

MURRAYFIELD COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of Ordinary Meeting
held on Tuesday, 6 March 2012 at 8pm
in Murrayfield Parish Church Centre
Chair: H Ross

Present: W Amcotts, R Brown, G Douglas, V Forbes, S Holland,
N Macdonald, G McLeod, E Robertson, H Ross, R Smart.
Ex officio: Cllr Balfour, Cllr Edie.
In attendance: 10 members of the public, PC Prince Durant.
Apologies: W Spence, J Yellowlees, Cllr Wheeler, 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.

3. Community Policing Report

PC Prince Durant reported as follows:-

3.1 The number of complaints received regarding anti-social behaviour had not been high. There had been one incident of youths throwing eggs from the bridge at Roseburn Terrace.

3.2 PC Jamieson is investigating complaints about dangerous cycling in Roseburn Park, cycling on pavements in Balbirnie Place and at Roseburn and Citylink and airport buses speeding between Roseburn and Western Corner.

3.3 The Police have continued to tackle the problem of youths drinking on buses by periodically boarding buses running between Corstorphine and Murrayfield.

3.5 In response to a request from George Douglas he **had undertaken to look into the failure to provide advance notice of the road closures which had been in place during the Scotland v France rugby match at Murrayfield Stadium and which had caused local residents considerable inconvenience.**

PC Durant undertook to relay to the Traffic Police at Fettes a suggestion from a member of the public that there should be more 30mph signs and flashing speed monitors between Roseburn and Western Corner to remind buses of the speed limit.

G Macleod confirmed that the next Priority Setting meeting will be held at the new Drumbrae Community Hub on 23 May 2012 at 2pm.

In response to a question from a member of the public about recent house break ins, PC Durant stated that the number of foot and bicycle patrols has been increased and the Corstorphine team are taking the incidents seriously.

H Ross reported that two people had been charged by the Environmental Wardens with dog fouling in Roseburn Park.

4. Ward Councillors' Report

Cllr Balfour reported as follows:-

4.1 Tesco has applied for planning permission for a Cashline machine at 2 Roseburn Terrace and for access to the side of the property for deliveries. S Holland informed the meeting that Tesco has also applied for a licence to sell alcohol from 10 am to 10 pm Monday to Saturday and from 10am to 12.30pm on Sunday.

4.2 In about two weeks' time major changes will be made to the road layout at Haymarket in connection with the tram works. Morrison Street will become two way and Torphichen Street one way in the opposite direction to the present.

4.3 The tram works will also require the closure of Balgreen Bridge at Baird Drive for 2 weekends in May.

4.4 The City Council's application for Scottish Government funding for the Flood Defence Scheme has been turned down on the ground that such funding will be granted for new schemes only. Cllr Edie added that City Council Leader, Jenny Dawe, is meeting Finance Secretary, John Swinney, on 23 March to try to persuade him to reverse this decision.

4.5 As a result of the cut in the subsidy to Lothian Buses this year, some services have been withdrawn. A cross party meeting of Councillors last week agreed that something should be done about this.

Cllr Edie reported as follows:-

4.6 **He would ask the Neighbourhood Team whether cabling was now in place to enable the installation of the new lights on Roseburn Bridge.**

4.7 **He would arrange for Bob McCafferty to update the Community Council ("MCC") on the local tramworks.**

4.8 **He would try to get a Police report on the fatal accident between a taxi and a cyclist which had occurred at Murrayfield on 5 March.**

4.9 **He would take up the issue of clearing leaves from the streets with the West Edinburgh Neighbourhood Partnership ("WENP") team. H Ross undertook to do the same.**

V Forbes pointed out that there are no signs about dog fouling at the entrances to Roseburn Park.

In response to H Ross **Cllr Balfour undertook to check whether there is a statutory requirement to have the Flood Defence Scheme in place by a certain time.**

E Robertson pointed out that the scheme for recycling food waste required the purchase of biodegradable bags at an annual cost of about £30. **Cllr Edie undertook to raise this concern with the appropriate City Council Vice Convenor.**

In response to the concern expressed by a member of the public about the delay to Phase 2 of the Flood Defence Scheme, **Cllr Balfour undertook that he or Cllr Edie would ask Jenny Dawe about the outcome of her meeting with John Swinney on 23 March and report to the next MCC meeting.**

5. Approval of Minutes of Ordinary Meeting held on 31 January 2012

These were approved. Prop: G Douglas, Sec: R Smart.

