

MURRAYFIELD COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of Ordinary Meeting
held on Tuesday, 26 June 2012 at 8pm
in Murrayfield Parish Church Centre
Chair: H Ross

Present: R Brown, G Douglas, V Forbes, S Holland,
N Macdonald, G McLeod, E Robertson, H Ross, R Smart,
J Yellowlees
Ex officio: Cllr Balfour, Cllr Edie
In attendance: 16 members of the public
Apologies: W Amcotts, Cllr F Ross, Sgt Madine and Inspector Gilhooley of
Lothian & Borders Police, John McNeil of City of Edinburgh
Council ("CEC"), M Crockart MP, M Biagi MSP.

1. Welcome and Apologies

Apologies were received as above. The Chairman welcomed those in attendance and explained that, in the absence of a representative from the Police and of John McNeil of the CEC's Events Planning Operations Group, items 3 and 4 of the Agenda could not be dealt with.

2. Order of Business

This was approved.

3. Community Policing Report

Omitted.

4. Plans for Madonna Concert

Omitted.

5. Councillors' Report

Cllr Edie reported as follows:-

5.1 Plans to upgrade Union Park have been put back by a year to allow the upgrading of Roseburn Park to be brought forward, subject to the Flood Prevention Scheme. If it transpires that the Scheme will not affect the Park, Roseburn Park will be upgraded next year.

5.2 The tram works will require 3 further closures of Balgreen Road. Russell Road will re-open this September. No further closures of Roseburn Street will be required. The section of Princes Street to the west of Waverley Bridge will open at the end of June and York Place will be closed.

A motion has been put to the CEC that an immediate inquiry into the tram project be held.

5.3 Murray Black of the West Edinburgh Neighbourhood Partnership ("WENP") has been seconded elsewhere. Cllr Edie commended his work for WENP, in particular the management of the successful clean ups after the Murrayfield concerts.

Cllr Edie discussed with the Chairman, S Holland and a member of the public the proposal by the SRU to hold a meeting with interested parties on 12 July to discuss the Madonna concert, which is due to take place on 21 July. It

was agreed that “sensible pro-active policing”, as has been seen at recent events, will be required at the concert. The Chairman undertook to publish details of the SRU meeting on the MCC website.

5.4 A street sweeper with a barrow will shortly be introduced in the St John’s Road and Roseburn areas.

Cllr Balfour reported as follows:-

5.5 He has a meeting on 3 July with tram officials to obtain information on the works, particularly in relation to Balgreen. The closure of York Place will last a year, during which time traffic will be diverted via the New Town.

In response to a question from G McLeod, Cllr Balfour intimated that during the closure of York Place the bus station will be relocated to Calton Hill/Regent Road.

In response to questions from R Smart and members of the public, Cllrs Edie and Balfour provided the following information:-

5.6 Planning permission was probably not required for the tram works which lie within railway land.

5.7 The local phase of the Flood Prevention Scheme will go out to tender early next year and work is due to start late next year.

5.8 The Water of Leith is not the responsibility of the CEC, but if the Councillors are advised of problems there, they will ask the appropriate person or body (probably SEPA) to deal with them.

5.9 Cllr Edie will take up with Natalie Hoy of WENP the proliferation of bins at the top of Roseburn Gardens, which is making it difficult to cross the road.

Cllr Edie left the meeting.

6. Approval of Minutes of Ordinary meeting held on 15 May 2012

These were approved. Prop: V Forbes, Sec: S Holland.

The Chairman thanked J Yellowlees for preparing the Minutes

7. Matters Arising

7.1. *Pavement, Roseburn Terrace outside Murrayfield Bar*

The Chairman reported that CEC are investigating the need to repair the whole length of the pavement. A very minor repair has been carried out.

7.2. *Roseburn to Western Corner traffic speeds*

The Chairman reported that CEC are carrying out a survey before the school holidays to ascertain whether vehicle activated speed signs are required.

7.3. *Reinstatement of Pavement, Baird Avenue*

The Chairman reported that CEC have classified this as an emergency measure.

7.4. *Surplus Leaflets*

G McLeod has 1300 of the leaflets produced, but not distributed, by WENP. He was advised by Cllr Balfour to return them to Natalie Hoy for distribution.

7.5. *Boundary Change – Donaldson Area Amenity Association (“DAAA”)*

The Chairman confirmed that this was to have been authorised as part of the Community Council elections in October 2012, but these elections have been postponed to October 2013 because of the CEC elections this year.

