

MURRAYFIELD COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of Ordinary Meeting
held on Tuesday, 31 January 2012 at 8pm
in Murrayfield Parish Church Centre
Chair: R Smart

Present: R Brown, G Douglas, V Forbes, S Holland, G McLeod, E Robertson
R Smart, J Yellowlees.
Ex officio: Cllr Balfour, Cllr Edie.
In attendance: 11 members of the public, PC H McGrath, John Wharrie of City of
Edinburgh Council.
Apologies: W Amcotts, N Macdonald, H Ross, W Spence, Cllr Wheeler,
M Crockett MP, M Biagi MSP.

1. Welcome and Apologies

Apologies were received as above. The Chairman welcomed Valerie Forbes as the nominee of the Friends of Roseburn Park to membership of Murrayfield Community Council ("MCC"). The Chairman also welcomed those in attendance. Cllr Balfour joined the meeting a little later.

2. Order of Business

This was approved.

3. Community Policing Report

PC Hazel McGrath reported as follows:-

3.1 There had been no recent reports of note regarding anti-social behaviour.

3.2 The Police had continued to prioritise the following issues:-

(1) dangerous parking and idling car engines near schools – the problem remained particularly bad at Mary Erskine and St George's;

(2) youths buying alcohol from off-licences – the Police and the City Council's Licensing Team had been undertaking joint visits to licensed premises;

(3) under age drinking on buses and in parks – the bus companies had welcomed a Police presence on the buses and there had been high visibility foot patrols in the parks.

The next Priority Setting meeting will be held at the new Drumbrae Community Hub on 29 February 2012 at 2pm.

In response to a question from George Douglas, **PC McGrath undertook to check whether the problems with the issue of the regular Police Newsletter had been resolved.**

A member of the public complained that, when concerts and matches took place at Murrayfield Stadium, the Police often struggled to enforce the regulations governing the parking of buses. PC McGrath advised concerned members of the public to phone the Police when, for example, a bus had been parked across a private drive.

4. Flood Defence Scheme

John Wharrie of the City of Edinburgh Council reported that Phase 1 of the Flood Defence Scheme from Bonnington to Stockbridge was due to be completed by the end of 2012. There is currently a shortfall in funding

from the Scottish Government for Phase 2 – Damside, Belford, Coltbridge, Roseburn and Murrayfield – and the City Council is currently assessing how much of Phase 2 can be completed. Phase 2 is due to be started in April 2013.

J Wharrie informed the meeting that a works compound will be established on the former allotments at Balgreen/Pansy Walk, which will be occupied by the tram works until April/May 2013. It should be possible to avoid using Roseburn Park for the works compound, but there will be some disruption to the Safer Routes to School through the Park. Initial discussions have taken place with Roseburn Primary School. At least one access route through the Park will be included in the Scheme and it should be possible to reconfigure the Park to allow some continued use.

In response to a member of the public who asked whether the start date for Phase 2 was guaranteed and what effect the funding shortfall would have, Cllr Edie explained that procurement had still to take place and takes time. It may not be possible to complete Phase 2 as far as the bridge at Balgreen. He and J Wharrie advised that the Council has flood prevention and control measures in place at the reservoirs and equipment which can be deployed quickly to provide temporary flood defences.

5. Ward Councillors' Report

Cllr Edie reported as follows:-

5.1 The City Council has rejected the Alternative Business Model for all three of the services for which it was being considered.

5.2 The City Council's Budget will be set next week. It is proposed that the Council underspend for the current year of £2m be allocated to environmental improvements.

5.3 The new Drumbrae Library had been opened officially earlier that day. The West Neighbourhood Team and Safer Neighbourhood Team are now based at the Drumbrae Community Hub.

In response to comments from R Smart and a member of the public about the state of gutters and pavements in Murrayfield/Roseburn and the difficulty of cleaning them where cars are parked, **Cllr Edie** explained that the parking of cars can be temporarily prohibited to allow gully cleaning, but not pavement cleaning. He asked to be notified of the streets where there are particular problems and **undertook to suggest to the appropriate Council teams that both activities are carried out together.**

6. Approval of Minutes of Ordinary Meeting held on 14 December 2011

These were approved.

Prop: S Holland, Sec: G McLeod.

7. Matters Arising

7.1. *Ellersley Road (former Balfour Stewart House) development proposal*

R Smart informed the meeting that a planning application for a slightly modified scheme would be submitted in about 10 days time. G Douglas reminded the meeting that there is a 21 day time limit for submitting letters of support. The issue of pedestrian safety in Ellersley Road was discussed and **Cllr Balfour** reported that, at his request, the Council were looking at the possibility of installing an island to facilitate crossing the road.

He **undertook to provide an update at the next MCC meeting.**

7.2.1 *Lights on Roseburn Bridge*

Cllr Edie undertook to ask the Neighbourhood Team whether cabling was now in place to enable the installation of the new lights on Roseburn Bridge.

7.2.2 *Murrayfield Gardens Pillar*

R Smart reported that the Murrayfield Gardens pillar has now been moved close to the edge of the pavement. Some complaints have been made about its new location. **R Smart requested that the Secretary write to Mr and Mrs O'Sullivan, from whose wall it had been removed, to thank them for their co-operation and that the Treasurer authorise the sending of flowers.**

7.2.3 *Tram works*

In response to a question from G Douglas about Item 5 of the Minutes, S Holland reported that there had been no progress towards setting up a Community Engagement Group.

