

MURRAYFIELD COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of Private Meeting
held on Monday, 7 November 2016 at 7.30pm
in Murrayfield Parish Church Centre
Chair: John Yellowlees

Present: A Anderson, H Barbour, R Beavis, R Brown, J Forbes, S Holland,
H Ross, R Smart, J Yellowlees.
Apologies: P Gregson.

1. Following the first public meeting of Murrayfield Community Council (“MCC”) after the recent Community Council elections on 11 October 2016, the nine elected members, minus P Gregson, and one nominated member of MCC met in private to discuss the composition of MCC and, in particular, whether to co-opt individuals to the three remaining ordinary members’ seats.

S Holland reminded the meeting that the procedures for setting up and running a community council are clearly set out in the Council's *Scheme for Community Councils* and its *Model Constitution*.

It was acknowledged that individuals cannot be co-opted to the seats allocated to nominated representatives of local interest groups, of which five remain available.

Co-option was discussed in relation to (1) E Robertson, who had been a member of MCC before the recent elections, but had failed to submit a nomination form by the deadline of 26 September 2016, (2) the newly formed Roseburn Cycle Group (“RCG”), who had proposed Rosie Bell, who had not previously represented the Group, but who resides in the MCC area, and (3) the newly formed Roseburn Traders (“RT”), who had originally proposed Osman Simsek, who does not reside in the MCC area, and who were now looking for a representative who does.

J Forbes was in favour of extending MCC’s representation by co-opting representatives of the cycling lobby and business community. There was general agreement that cycling and business representatives would be welcome additions to MCC and that Roseburn Traders should be encouraged to include all members of the Murrayfield business community.

It was felt that all candidates for co-option should be treated the same. It was agreed by majority vote that no individuals should be co-opted to ordinary membership of MCC.

2. It was agreed that the nominated representatives of the local interest groups which had previously had seats on MCC had made valuable contributions to the work of MCC and should be encouraged to take up these seats again. It was decided that MCC should write to the three groups who had previously had nominated representatives (Murrayfield Parish Church (“MPC”), Saughtonhall Community Association (“SCA”) and Donaldson Area Amenity Association (“DAAA”)) and RCG and RT clarifying the position regarding co-option, advising them that the local interest group seats are still available to them and encouraging them to engage with the City Council with a view to taking them up. H Ross reminded the meeting that MCC need not concern itself with the eligibility of groups to register as local interest groups and nominate representatives, as these are matters on which the City Council rules.

3. It was agreed that the Chairman should write to E Robertson to inform her of the decision on co-option.

4. It was agreed that the Chairman should write to W Amcotts and D Huckle, who had retired from MCC prior to the election, to thank them for their contributions to the work of MCC.

5. H Barbour offered to take up the post of Secretary for a three month trial period and her offer was accepted. She was advised by H Ross that there is a separate email address for the Secretary and he would ensure that future email correspondence is directed to her.

6. It was agreed that the Secretary's temporary appointment and the decisions taken at the current meeting be ratified at the next public meeting of MCC on 29 November 2016.

7. H Barbour and R Brown agreed to liaise on the drafting of an email implementing the decision at Item 2 to be sent by the Chairman.

8. The Chairman reported that Steve Kerr, the Chairman of Corstorphine Community Council, had offered to speak at a future MCC meeting about the re-establishment of a Corstorphine Traders' Association. It was decided that, as space would be limited at the next MCC meeting on 29 November, Steve Kerr should be invited to the first MCC meeting in 2017.

9. The following dates proposed by R Brown for MCC meetings in 2017 were approved:-

17 January	15 August
7 March	10 October
2 May	5 December
27 June	

10. S Holland reported that he had been advised by the SRU of the following rugby fixtures at BT Murrayfield:-

12 November 2016	Scotland v Australia	Kick off 2.30 pm
19 November 2016	Scotland v Argentina	Kick off 5 pm
26 December 2016	Edinburgh v Glasgow	Kick off 4.05 pm
4 February 2017	Scotland v Ireland	Kick off 2.25 pm
25 February 2017	Scotland v Wales	Kick off 2.25 pm
18 March 2017	Scotland v Italy	Kick off 12.30 pm

The usual "soft road closures" would be put in place for these matches.

The SRU had also intimated that a Robbie Williams concert will take place at BT Murrayfield on 9 June 2017.

11. The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.30 pm.