrols had been out in Roseburn Park and Coltbridge to educate cyclists about their behaviour with a view to making the cycle paths and pavements safer for pedestrians. In response to questions from members of the public, it was confirmed that there is no legal requirement for a cyclist to have a bell and there has been no change in legislation to permit cycling on pavements.

3.2 No one has yet been apprehended for damaging an architect's office and various cars by throwing stones from the Coltbridge Viaduct.

3.3 Police patrols have been trying to educate parents about safe parking near schools. Penalty notices will be served if there is no improvement in the situation.

3.4 High visibility patrols have had an effect in reducing anti-social behaviour.

3.5 Checks on licensed premises have disclosed few problems.

4. Ellersley Road (former Balfour Stewart House) Development

R Smart reported that the architect for the development, Mike Towers, has made changes to the plans to accommodate the planners' requirements and the amended planning application by the developer will be advertised locally and MCC will also publish notice of the application. It is hoped that the architect will make a presentation on the current proposal to the 14 December meeting of MCC.

5. Ward Councillors' Report

Cllr Wheeler reported as follows:-

5.1 The proposed Alternative Business Model was considered by a meeting of the full City Council on 27 October. It is proposed for Environmental Services, Management of Property & Estates and Corporate & Transactional Services. It is proposed that the Council enter into partnership with a firm called Enterprise, which is a spin off from Lancashire County Council and

already operates in several areas of England. Consideration of the proposals has been continued for a further month.

5.2 The investigation into alleged corruption in the Council's property services is continuing. Work at 35-55 Roseburn Terrace has just re-commenced after the appointment of G Grigg & Sons in place of the original contractor and is scheduled to be completed in 10-12 weeks.

5.3 Cllr Edie has forwarded an email to the Chairman confirming that funding has been identified for the Murrayfield/Roseburn section of the Flood Prevention Scheme.

5.4 Signs dealing with dog fouling have been reinstated in Baird Drive and the situation will be subject to ongoing monitoring.

In response to a question from Cllr Wheeler, G McLeod informed the meeting that he had contacted the person at Lothian Buses responsible for bus stops (G Atkins) and had been informed that the proposal to resite the southbound bus stop in Saughtonhall Drive opposite the northbound stop could not be altered.

6. Approval of Minutes of Ordinary meeting held on 14 September 2011

These were approved subject to the amendment of Item 12 to record that G Douglas had also attended the Community Safety meeting on 14 September.
Prop: S Holland, Sec: G Douglas.

7. Matters Arising

7.1. *Donaldson's College*

G Douglas reported that he had written to CALA for reassurance regarding the maintenance and security of the building. He had received a reply to the effect that the site has 24 hour security every day, a regular maintenance review of the building is undertaken and it is expected that the marketing carried out in May will result in a sale. G McLeod is to contact CALA to request a site visit.

7.2. *Dog Fouling*

Cllr Wheeler had already dealt with this issue.

7.3. *Roseburn Area*

J Yellowlees reported that the Air Monitoring Unit has been removed; the various posts and signs relating to Russell Road are serving their intended purpose now that the tram works have begun; the notices in the windows of the former Kenny Dunn car showroom are adverts for other dealerships and not notices relating to a new dealership in these premises; and the new lights to be installed on the bridge are "on their way" according to the relevant Council official.

S Holland reported that the newsagent is closing and the owner is applying for a licence to run a Post Office. S Holland was authorised to ask the owner how MCC could support her application and to provide that support.

S Holland confirmed that rumours persist that Tesco is to take over the former Kenny Dunn premises.

The various obstructions to pedestrians in the form of advertising boards, wheelie bins, grilles etc outside the shops were discussed and Cllr Wheeler undertook to raise this issue with Murray Black of the West Edinburgh Neighbourhood Partnership and to bring to his attention the requirements of the Disability Discrimination Act.

7.4. *Edinburgh Trams*

The Chairman confirmed that Alf Orriel will attend the 14 December meeting of MCC to provide an update.

7.5. *Any Other Matters Arising*

There were no other matter arising.

8. Community Council Boundary

G Douglas reported that Eileen Hewitt, the Community Councils Liaison Officer at the City Council, had confirmed that the paperwork for changing the MCC boundary to include the Donaldson Area Amenity Association had been processed and she was preparing a report to the Council's Policy and Strategy Committee recommending the change. The 3 Ward Councillors, who are members of that Committee, will support the change.

9. Friends of Roseburn Park

A number of representatives of Friends of Roseburn Park were present and expressed their concern about the Flood Prevention Scheme. They understood from the West Edinburgh Neighbourhood Team that finance was in place but they felt that their Councillors and MSP did not seem so sure. The work is due to take 18 months and they feared that it would result in the Park becoming a builder's yard. It was clarified that the Ice Rink car park could not be used for storing materials because the Council does not own the bridge leading to it.

The Chairman reported that, as there are now 100 members of Friends of Roseburn Park, they have elected officers, a bank account and a Constitution, he is considering whether they would be an appropriate interest group to join MCC.

10. Planning & Licensing Matters

R Smart reported that he had looked at 9 small domestic planning applications, none of which gave cause for concern.

