

MURRAYFIELD COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of Ordinary Meeting
held on Tuesday, 4 April 2012 at 8pm
in Saughtonhall Community Association Hall
Chair: H Ross

Present: W Amcotts, R Brown, G Douglas, V Forbes, S Holland,
N Macdonald, G McLeod, E Robertson, H Ross, W Spence,
J Yellowlees.
Ex officio: Cllr Balfour, Cllr Edie, Cllr Wheeler.
In attendance: 6 members of the public, PC John Gittens, S Kerr, Corstorphine
Community Council.
Apologies: R Smart, M Crockart MP, M Biagi MSP.

1. Welcome and Apologies

Apologies were received as above. The Chairman welcomed those in attendance. He explained that S Kerr of Corstorphine Community Council would participate in the discussion of the hustings event for the forthcoming City Council elections (Item 6.7 of the Agenda).

A special welcome was extended to Cllr Wheeler, who was attending his last Community Council ("MCC") meeting before retiring as a CEC Councillor.

2. Order of Business

This was approved.

3. Community Policing Report

PC John Gittens reported as follows:-

3.1 There had been no complaints regarding anti-social behaviour.

3.2 There had been 4 reported break ins in Murrayfield Avenue, Upper Coltbridge Terrace and Garscube Terrace. In response to a query from a member of the public, who had heard reports of further incidents, PC Gittens confirmed that there had been attempted break ins in Garscube Terrace and the Mary Erskine School. Foot and bicycle patrols had been increased.

3.3 Traffic speed checks had been carried out between Roseburn and Western Corner on 5 separate days, but the data from these was not yet available.

3.4 The Corstorphine Police and Traffic Police together were targeting buses speeding between Western Corner and Corstorphine and feedback would be provided at the next MCC meeting.

3.5 George Douglas had confirmed that PC Prince Durant had contacted the Neighbourhood Watch representative of Donaldson's Area Amenity Association ("DAAA") regarding the failure to provide advance notice of the TTROs for the road closures which had been in place during the Scotland v France rugby match at Murrayfield Stadium.

3.6 The public are urged to report any untoward activity which might be related to thefts of lead and copper roof cladding.

3.6 The next Priority Setting meeting will be held at the new Drumbrae Community Hub on 23 May 2012 at 2pm.

4. Ward Councillors' Report

Cllr Edie reported as follows:-

4.1 An alcohol licence for 3 Roseburn Terrace had been granted to Tesco. He had been unhappy with the coverage of this item in the Evening News.

4.2 An alcohol licence had also been granted to the SRU for the Madonna concert.

4.3 The meeting between City Council Leader, Jenny Dawe, and Finance Secretary, John Swinney, regarding the refusal by the Scottish Government of funding for the Flood Defence Scheme will take place on 18 April and not 23 March, as reported at the previous MCC meeting.

4.4 The new lights had been installed on Roseburn Bridge and are a little bigger than expected. Murray Black of the West Edinburgh Neighbourhood Partnership is to request that the stands are painted .

4.5 Bob McCafferty will update the MCC meeting in May on the local tramworks.

4.6 The Police report on the fatal accident between a taxi and a cyclist at Murrayfield on 5 March is not yet available because Inspector Gilhooley is currently on holiday.

4.7 The request for automated traffic speed signs between Western Corner and Corstorphine had been granted and a similar request had been made for the stretch between Western Corner and Roseburn.

4.8 A budget surplus had allowed the planting of 9 new trees in Saughtonhall Drive.

4.9 Murray Black had confirmed that the leaves had been cleared from all the areas reported to him except where access was impeded by parked cars.

4.10 Signs about dog fouling had been fixed to the bins in Roseburn Park, whereas they should have been displayed where people who do not use the bins could see them. The Environmental Wardens are continuing to carry out patrols.

4.11 The SRU's Events Planning and Organising Group ("EPOG") had provided H Ross with an evaluation of the last concert at Murrayfield Stadium.

4.12 Information on the TTROs for Saturday's Heineken European Cup match is now available.

4.13 The need for a traffic island in Ellersly Road was undergoing further assessment.

4.14 Nine objections had been lodged to the proposal for yellow lines in Coltbridge Avenue.

Cllr Wheeler reported as follows:-

4.15 The last meeting of the City Council's Finance and Resources Committee had confirmed that for the third year running all Departments were coming in on or below budget.

4.16 Following the theft of copper roofing from the modern hall at St Ninian's Church new roofing with traceable DNA was being trialled.

4.17 He will not be standing in the forthcoming City Council elections.

Cllr Balfour reported as follows:-

4.18 After Easter Kinellan Road will be monitored for speeding traffic.

4.19 A letter had been sent to H Ross regarding the pavement adjoining the Murrayfield Bar.

Cllrs Balfour and Edie expressed their thanks to Cllr Wheeler for his service on the City Council and, in particular, his significant achievement as Finance Convenor in "balancing the books" and offered him their best wishes for the future. Cllr Edie left the meeting.