The Chairman thanked R Smart for chairing the meeting on 31 January and R Brown for producing the Minutes.

6. Matters Arising

6.1 *Madonna Concert*

H Ross informed the meeting that he intended to ask the SRU's Events Planning and Organising Group for an evaluation of the last concert at Murrayfield Stadium as a way of engaging with them regarding the next concert.

V Forbes stated that adequate clean up facilities were essential. She would attend future meetings of the SRU Murrayfield Local Residents Group with S Holland.

6.2 *Roseburn Bridge Lights*

This had been dealt with at Item 4.6.

6.3 *Any Other Matters Arising*

There were no other matters arising.

7. Paving Roseburn Terrace (outside Murrayfield Bar)

V Forbes reported that Mrs Ina Murray (84) had been injured when she fell outside the Murrayfield Bar as a result of the dangerous condition of the pavement. **H Ross and Cllr Balfour undertook to write to the WENP team about this.**

8. Madonna Concert

This had been dealt with at item 6.1.

9. TTROs and Events

This issue had been touched on at Item 3.5. Complaints had been voiced by local residents who had not received notice of Temporary Traffic Regulation Orders. Cllr Balfour informed the meeting that these Orders were posted on the City Council's website, but that it was not working well at present.

10. Insurance

S Holland informed the meeting that MCC's insurance through the Scottish Association of Community Councils would end in April when the Association ceases to exist and MCC would have to arrange their own insurance. Zurich Insurance had offered to provide public liability insurance on the same terms as the existing insurance and for much the same premium - £53 per annum. His proposal that this offer be taken up was approved by the meeting.

11. Parking Permits etc

In response to a question from H Ross, Cllr Balfour reported that the proposal for a form of controlled parking in Murrayfield would be subject to informal consultation via a leaflet drop this summer and a further formal consultation next year. There are three other areas to be considered ahead of Murrayfield. S Holland suggested that the distribution of leaflets should be checked, as previous leaflet drops have been incomplete.

12. Dog Fouling in Roseburn Park

This had been dealt with at Items 3 and 4.

13. Planning & Licensing Matters

R Smart reported as follows:-

13.1 He had looked at 12 domestic planning applications to which he had no objections.

13.2 The submission of the planning application for the Ellersley Road (former Balfour Stewart House) development had been delayed, but would take place in the next 10 days approximately.

13.3 No objections had been made to the Tesco application referred to in Item 4.1. The junction adjoining the property was dangerous and the planning officers should take this factor into account.

H Ross reported that he had received a letter from the Planning Department about the advertising signs at Western Corner. He had been told that, if they were not removed voluntarily, formal enforcement action “may be taken”. R Smart explained that enforcement could take some time - a planning application for the signs would have to be submitted; if refused, an appeal could be lodged and could take 6 months to resolve; enforcement action could take a further 6 months.

G Macleod reported that the owner of the store at Western Corner had received a letter from the Planning Department about the signs, but was unlikely to pass it on to Corstorphine Roofing, whose business was amongst those advertised.

There were no licensing matters to be discussed.

14. Traffic and Transport

H Ross reported that the Murrayfield Church Office had told him that the moving of the Murrayfield Gardens pillar had met with general approval. He had written to the owners of the house, from the wall of which it had been removed, to thank them for their co-operation. E Robertson reported that she had taken flowers to the house. S Holland reported that the only outstanding matter was payment of the architect’s fee.

15. Reports

There were no further reports.

16. Correspondence

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

17. Any Other Competent Business

17.1 G Macleod reported that he had attended a meeting of the West Edinburgh Safety Forum last week at which the issues dealt with at Item 3.2 had been discussed. About 9 months ago WENP had produced a leaflet informing residents how to report concerns about such issues as dog fouling and buses parking outside schools. Half of the leaflets had still to be distributed. G Macleod suggested that we ask the Grapevine team whether they would be prepared to distribute the leaflets with the Grapevine magazine and, if so, what it would cost. **R Brown undertook to contact the Grapevine team. N Macdonald undertook to inquire whether the same arrangement could be made re the Murrayfield Parish Church magazine.**

17.2 Cllr Balfour suggested that MCC might consider having a stall at the forthcoming Corstorphine Fair in June. Concern was expressed that MCC would be competing with Corstorphine Community Council, who have stall at the Fair.

