

MURRAYFIELD COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of Annual General Meeting
Tuesday, 3 May 2011 at 8pm
In Murrayfield Parish Church Centre
Chair: H Ross

Present: W Amcotts, R Brown, G Douglas, S Holland, G McLeod,
E Robertson, R Smart, H Ross, W Spence, A Weatherston
Ex officio: Cllr Balfour
In attendance: 5 members of the public
Apologies: PC P Durant, M Crockett MP, S Boyack MSP, Cllrs Edie and
Wheeler, J Yellowlees.

1. Welcome and Apologies
Apologies were received as above. The chairman welcomed those in attendance.
2. Order of Business
This was approved.
3. Approval of Minutes of AGM held on 27 April 2010
These were approved. Prop: R Smart, Sec: W Spence.
4. Chair and Secretary Joint Annual Report (and questions from the floor)
The Chairman outlined the contents of this Report and undertook to email it to the members. A copy of the Report is attached. There were no questions from the floor.
5. Treasurer's Submission of Audited Balance Sheet and Accounts (and questions from the floor)
The Treasurer submitted the audited Balance Sheet and Accounts and expressed his thanks to the auditor, Mr Mitchell. A copy is attached.
The Treasurer reported that two projects had been completed and paid for:-
 - (a) The repair of the pillars at the foot of Roseburn Cliff and
 - (b) The installation of protective bollards at the same location.A third project – the resiting of the pillar at the east side of the entrance to Murrayfield Gardens (“the Murrayfield Gate Pier”), which is currently incorporated in the wall of a private garden – is ongoing. The architect involved in this project has been paid part of his fee. The surplus funds from the Roseburn Cliff projects will be applied to this project.
The Community Council's income continues to exceed its expenditure. The current balance is, however, artificially high as a large amount (including £2000 from Murrayfield Residents Association) has been set aside for the Murrayfield Gate Pier project.
A member of the public suggested that the Community Council was required by Standing Order to submit a balance sheet and that what had been produced was in fact a bank reconciliation. He suggested further that if, for example, the Murrayfield Gate Pier appeared on the Balance Sheet as a liability, that would crystallise the Community Council's thinking on the ownership of the gate pier. The Treasurer explained that the format of the Balance Sheet and Accounts had

been approved by the City of Edinburgh Council for use by all Community Councils in the City. **The Chairman undertook to seek clarification from City of Edinburgh Council on the format of the Balance Sheet and Accounts.**

The audited Balance Sheet and Accounts were approved. Prop: G McLeod, Sec: A Weatherston.

6. Demit of Current Office Bearers

The Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer demitted office and confirmed their willingness to stand for re-election.

7. Election of Office Bearers

The office bearers were elected as follows:-

H Ross as Chairman. Prop: G McLeod, Sec: W Spence

E Robertson as Secretary. Prop: R Smart, Sec: R Brown

S Holland as Treasurer. Prop: G McLeod, Sec: R Smart.

8. Date of next AGM and Close

It was agreed that the next AGM would take place on 15 May 2012.

The Chairman closed the Annual General Meeting.

Minutes approved at meeting of 15 May 2012.

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INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR TO 31 MARCH 2011

	2011	2010
	£	£
INCOME		
City of Edinburgh Community Council grant	763.06	763.06
Work at Roseburn Cliff:		
Grant from City of Edinburgh Council	3000.00	5000.00
Grant from Edinburgh World Heritage	--	1200.00
Local contributions	--	225.00
Bank interest (net of tax)	7.36	6.03
	<u>3770.42</u>	<u>7194.09</u>
 EXPENDITURE		
Work at Roseburn Cliff:		
Thompson Conservation	--	5525.00
Bob Heath (architect)	262.61	575.00
Stone Restor	1744.00	--
Rental of hall for meetings	175.00	172.00
Secretary's expenses	--	64.38
Treasurer's expenses	28.60	28.31
Cockburn Association membership renewal	40.00	60.00
Keys for notice board	--	11.50
Work on Murrayfield Gate Pier:		
Application for planning permission	--	113.36
Bob Heath (architect)	352.50	--
Website updates	136.38	--
	<u>2739.09</u>	<u>6549.55</u>
Surplus / (Deficit) for year	<u>1031.33</u>	<u>644.54</u>