5. Approval of Minutes of Ordinary Meeting held on 6 March 2012

These were approved. Prop: G McLeod, Sec: S Holland.

6. Matters Arising

Item 6.7 of the Agenda was brought forward to permit S Kerr to attend another meeting.

6.7 Hustings Arrangements

H Ross informed the meeting that all the local candidates standing in the City Council election in May had been invited to a hustings event in Murrayfield Parish Church Centre on 23 April at 7.30pm. All the candidates, except UKIP's, had accepted the invitation. The event will be chaired by the Reverend Bill Brown. Questions for the candidates from the audience will be collected at the door. H Ross confirmed that he had contacted Corstorphine Community Council to invite them to participate. S Kerr informed the meeting that he chairs West Edinburgh Community Safety Panel ("WECSP") and suggested that the hustings event be advertised as having a focus on community safety and resilience to encourage greater participation. It was agreed that he and H Ross would liaise with a view to incorporating an element of community safety in the event. In discussing the format of the event the meeting considered the relative merits of an open session involving all candidates and smaller break-out groups focussing on individual candidates. Cllrs Balfour and Wheeler were in favour of the former.

S Kerr invited an MCC representative to participate in WECSP and **H Ross undertook to raise this matter again at the MCC AGM in May.**

6.1 Leaf cleaning

This had been dealt with by Cllr Edie at 4.9. N Macdonald and a member of the public stated that a number of pavements and street corners not affected by parked cars had not been cleared.

6.2 Madonna Concert

Cllr Balfour stated that a number of objections to the SRU's application for an alcohol licence had incorrectly been judged by the Licensing Committee to be late and invalid and his proposal that the objections should be heard had been rejected by a majority of the Committee members.

H Ross reported that EPOG had not yet responded to the suggestion that they send someone to an MCC meeting before the Madonna concert.

In response to questions from N Macdonald, G Douglas and a member of the public Cllr Balfour confirmed that the concert will take place between 7.30 and 10pm, the gates will open before then, the Stadium is to be cleared by 10.45pm and EPOG have yet to confirm the temporary toilet arrangements.

6.3 TTROs and Events

Cllr Balfour confirmed that advance notice of Temporary Traffic Regulation Orders is published on the City Council's website. H Ross advised the meeting that the MCC website contains information on how to locate them there. In response to G Douglas's intimation that he had been told by the Police that the City Council publish notices of TTROs on lamp posts and the City Council had told him that the Police do this, Cllr Wheeler stated that he understood that the City Council were the source of such notices.

6.4 Paving Roseburn Terrace (outside Murrayfield Bar)

H Ross reported that he had been told that the substandard paving outside the Murrayfield Bar would be fixed, but not in the near future. V Forbes expressed the view that the matter was urgent and **H Ross undertook to**

take it up again with WENP and refer them to the correction of the slope too.

6.5 Speeding: Roseburn Terrace to Western Corner

This had been dealt with at Item 3.3.

6.6 Local Tram Works

It was decided that **H Ross would notify Bob McCafferty before the next MCC meeting that he would be asked at that meeting how long the altered bus routes and temporary bus stops would be in place.**

H Ross also undertook to request the reinstatement of the pavement outside W Spence's house in Baird Drive, which had been destroyed by a construction lorry.

6.7 Hustings arrangements

This had been dealt with at the start of Item 6.

6.8 Ellersly Road traffic island

This had been dealt with at Item 4.13.

6.9 Any Other Matters Arising

H Ross reported that a member of the public had discovered that the biodegradable bags required for the food recycling bins could be purchased more cheaply online than in the supermarkets and that newspaper could be used instead of the bags.

R Brown referred to Item 17.1 of the Minutes and reported that she had contacted the Murrayfield and Corstorphine Grapevine. The surplus leaflets could be delivered with either magazine, each of which is distributed to 5000 households, at a cost of £60 plus VAT per 1000 leaflets. **Cllr Balfour asked R Brown to send him an email confirming this and he undertook to ask Natalie Hoy of WENP whether she could organize the distribution of the leaflets.**

7. MCC Election and AGM

H Ross intimated that anyone who wishes to join or resign from MCC should notify him before the AGM on 15 May. H Ross reminded the meeting that members of the public, who are willing to serve, and representatives of local groups can be co-opted on to MCC.

W Spence intimated his intention to cease participation in the WENP meetings and H Ross asked if anyone was interested in taking his place. No one volunteered.

H Ross undertook to investigate what effect the postponement of the citywide Community Council elections to October 2013 would have on the proposed boundary change involving DAAA, which was to have taken place this October.

8. Invitations to MCC meetings

The meeting agreed that, instead of standing invitations to Marco Biagi MSP and Mike Crockart MP, MCC should issue an invitation to attend an MCC meeting once a year on a specified date and would bear in mind the Westminster commitments of M Crockart.

9. Roseburn Crescent street lamps

In response to a complaint that these street lamps keep going out, Cllr Balfour confirmed that the faulty electricity supply, which is the cause of their repeated failure, is going to be fixed.