17.3 Cllr Balfour asked whether MCC would organise a hustings meeting in conjunction with Murrayfield Parish Church prior to the City Council elections in May. **R Smart and N Macdonald undertook to ask the Minister if he would be willing to chair such a meeting**, as he had chaired a successful

meeting before the Scottish Parliament election last year.

18. Questions from the Floor

A member of the public asked Cllr Balfour for an update on the request for a pedestrian island in Ellersley Road. Cllr Balfour replied that the request was being looked at, but was unlikely to be implemented in the near future.

Another member of the public asked about the possibility of having Coltbridge Terrace converted to a one way street to avoid the problems caused by the narrowness of the street where cars are routinely parked on both sides. Cllr Edie pointed out the interests of motorists, cyclists and pedestrians have to be balanced and measures such as double yellow lines take years to achieve. Cllr Balfour and E Robertson reminded the meeting that a similar proposal had been mooted several years ago, but had been objected to by the Police and Fire Brigade and there had been no consensus among the residents.

H Ross undertook to check whether the HGV warning sign at the top of the Terrace was correctly positioned.

19. Date of Next Meeting: Wednesday, 4 April 2012 at 8pm in Saughtonhall Community Association Hall.

Subsequent meetings: Tuesday, 15 May (including the AGM), Tuesday, 26 June and Wednesday, 7 August 2012.

H Ross intimated that, as Murrayfield Parish Church Hall will not be available for the meeting on 7 August owing to a Festival performance there, the Chapel has been booked instead.

Minutes approved at meeting of 4 April 2012

Murrayfield Community Council Main Correspondence Received
Since meeting of: 31 Jan 2012

27 Jan	Edinburgh Evening News	Advertising Community Challenge scheme	
27 Jan	Marco Biagi MSP	Update Newsletter	
31 Jan	WENP	Advertising Holocaust Memorial talk	6/2
31 Jan	CEC Serv. for Communities	National Spring Clean Campaign	
1 Feb	EACC	Fostering good community relations workshops	
2 Feb	CEC Libraries	What's happening this month?	
2 Feb	Ed. & Loth. Greenspace Trust	e-bulletin	
3 Feb	Ed. Community Cafes	Loyalty card scheme	
3 Feb →	CEC Licensing	Licensing lists (various)	
3 Feb →	Cllr Wheeler	TTROs for various events	
3 Feb	Coltbr. Terr. Resident	Cc Objecting to further supermarkets in Roseburn Terrace	
7 Feb	University of Edinburgh	Student volunteering programme	
8 Feb	WNT	Various – Abinger Gdns	
9 Feb	CEC Serv. for Communities	Consultations (various, affordable housing, antisocial behaviour)	
9 Feb	CEC Serv. for Communities	Meet the funders event	26/3
11 Feb	CEC Planning	Response to query about 125-127 Corstorphine Rd advertising	
14 Feb	Changeworks	Energy Savings Advice – home insulation project	
14 Feb	EACC	Free Freedom of Information workshop	7/3
16 Feb	CEC Roads	Coltbridge & Riversdale amendments to waiting restrictions	13/3
17 Feb	Gsl Events	Kilmathon Scotland	
22 Feb	Member of the public	State of pavements especially leaves (e.g. Ravelston Dykes)	
22 Feb	Cllr Edie	Cc response to issue of dog fouling in Roseburn Park	
24 Feb	Member of the public	Req. information on progress on controlled parking	
24 Feb	CEC Planning	Req. input on Local Plan	
26 Feb	Planning Democracy	Conference: Planning – the people's perspective	21/4
26 Feb	Member of the public	Cc complaint about noise from Murrayfield Stadium pre-event	
28 Feb	Scottish Sun	Enquiry about meetings	
28 Feb	ASCC	Details of the ASCC conference	18/4
29 Feb	Edinburgh Evening News	Interest in Water of Leith flood prevention scheme	
29 Feb	Sarah Boyack MSP	e-newsletter	
1 Mar	CEC Roads	Emergency gas leak Roseburn Street	

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