BALANCE SHEET

STATEMENT OF BALANCE at 31 March 2011

	2011	2010
	£	£
Opening balance	6457.36	5817.19
less uncleared cheques	113.36	117.73
	<u>6344.00</u>	<u>5699.46</u>
Surplus / (Deficit) for year	1031.33	644.54
	<u>7375.33</u>	<u>6344.00</u>
Closing balance	7375.33	6457.36
less uncleared cheques	--	113.36
	<u>7375.33</u>	<u>6344.00</u>
Represented by:		
Bank of Scotland Treasurer's Account	<u>7375.33</u>	<u>6457.36</u>

I have examined the Records of the Treasurer in respect of the Accounts for the year ending 31 March 2011 and found them to be correct



Independent examiner

22 April 2011

Date

Note

The closing balance for both years includes a sum of £1846.37 gifted to the Community Council by the Murrayfield Residents' Association

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Annual General Meeting, 3 May 2011

Chair & Secretary Report

Our membership in advance of the AGM is as follows:

Class of membership	Actual	Possible
Elected	10	12
Nominated	2	6
Total	12	18

The nominated members are the nominees of Murrayfield Parish Church and the Donaldson Area Amenity Association (DAAA). We were delighted to welcome George Douglas as the nominee of the DAAA for the first time this year.

The official office bearers in advance of this AGM were: Hamish Ross (Chair), Stephen Holland (Treasurer) and Liz Robertson (Secretary). However most members of the Community Council conduct significant business in a range of regular or project roles. Collectively it is appropriate to thank Rosanne Brown and John Yellowlees for having prepared the minutes of our meetings this year, in addition to their other contributions. The Community Council also records its thanks to Cllrs Balfour, Edie and Wheeler for their work on our behalf

The table above suggests scope for enlargement of the Community Council. The maximum capacity for activity among its current members draws closer as our portfolio of issues widens. There is a Community Council election in 2012 and therefore an urgent need to individually identify possible additional members, additional groups, and to publicise our activity more intensively. We have already begun to vary our pattern of meetings and venues to this end.

A significant technical issue in the coming 18 months is likely to be a negotiation about the Community Council area eastern boundary, which might more reasonably accord with the Ward boundaries if it included the Donaldson area.

Since the last AGM, the Community Council has held 6 meetings: 8 June, 27 July, 14 September, 2 November, 2010; and 1 February & 6 April 2011. The 21 December 2010 meeting was cancelled. Average attendance has been 90% of Community Council members. Our three Ward Councillors are members *ex officio* and regularly attend our meetings. Between 2 and 10 members of the public attended each of these meetings. Lothian and Borders police have attended in numbers and have focused proactively on community-raised issues since the reorganization into Safer Neighbourhood Teams. We have had formal presentations by TIE and the

Edinburgh City Council Licensing Standards Officers. Ideas for more presentation events to accompany an increase in publicity are under consideration.

The number of visits to the Community Council website is around 1500 per month (compared to 1200 the previous year). We are exploring further developments to this technology that will allow us to spread news more proactively, for example through social networking sites, without entailing additional effort.

The Community Council formally contributed to the Water of Leith Management Plan consultation and responded to several planning applications, perhaps most notably concerning the Kew Terrace (former petrol station) site.

Much effort has gone into consulting upon the upgrades to Western Corner, which are currently under way. A team of Community Councillors has now engaged a range of officials with a view to improving the Roseburn Terrace area. There have been significant developments regarding the prospect of some form of controlled parking in the area. The repair and protection of the Roseburn Cliff gatepiers has been completed and plans to relocate the Murrayfield Gardens entrance pillar are well established. Both of these activities involved money from the Neighbourhood Partnership. In Roseburn Terrace, redundant electricity junction boxes have been removed and there is some prospect that the Roseburn Bridge lights will be repaired and the Air Monitoring Unit removed in due course.

The Community Council more generally helps to provide sustained pressure on local issues that are as diverse as flood protection and street cleaning. We attend numerous meetings, respond to communications from members of the local community, provide a communication outlet for local groups and events, as well as a structured forum in which members of the public can engage with Ward Councillors.

On the back of this level of activity it is a good time to publicise the work of the Community Council and proactively seek the views of the local community.