10. Planning & Licensing Matters

G Mcleod delivered the following report on R Smart's behalf:-

10.1 He had looked at 9 domestic planning applications to which he had no objections.

10.2 The architect in charge had told him that the planning application for the Ellersly Road (former Balfour Stewart House) development would not now be submitted until the end of 2012.

11. Traffic and Transport

11.1 *Coltbridge Avenue/Vale yellow lines*

Cllr Edie reported that there had been 9 local objections to these; the proposal would go to Committee, but the City Council elections would cause a delay until June.

11.2 *Nissan garage parking in Murrayfield Avenue*

Cllr Balfour confirmed that the parking of commercial vehicles from the Nissan garage in Murrayfield Avenue was not illegal and could not be prevented.

12. Reports

The Treasurer, S Holland, reported that all the projects which had been undertaken had been paid for in full.

V Forbes, representing the Friends of Roseburn Park ("FROP"), informed the meeting that efforts to improve Roseburn Park were continuing – signs asking cyclists to slow down had proved ineffective; children from Roseburn School had planted quantities of daffodils; the Armoury had been painted; funding was being sought for concrete table tennis and chess tables; efforts were being made to reinstate the toilet block to its pre-1937 condition by removing the modern extension; the playground is to be upgraded in 2014. She reported that the uncertainty over the Flood Prevention Scheme was holding up improvements. In a discussion with W Spence about the use of the Park for games, V Forbes confirmed that half of the available space was to be used for rugby and football and the other half for cricket. N Macdonald confirmed that income is generated by local groups paying for the use of the Park.

V Forbes intimated that the annual subscription for membership of FORP is £1.

13. Correspondence

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

The Chairman intimated that he had also received the DAAA newsletter, notice of the Water of Leith clean up on 22 April and an invitation from M Crockart MP to local community groups to a get together with STV Local.

In relation to the enquiry from Craighleith and Blackhall Community Council about insurance of noticeboards, S Holland confirmed that MCC has public liability insurance and the noticeboards are not insured separately. The question as to whether the noticeboard at Saughtonhall Community Association Hall belongs to MCC was left open.

14. Any Other Competent Business

J Yellowlees reported that (1) the rebuilding of Haymarket Station will begin in May and is due for completion at the end of 2013.; and (2) Tesco will be opening their new shop in Haymarket Terrace on 15 June.

S Holland reported that the butcher at Roseburn has retired and closed his shop, which is owned by Scotmid.

15. Questions from the Floor

In response to a question from a member of the public, S Holland confirmed that the woman who ran the former grocer's shop at Roseburn had not pursued her proposal to apply for a Post Office licence; nor does the shop have a new tenant yet.

Members of the public who complained that the brown bins had not been emptied on time were advised to tell the local Councillors.

16. Date of Next Meeting: Tuesday, 15 May (including the AGM), at 8pm in Murrayfield Parish Church Centre.

Subsequent meetings: Tuesday, 26 June and Tuesday, 7 August 2012.

Minutes approved at meeting of 15 May 2012

for approval

Murrayfield Community Council Main Correspondence Received
Since meeting of: 6 March 2012

2 Mar	EACC	Board papers	
7 Mar	Cllr Edie/Balfour	Information on CEC response to news report tram works soil	
8 Mar	WNT	Acknowledgement of leaf-cleaning enquiry	
8 Mar	WNT	Acknowledgement of speed signage enquiry	
8 Mar →	Traffic Orders CEC	Information about web notification of traffic orders	
9 Mar	Cllr Edie	Date of CEC flood prevention meeting	28/3
9 Mar →	Cllr Balfour	Correspondence re: paving outside Murrayfield Bar	
12 Mar →	Cllr Balfour	Cc re: controlled parking in Murrayfield area	
12 Mar	Member of the public	Cc re: objecting to yellow lines decision Coltbridge Avenue/Vale	
12 Mar	WNT	Minutes of meeting re: Bon Jovi / Kings of Leon concerts	
13 Mar	Member of the public	Cc re: Streetlamps in Roseburn Crescent	
14 Mar	Cllr Edie	Trams programme manager to come to meeting of 15 May	
15 Mar	CEC CC Liaison	CC Newsletter	
19 Mar →	Various candidates	Accepting invitation to local election hustings	23/4
20 Mar	WENP	Advertising WENP public meeting	28/3
20 Mar	Cllr Edie	Information about planned vehicle activated speed signs	
21 Mar	Craighleith and Blackhall CC	Insurance and noticeboards enquiry	
21 Mar	CEC Licensing	License application lists for April Board	
22 Mar	CEC CC Liaison	Intimation of Civic Forum meeting	27/3
23 Mar →	CEC CC Liaison and others	Revised date for Community Council elections	2013
28 Mar	Sarah Boyack MSP	e-newsletter	
28 Mar	Member of the public	Information about Nissan garage using Murrayfield Avenue for parking commercial vehicles	
29 Mar	CEC CC Liaison	Scottish Government consultation on planning reform	22/6

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