

MURRAYFIELD COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of Ordinary Meeting  
held on Tuesday, 7 August 2012 at 8pm  
in Murrayfield Parish Church  
Chair: H Ross

Present: W Amcotts, R Brown, G Douglas, V Forbes, S Holland,  
G McLeod, E Robertson, H Ross, R Smart, J Yellowlees  
*Ex officio:* PC Gavin Law, Cllr Balfour, Cllr Ross  
In attendance: 8 members of the public  
Apologies: N Macdonald, 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, the meeting having adopted S Holland's suggestion that items 6.2 and 11.1 of the Agenda be dealt with together.

3. Community Policing Report

**PC Gavin Law** reported as follows:-

3.1 There had been little anti-social behaviour.

3.2 PC Hazel McGrath had been running an initiative in Roseburn Park and at Western Corner and Balbirnie to educate cyclists about not cycling on pavements.

In response to questions from members of the public PC Law replied as follows:-

3.3 The above initiative included encouraging cyclists to use bells. Cllr Balfour confirmed that there is no legal requirement for a cyclist to have a bell.

3.4 Cycling on pedestrian crossings is not permitted.

3.5 **He would investigate the allegation that the skate park at Balgreen was used for drug dealing.**

3.6 **He would investigate whether there should be more signs on the fencing associated with the tram works requiring cyclists to dismount where the road is closed temporarily.**

3.7 He requested suggestions for the next Priority Setting Meeting, which G Douglas confirmed will be at Corstorphine Police Station on Wednesday, 15 August at 2 pm.

4. Councillors' Report

Cllr Balfour reported as follows:-

4.1 The tram works are progressing reasonably well. He is confident that an improved communication strategy will be delivered by the new team which is in place. Monthly surgeries at which tram officials will be available for questioning will be held in the West End. The meeting approved his suggestion that the Community Council ("**MCC**") **invite a member of the new team to the next meeting. Cllr Balfour undertook to email the dates of the surgeries and the team's contact details to H Ross.** Russell Road

will re-open in September. No further closures of Roseburn Street will be required.

4.2 He had been away at the time of the Madonna concert, but had received no emails about it.

4.3 The retrospective planning application for the Corstorphine Roofing signs above the convenience store at Western Corner had been refused, but the applicants have 2 months in which to appeal. Cllr Balfour warned that, if enforcement action becomes necessary, it will take some time, as there is also a right of appeal against an enforcement notice.

In response to questions **Cllr Balfour undertook to investigate:-**

**4.4 whether the recent landslip between Sunbury and Dean Village had been repaired;**

**4.5 why the weeds growing in the gutters of Saughtonhall Drive had not been removed by the City Council;**

**4.6 the outcome of the recent survey of the foundations of the existing flood defence walls in Roseburn Park.**

**Cllr Ross** reported as follows:-

4.7 Marco Biagi's office had organised a meeting between the tram officials and the residents of Baird Drive following the recent closure of Baird Drive at short notice to accommodate a large crane. A further meeting was to be held at 100 Baird Drive on 16 August. He **undertook to check with M Biagi's office how the meetings were advertised**, as one member of the public, who is a resident of Baird Drive, had never heard of them.

4.8 M Biagi has called for a meeting with Mark Turley to discuss the funding of Phase 2 of the Flood Prevention Scheme. The City Council is waiting for the funding of the Highland schemes to be finalised to ascertain whether there will be any Scottish Government funding available to make up the City Council's £11m shortfall in the funding for Phase 2. In response to a question from the floor he confirmed that, if no further funding is available, Phase 2 will be completed in stages, as and when further funds are available.

4.9 He had forwarded H Ross's email about access to Corstorphine Hill to the West Neighbourhood Team ("WNT") team and it would be discussed at their next meeting on 11 September. He recommended contacting the Friends of Corstorphine Hill before that meeting.

4.10 He was waiting for a report on the level of traffic pollution at the foot of Clermiston Road and Roseburn Terrace.

4.11 The planning application for the alteration and extension of 27 Kingsburgh Road had been withdrawn. A resident of Kingsburgh Road who was at the MCC meeting thanked MCC for its interest and support in this matter.