A member of the public expressed the view that Western Corner is spoiled by a rash of new signs, many of which advertise businesses which are not based at Western Corner. R Smart was authorised to write to the Planning Department to ask whether these signs require planning permission.

There were no licensing issues to be discussed.

11. Traffic and Transport

In response to a member of the public, who had heard that Roseburn Street was to be closed permanently once the trams were in service, Cllr Wheeler stated that this was unlikely, as the bridge which is being constructed is to carry the trams over the traffic on Roseburn Street. He also reiterated the commitment that only one route from the south of the city would be closed at any one time during the tram works.

12. Reports

W Spence outlined the City Council's severe winter planning arrangements as discussed at the West Neighbourhood Partnership meeting on 5 October.

13. Correspondence

The Chairman directed the meeting to the list of correspondence received since the last meeting, which is attached to these Minutes and to the

Community Safety Event to be held in the former Fox Covert Hotel at 6.30pm on 9 November.

S Holland reported that he had received a letter from Eileen Hewitt confirming that MCC's insurance through the Association of Scottish Community Councils, which is being wound up, will continue until 30 April 2012 and she will contact him before then about continuation of the insurance after that date.

14. Any Other Competent Business

J Yellowlees reported that he had attended a Keep Scotland Beautiful meeting and met someone from Prestonfield in Bloom. He wondered whether MCC could promote Murrayfield/Roseburn in Bloom. Cllr Wheeler expressed doubts based on the experience of Corstorphine CC, who had received sponsorship and grants to place hanging baskets along St John's Road, but had run into difficulties with ongoing maintenance costs and the withdrawal of sponsorship.

15. Questions from the Floor

W Spence and a member of the public raised concerns about the effect of the tram works on Baird Drive and Pansy Walk. The Chairman undertook to raise these concerns with Alf Orriel in advance of the 14 December MCC meeting.

16. Date of Next Meeting: Wednesday, 14 December 2012, 8pm in Saughtonhall Community Association Hall.

Subsequent meetings: 31 January and 6 March 2012.

Minutes approved at meeting of 14 December 2011

Murrayfield Community Council Main Correspondence Received
Since meeting of: 15 Sept 2011

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| 14 Sep | Cllr Wheeler | Update on Roseburn Terrace scaffolding | |
| 15 Sep | CEC CC Liaison | Volunteer recruitment Fair | 28/9 |
| 15 Sep | EACC | Minute of Executive meeting | |
| 15 Sep | Cockburn Association | Papers for Civic Forum Meeting | 27/9 |
| 19 Sep | L&B Police Board | September newsletter | |
| 20 Sep | CEC Licensing | Licence applications for October board meeting | |
| 20 Sep | CEC Planning | Invitation to a Planning Service Engagement Focus Group | 10/10 |
| 21 Sep | WNT | Noting that Community Grants Fund finance still avail. This year | |
| 21 Sep | Inverleith Neighbourhood Partnership | Asking about replacing the footway on Coltbridge Gardens | |
| 23 Sep | CEC CC Liaison | Information on a Planning Aid training event | 15/10 |
| 26 Sep | CEC CC Liaison | Play Area Action Plan consultation | |
| 26 Sep | ASCC | September Online Bulletin | |
| 26 Sep | Tom McInally | Lab. candidate for Local Government Elections intention to attend | |
| 27 Sep | SNT | September newsletter | |
| 29 Sep | Cllr Edie | Copy correspondence re dog fouling in Baird Drive | |
| 3 Oct | Sarah Boyack MSP | E-Newsletter (September) | |
| 4 Oct | CEC CC Liaison | Edinburgh Alcohol and Drug Partnership consultation | |
| 6 Oct | Scottish Water | Launching campaign to encourage people to protect their pipes | |
| 7 Oct | CEC CC Liaison | Electoral roll street names for flier campaign | |
| 7 Oct | WNT | Ratho Station Residents' Association has staging/seats available | |
| 10 Oct | CEC CC Liaison | Survey on training needs of CCs in Edinburgh | |
| 13 Oct | CEC CC Liaison | Community Council newsletter | |
| 14 Oct | CALA Homes | Response to MCC interest in Donaldson's College | |
| 17 Oct | CEC Libraries | 'Word Up' newsletter | |
| 18 Oct | EACC | Information about the Public Information Notices Portal | |
| 18 Oct | EACC | Invitation to Planning Aid for Scotland's parliamentary reception | 23/11 |
| 24 Oct | CEC CC Liaison | Copy correspondence regarding CC boundary change | |
| 25 Oct | SNT | Invitation to Community Safety Event | 9/11 |
| 26 Oct | EACC | Copy correspondence about Commonwealth Games legacy | 28/10 |
| 31 Oct | Sarah Boyack MSP | E-Newsletter (October) | |
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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
 MCC = Murrayfield Community Council
 SNT = Safer Neighbourhood Team at Lothian and Borders Police
 SESplan = The Strategic Development Planning Authority for Edinburgh and South East Scotland
 (T)TRO = (Temporary) Traffic Regulation Order
 WNT = West Neighbourhood Team at CEC
 WENP = West Edinburgh Neighbourhood Partnership