Cllr Balfour undertook to check the current position regarding the works at Haymarket, Balbirnie Place and Russell Road and to ask Bob McCafferty to attend and update the next MCC meeting. R Smart suggested that a written report be submitted to the meeting on 6 March (**Cllr Edie undertook to arrange this**) and that Bob McCafferty be asked to attend the following **meeting on 4 April.**

7.2.4 *Advertising Signs at Western Corner*

In response to a question from G Douglas about Item 9 of the Minutes, **R Smart undertook to chase the Council's Planning Department for an answer about the legality of the Corstorphine Roofing signs.**

8. Flood Defence Works and Roseburn Park

This had been dealt with at Item 4 above.

9. Balgreen Road Telephone Mast

It was agreed that planning applications for mobile phone masts caused less concern than they used to and, if their electro magnetism complied with EU regulations, could be objected to only on purely aesthetic grounds.

10. Flyers and Website

R Smart informed the meeting that flyers advertising MCC's aims and activities had been distributed to all households within the MCC area. A member of the public living at Roseburn stated that she had not received one.

11. SRU Murrayfield Local Residents Group

S Holland reported that he had attended a meeting of this Group as a representative of both MCC and the residents of Roseburn Maltings on 12 January. The SRU had provided details of their plans for the Calcutta Cup match to be held on 4 February.

S Holland informed the meeting that H Ross had received no response at all to the lengthy email he had sent to the Council, the SRU and the Police in October 2011 raising MCC's concerns over the problems caused by the crowds attending pop concerts at the Stadium. H Ross had proposed that the bye-laws controlling the consumption of alcohol in public be enforced and that MCC be consulted at the planning stage of a proposed concert. On the first point Cllrs Balfour

and Edie confirmed the statement made at the last MCC meeting that enforcement of the bye-laws is problematic. On the second point S Holland reported that the SRU had said that advance publicity of a proposed concert could jeopardise the chances of securing the band/group in question. They had intimated that one concert by a “family friendly” group/band, which could not be identified, would take place in July this year.

12. Planning & Licensing Matters

R Smart reported that he had looked at 12 domestic planning applications and concluded that the only one of concern would receive detailed scrutiny, as it required Listed Building consent.

In response to a question from J Yellowlees, Cllr Balfour confirmed that permission for change of use of the former Kenny Dunn car showroom premises to Class 1 (Retail) had been granted. An application for an alcohol licence would also be required, but had not yet been made.

There were no licensing matters to be discussed.

13. Traffic and Transport

J Yellowlees reported that seven people had attended a public consultation meeting about the plans for the rebuilding of Haymarket Station at St George’s West Church on 17 January 2012. The contract for the work, which is due to be completed in late 2013/early 2014, has been awarded to Morgan Sindall.

14. Reports

There were no further reports.

15. Correspondence

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

16. Any Other Competent Business

There was no other competent business.

17. Questions from the Floor

There were no questions from the floor.

18. Date of Next Meeting: Tuesday, 6 March 2012 at 8pm in Murrayfield Parish Church Centre.

Subsequent meetings: Wednesday, 4 April, Tuesday, 15 May (including the AGM) and Tuesday, 26 June 2012.

Minutes approved at meeting of 6 March 2012

Murrayfield Community Council Main Correspondence Received
Since meeting of: 14 Dec 2012

14 Dec	CEC Blt & Natural Heritage	Draft natural heritage strategy for Edinburgh	31/1
16 Dec →	Various	Copy correspondence supporting 33 Ellersley Road plans	
16 Dec	SNT	November newsletter	
19 Dec	Mfld DAFS Cricket Club	Copy correspondence with CEC re Roseburn Park rose garden	
20 Dec	Lesley Hinds	Consultation event re: City transport	9/1
21 Dec	Sarah Boyack MSP	E-Newsletter	
22 Dec →	Clr Wheeler	Temporary Traffic Regulation Orders (various)	
22 Dec	SNT	December newsletter	
23 Dec	WNT	West Ed. Housing sites workshop	16/1
4 Jan	CEC Licensing	License applications list	
5 Jan	CEC CC Liaison	Consultation on Edinburgh's libraries	
5 Jan	CEC West Neighbourhood	Drumbrae Library Hub opening events	31/1
6 Jan	EACC	Copy of Water of Leith Bridge Inspections plans	
8 Jan	EACC	Public policy network event about CCs	26/1
9 Jan	WNT	Survey about CEC alternative business models	11/1
9 Jan	CEC CC Liaison	Report about CC training and support	
10 Jan	ASCC	Online Bulletin	
11 Jan	CEC Licensing Board	Consultation about licensing policy re: overprovision of premises	
11 Jan	A&K Communications	Proposed telecoms mast junction Balgreen Rd/Glendevon Park	
12 Jan	CEC Libraries	News and events from Edinburgh City Libraries	
13 Jan	CEC CC Liaison	Sources of funding newsflash	
13 Jan	Craighleith/Blackhall CC	Copy correspondence questioning Nationwide Network of CCllrs	
15 Jan	L&B Police Board	Newsletter	
16 Jan	EACC	Minutes of EACC Executive meeting	
18 Jan	CEC CC Liaison	Consultation on Day Services for Older People	29/2
19 Jan	CEC CC Liaison	'Live in Great Britain' e-resource	
24 Jan	J Harding-Edgar	Copy Correspondence: clean up of Murrayfield Gdns pillar work	
25 Jan	CEC Planning	Seminar on new householder permitted developmens rights	21/2

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