4.12 He will be holding surgeries on 20 August and on every subsequent third Monday of the month at Roseburn Primary School from 6 to 7 pm and at Saughtonhall Church from 7.30 to 8.30 pm.

5. Approval of Minutes of Ordinary Meeting held on 26 June 2012

The Chairman reported that Cllr Edie had emailed a clarification to the information in Item 5.4 to the effect that the street sweeper had been trialled in St John's Road and there was a bid in for one in Roseburn.

The Minutes were approved. Prop: J Yellowlees, Sec: R Smart.

6. Matters Arising

6.1. *Access to Corstorphine Hill*

This had been dealt with at Item 4.9.

6.2. *(and 11.1 of Agenda) Madonna Concert*

The Chairman suspected that there had been no trouble because few people had attended the concert. S Holland had attended the pre-concert meeting on 12 July arranged by the SRU with local residents and other interested parties. He reported that the powers and deployment of the Police and the Environmental Wardens had been discussed and assurances given that the problems associated with previous concerts would be attended to. Several members of the public spoke to the effect that the Madonna concert had passed off well with visible improvements in policing and litter control.

S Holland reported that the alarm at Murrayfield Stadium had been activated three times recently and, after receiving complaints, the SRU had reduced the volume of the alarm at night and improved the zoning.

6.3 *Any Other Matters Arising*

6.3.1 A member of the public raised the continuing problem caused by HGVs using Coltbridge Terrace. She reported that the correction to SatNav information to exclude Coltbridge Terrace as a through route for large vehicles and the erection of a warning sign at the top of the Terrace had not solved the problem. **H Ross undertook to advise WNT that a second sign or other solution is required and to pass on E Robertson's suggestion that the warning signs should be placed at the start of Garscube Terrace.**

6.3.2 W Spence and G Douglas reported that, as none of the neighbours objected to the planning application for a porch to be added to one of the houses in Baird Gardens, no further steps had been taken.

6.3.3 A discussion about the proliferation of bins in Roseburn Gardens, Terrace and Cliff and on Roseburn Old Bridge resulted in **the Chairman's undertaking to raise the issue with WNT**. Cllr Balfour advised the meeting that the City Council will shortly be moving to fortnightly collections of the green wheelie bins, the communal bins will continue to be collected weekly and the City Council is trying to negotiate with their contractor for the collection of all recyclable waste together.

7. Safety of Bridge to Ice Rink

V Forbes expressed concern that people cutting across the road bridge from Roseburn Park were in danger from speeding cars leaving the Ice Rink. **Cllr Balfour undertook to investigate what could be done to improve the situation.**

8. Roseburn Old Bridge Bins

This had been dealt with at 6.3.3.

9. Planning and Licensing

R Smart reported that:-

9.1 *Easter Belmont Road*

He had not followed up the application for planning permission to alter a Listed Building.

### 9.2 *Ellersly Road*

The architect responsible for the planning application for the revised development scheme had been told that a new member of the Planning Department was to re-design the layout so that access to the site is taken from the west side and all the houses face south. A resident of Ellersly Road expressed the view that the first of these changes would be dangerous because of the blind corner in Ellersly Road and suggested that the extensive modifications would necessitate starting the planning process anew. R Smart had queried the actions of the Planning Department and Cllr Ross had forwarded his query to John Bury, Head of Planning, and awaited his response. The Chairman requested a summary of the proposed changes.

Cllr Ross had forwarded to the Chairman notice of an application for a licence for a street food seller to trade from the former Partco premises in Roseburn Street on match days.

### 10. Traffic & Transport

There were no items to be discussed.

### 11. Reports

The Treasurer had nothing to report.

V Forbes reported that the Friends of Roseburn Park are holding a Fun Day in the Park on Sunday, 2 September.

G Douglas reported that Donaldson Area Amenity Association remain concerned about the unkempt condition of the site of the former petrol station at 8 Kew Terrace and may decide to raise this issue with the City Councillors.