7.6. *WENP Representative*

The Chairman reported that he had attended the last WENP meeting, but a permanent representative to replace W Spence was required. **G McLeod agreed to take this on.**

7.7. *Friends of Roseburn Park (“FORP”) shelter feasibility study*

The Chairman reported that he had sent a letter supporting the FORP application for a grant to carry out a study of the feasibility of restoring the shelter to its original condition. FORP are hoping Murrayfield Church and Roseburn School will also lend their support. E Robertson urged V Forbes to visit the School without delay with a view to getting a letter issued before the end of term.

7.8. *Controlled Parking*

The Chairman reported that controlled parking is now being proposed for the Blinkbonny area. There were, as yet, no such proposals for Murrayfield.

7.9. *Any Other Matters Arising*

J Yellowlees reported that there are now two Tesco shops between Haymarket and Roseburn.

8. Legionnaire’s Disease Outbreak

The Chairman reported that Cllr Ross had forwarded the Report on the outbreak of Legionnaire’s Disease by NHS Lothian and Health Protection Scotland to him and he had emailed it to MCC members. R Brown stated that the Report detailed the measures which had been taken to investigate and contain the outbreak and confirmed that the extended Jubilee holiday had not caused any delay.

9. Edinburgh People’s Survey

The Chairman summarised the purpose and scope of the Survey and explained that, overall, Edinburgh residents perceived improvement in their environment and services, but the roads and pavements in West Edinburgh were thought to be worse than elsewhere. **The Chairman undertook to put the summary of the Survey produced by WENP on the MCC website.**

10. Dates, Times and Venues 2013

The meeting discussed the Chairman’s suggestion that some future meetings might be held on a different day or at a different time from Tuesday at 8pm, with a view to encouraging more public participation. The view was expressed that a change of venue to Saughtonhall Community Association Hall had not achieved this. Following a suggestion from Cllr Balfour, it was decided to hold a meeting at 6pm on a Wednesday in the hope that people might attend on their way home from work.

S Holland reminded the meeting that the next meeting on Tuesday, 7 August will be in Murrayfield Church and not the Church Centre.

11. Planning and Licensing

R Smart reported that he had considered 16 planning applications and had no objection to most of them.

11.1 *Ellersly Road*

R Smart reported that the application for the revised development scheme would be considered by the Planning Committee in August shortly after the next MCC meeting. MCC had supported the application. The Cockburn Association had lodged an objection.

11.2 *Kingsburgh Road*

A number of residents of Kingsburgh Road attended the meeting to ask for MCC's support in objecting to the application by the owners of No. 27 for planning permission to alter and extend their property. N Macdonald informed the meeting that 20 objections to the application had been lodged. The owner of No.29 explained that the residents' main concerns were that the addition of dormer windows at the front of the house would break the uniform pattern of the terrace and the extension to the rear would obstruct light and air. They were anxious to avoid the setting of a precedent for alterations of a design, scale and materials inconsistent with the original construction. H Ross informed the meeting that MCC had already lodged an objection. The owner of No.29 informed the meeting that the application for No.27 will be considered by the Planning Committee in August.

The point was made that Kingsburgh Road is only just outside a Conservation Area. The meeting discussed the possibility of having the Conservation Area extended. R Smart stated that attempts to change the boundaries some time ago had failed. Cllr Balfour informed the meeting that this issue is to be reviewed at the end of 2012 and asked for copies of the objections to the Kingsburgh Road application to be sent to him.

11.3 *125 Corstorphine Road*

R Smart reported that, following action by planning enforcement officers in relation to the Corstorphine Roofing signs on the convenience store at Western Corner, an application for planning permission had been lodged. He proposed to lodge an objection on behalf of MCC.

11.4 *6 Baird Gardens*

R Smart reported that the owners of 6 Baird Gardens have applied for planning permission to add a porch to their property. He considered that MCC should object to this application. It was decided that **the Chairman would ask W Spence to ascertain the views of the applicants' neighbours before a decision to object is made. G Douglas will take this forward in R Smart's absence on holiday.**

12. Traffic & Transport

There were no items to be discussed.

12.1 *Controlled parking Blinkbonny and Ravelston Area*

This had been dealt with at 7.8.

13. Reports

The Treasurer and the representative of Murrayfield Church had nothing to report. V Forbes reported that FORP are hoping to hold an event on Sunday, 2 September.