### 12. Correspondence

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

The Chairman asked whether MCC should engage in the consultation on the Community Empowerment & Renewal Bill, which seeks to organise power downwards and get communities more involved in the decision making process. Cllr Ross advised that a meeting about the Bill will be held in the Business Centre, City Chambers on 23 August from 2 to 4.30 pm.

The Chairman advised that he had received correspondence from a resident of Wester Coates, who is an environmental consultant and who stated that, at the time of the outbreak of Legionnaire's Disease, he had reported harmful emissions to SEPA, but no investigation had been made. The correspondent was convinced that only multiple reports of such emissions in future would result in action being taken.

### 13. Any Other Competent Business

G Douglas reported that the metalwork associated with the new lights on Roseburn Bridge has not yet been painted and **H Ross undertook to pursue this matter.**

H Ross informed the meeting that he will be moving to Glasgow in the autumn and will have to stand down as Chairman. It was agreed that a private meeting of MCC should be arranged to discuss the way forward.

14. Questions from the Floor

14.1 A member of the public urged MCC to be proactive in dealing with the issue of accessibility to Corstorphine Hill (Items 4.9 and 6.1) and to liaise with the Friends of Corstorphine Hill. Another member of the public pointed out that there is no room for a pavement on the golf course side of Ravelston Dykes Road. G McLeod had measured the space at 18 inches. R Smart suggested that a site meeting should be arranged with City Council officials.

14.2 A member of the public raised again the issue of hedges and trees overhanging boundary walls and pavements. H Ross explained that it was necessary to report specific addresses to WNT before action could be taken by WNT.

14.3 A member of the public asked who was responsible for removing weeds where publicly maintained pavements meet private boundary walls and was told by R Smart that this is the City Council's responsibility. H Ross advised notifying WNT where such weeding is required.

14.4 It was agreed that **H Ross would invite M Crockart MP to the next MCC meeting.**

15. Date of Next Meeting: Wednesday, 12 September 2012 at 8pm in Saughtonhall Community Association Hall

Subsequent meetings: 23 October and 27 November 2012.

Minutes approved at meeting of 12 September 2012.

Murrayfield Community Council Main Correspondence Received  
Since meeting of: 26 June 2012

27 Jun	SRU	Minute of Local Residents' meeting	
28 Jun	Cllrs Edie/Balfour	Cc concerning disappointment at closing of Roseburn St bridge	
29 Jun	Sarah Boyack MSP	Reporting opportunity to ask police about local issues	
29 Jun	Marco Biagi MSP	E-newsletter	
2 Jul	Member of the Public	Cc Cllr Balfour number of wheelie bins on Roseburn Old Bridge	
2 Jul	CEC CC Liaison	Consultation on Community Empowerment Bill	29/8
4 Jul	CEC CC Liaison	Advertising Scottish Voluntary Sector resilience seminar	24/9
4 Jul	Member of the Public	Need for multiple reports of emissions (cf Legionella outbreak)	
5 Jul	Cockburn Association	Comments on Eastern Belmont Road 12/01772/LBC	
8 Jul	CEC Libraries	Next generation library strategy consultation	
9 Jul	Cllr Ross	Forwarding civic licence notice 13 Roseburn St	
11 Jul	Member of the Public	Disappointment at CC use of term 'slum' re: Western Corner	
12 Jul	CEC CC Liaison	Hospital experience survey	
14 Jul →	Juniper Green CC and others	Gathering responses to Community Empowerment Bill consultn.	
17 Jul	WENP	Bulletin	
18 Jul	CEC Roads	TTRO for Wester Coates Gardens Street Party	2/9
19 Jul	CEC Licensing	Latest licensing notices and renewals	
24 Jul	Sarah Boyack MSP	E-newsletter	
27 Jul	Corstorphine Art Group	Advertising exhibition	30/7-4/8
2 Aug	CEC CC Liaison	Changes to waste collection services	10/9
6 Aug	Cllr Ross	Cc TTRO parking restrictions Coltbridge Terrace	10/8
7 Aug	CEC CC Liaison	Availability of funding to counter fly-tipping	

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