G Douglas reported that, in his capacity as Chairman of DAAA, he had met Cllr Ross and had been impressed by his sincerity and track record.

14. Correspondence

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

15. Any Other Competent Business

15.1 E Robertson expressed concern over the inaccessibility of the path leading from Ravelston Dykes Road to Corstorphine Hill and the fact that few people seem to know that it is a public right of way. The crossing point from the pavement on the Mary Erskine side of Ravelston Dykes Road to the start of the path is at the corner of the Road and is very dangerous. There is no pavement on the other side of the Road. There are large signs advertising the fact that the first part of the path is a private road, but only a small, barely visible sign advertising the path to the Hill. **The Chairman undertook to raise this issue with CEC and asked E Robertson to draft a letter for him to send.**

A member of the public suggested that it might be useful to liaise with the Friends of Corstorphine Hill.

15.2 J Yellowlees reminded the Chairman of the decision taken at the last meeting to **invite the local MP and MSP to separate MCC meetings**, bearing in mind the Parliamentary recesses. **The Chairman undertook to do this.**

16. Questions from the Floor

A member of the public complained that recent road repairs to Coltbridge Terrace had resulted in a “hotchpotch” of patches and eroded areas. **The Chairman undertook to raise this issue with CEC and asked J Yellowlees to photograph the repairs for him.**

17. Date of Next Meeting: Tuesday, 7 August 2012 at 8pm in Murrayfield Church

Subsequent meetings: 12 September, 23 October and 27 November 2012.

Minutes approved at meeting of 7 August 2012.

Murrayfield Community Council Main Correspondence Received
Since meeting of: 15 May 2012

18 May	CEC CC Liaison	Information about Keep Scotland Beautiful grants	
18 May	Scottish Health Council	Health and Social Care Integration Bill consultation	19/7
21 May	CEC CC Liaison	Live Well in Later Life news updated	
21 May	CEC CC Liaison	Information about the Public Information Notices Portal	
23 May	Cllr Balfour	Noting that Ellersly Road development application submitted	
23 May	WENP Development Officer	Queensferry High School performance	4/6
24 May	Member of the public	Cc comment on Ellersly Road development application	
27 May	SNT	April Police newsletter	
28 May	WNT	Information on next NP meeting	
28 May	WNT Project Officer	Acknowledge enquiry about road safety Roseburn to W. Corner	
30 May	WNT	Acknowledge enquiry about paving repairs Roseburn Terrace	
30 May	EACC	Agenda for EACC AGM	16/6
30 May →	Sarah Boyack MSP	E-newsletters	
30 May	CEC Libraries	Latest 'Word Up' Newsletter	
30 May →	SCA	Advertising SCA Summer Fete	17/6
31 May	CEC Policy & Planning	Intention to survey Roseburn to Western Corner for speed signs	
31 May	Edin&Loth Greenspace Trust	e-bulletin	
1 Jun	CEC CC Liaison	Confirmation of delayed DAAA CC boundary change	
5 Jun	SNT	Advertising survey about policing and safety in the area	
6 Jun	The Edinburgh Reporter	Live webchat with West Neighbourhood policing team	19/6
11 Jun	WNT	85 Baird Drive pavement to be fixed as an emergency	
11 Jun	Cockburn Association	Cc commentary on Ellersly Road development application	
11 Jun	WNT Environment	Gully cleaning plans (Coltbridge area)	19/6
14 Jun	WNT Community Safety	Minute of Community Safety Forum meeting	
15 Jun	WNT Env. Wardens	Planned dog fouling signs	
16 Jun	Member of the public	Cc with Cllr Balfour re: wheely bins on Roseburn Old Bridge	
18 Jun	Cockburn Association	Date of Civic Forum meeting	19/6
18 Jun	WENP Development Officer	Cycling Safety HGV Campaign fact sheet launch day	20/6
19 Jun	CEC CC Liaison	Consultation Community Empowerment & Renewal Bill	29/8
19 Jun	CEC Planning	New leaflet about commenting on planning applications	
19 Jun	CEC Planning	Alerting to retrospective planning app. 19 Corstorphine Rd signs	
21 Jun	CEC Licensing	Latest license applications	
21 Jun	WENP Development Officer	Edinburgh People's Survey summary	
22 Jun	SNT	May newsletter	
25 Jun	DAAA	DAAA Newsletter	

ASCC = Association of Scottish Community Councils
 CC = Community Council
 Cc = Copy Correspondence
 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