

MURRAYFIELD COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of Ordinary Meeting
held on Tuesday, 2 November at 8pm
in Murrayfield Parish Church Centre
Chair: H Ross

Present: W Amcotts, R Brown, S Holland, E Robertson, H Ross, R Smart, W Spence, A Weatherston, J Yellowlees
Ex officio: Cllr Balfour, Cllr Edie, Cllr Wheeler
In attendance: 2 members of the public, PC Durant, Margaret Henderson of Donaldson Area Amenity Association
Apologies: M Crockart MP, S Boyack MSP, G McLeod, G Douglas

1. Welcome and Apologies

Apologies were received as above. The Chairman welcomed Margaret Henderson, representing Donaldson Area Amenity Association in place of George Douglas.

2. Order of Business

This was approved subject to the deletion of Item 10, being a duplication of Item 7.2.

3. Community Policing Report

PC Durant confirmed that the new Safer Neighbourhood Teams are now in place. The local Team is currently building a profile of the Ward and establishing the best way to engage with the community. A high profile has been maintained at Murrayfield Ice Rink where a 14 year old female in possession of a quantity of drugs was detained on 14 October. Foot patrols have been in action in the area of Murrayfield Tennis Club where there have been problems with youths. Leaflets are to be distributed to residents asking whether they are in favour of traffic calming measures to deal with the use of roads such as Lennel Avenue and Campbell Avenue as rat runs. Cllrs Balfour and Wheeler told the meeting that in their experience residents seldom agree on the measures to be taken in such cases. The Safer Neighbourhood Team proposes to engage with the community by giving talks on personal safety and road safety in local schools and holding “surgeries” in a café at Roseburn and the Community Centre in Corstorphine. In response to a question from A Weatherston PC Durant undertook to investigate whether any arrests had been made following acts of vandalism near the lock up garages behind Murrayfield Gardens and Ormidale Terrace. PC Durant confirmed that he or one of his colleagues would attend future Community Council meetings.

4. Update by Tie on local tram works

Tie had intended to send a representative to the meeting, but after consultation with the City Councillors intimated in advance of the meeting that there was nothing new to report.

5. Councillors’ Report

Cllr Balfour reported as follows:-

1. The gas works at Western Corner will be completed by 12 November.
2. The "Prego" shop at Western Corner has lost its alcohol licence for 6 months as a penalty for selling alcohol to underage customers.
3. There will be 2 rock concerts at Murrayfield Stadium on 22 and 26 June 2011. The organisers have not yet applied for an alcohol licence. Residents will be able to object to the sale of alcohol at these events once a licence application has been lodged. Cllr Balfour and his colleagues have asked for a meeting with the Clerk to the Licensing Board and will update the Community Council at the next meeting on 21 December.
4. Russell Road was due to be closed for tram construction works in September, but there is very little construction work being done anywhere because of the dispute between Tie and the contractor. A full report is to be made to the City Council on 16 December and the Councillors should be able to give clearer answers on the future of the tram project at the next meeting of the Community Council on 21 December.
5. Ownership of the Queensferry Road railings has not yet been determined.
6. Cllr Balfour has been assured by Edinburgh Leisure that it has no plans to close Dalry Swim Centre.
7. The tram displayed on Princes Street will be transferred to the Gogar depot by the end of November.

Cllr Wheeler reported that the City Council awaits John Swinney's Budget in 2 weeks' time. He expects that the City Council will have to cut about £90m from their spending over the next 3 years with about half that figure having to be trimmed in the first year. The Council are working on staff costs and efficiency savings. The public consultations have produced some interesting feedback particularly in relation to Council Tax, which covers only 23% of the Council's spend and is currently frozen.

Cllr Edie reported as follows:-

1. The Western Corner urban regeneration project has been put back to January to enable the gas works to be completed.
 2. He will attend the meeting between the SRU and local residents which is to take place on 6 December.
 3. Preparations to cope with winter weather including supplies of salt and arrangements for the use of tractors are underway.
 4. The Emergency Flood Defences are to be tested shortly. It is understood that this will be a tabletop exercise like the one carried out in September 2008.
 5. One of the football pitches in Roseburn Park has been converted to a rugby pitch because demand for football pitches has dropped.
 6. Cllr Edie is still awaiting an update from the relevant Council department as to when the Air Monitoring Unit at Roseburn will be removed (Item 9 of the Agenda).
6. Approval of Minutes of Ordinary Meeting held on 14 September 2010
These were approved. Prop: S Holland Sec: W Spence.
7. Matters Arising
- 7.1. *Meeting Dates/Venues 2011*
The dates and venues of subsequent meetings are noted at Item 20. The Chairman pointed out that the meetings in Murrayfield Parish Church Centre will continue to be on a Tuesday. The meeting at

Saughtonhall Community Association Hall on 6 April 2011 will be on a Wednesday. Further venues and dates will be confirmed in due course.

7.2. Local Interest Groups

The Chairman has been in touch with Saughtonhall Community Association and they hope to send someone to the Community Council meetings.

7.3. Roseburn Bridge Lights

These should be installed by March 2011.

7.4. Friends of Roseburn Park

There have been 2 recent resignations. The website has been updated. The Friends have planted 1500 Spring bulbs in the Park. The West Edinburgh Neighbourhood Partnership has provided funding of £900 for the Graffiti Art event, which will probably take place during February half term next year. Cllr Edie offered to help “get things moving” re this event. The Cricket Club are preparing to harl and paint the Armoury building.

7.5. Western Corner and Related Works-Local Impact

As Cllr Edie had already reported, the improvement works will start in January.

7.6. Riversdale Crescent Property encroachment on Public Walkway

An enforcement order has been served on the developer of the two new houses requiring him to demolish the wall and rebuild it within his boundary.

7.7. Any Other Matters Arising

R Smart reported that estimates have now been received for the resiting of the pillar at the foot of Murrayfield Gardens, which is currently incorporated in a garden wall, and the installation of protective bollards in front of the pillars at the foot of Roseburn Cliff. He will complete an application for a £5000 grant for the resiting of the Murrayfield Gardens pillars shortly. W Spence pointed out that the pillar to be resited is the original stone pillar and will not match the corresponding pillar on the other side of Murrayfield Gardens, which is a new composite pillar with a smooth finish. The Chairman asked whether the residents had been consulted about the resiting of the firstmentioned Murrayfield Gardens pillar and Cllr Edie suggested a circular be used to take their views. It was decided that a notice intimating the grant application should be posted on the Community Council noticeboard. J Yellowlees suggested that, if both projects were completed successfully, the Evening News might be asked to cover this news.

8. Roseburn Terrace Shops

J Yellowlees reported that the off licence is about to re-open and the ice hockey shop has closed. S Holland reported that both barber’s shops are now vacant.

Cllr Wheeler reported that he still awaits hearing from Natalie Hoy of the West Edinburgh Neighbourhood Partnership about cost effective ways of improving this area. The discussion about the desired improvements culminated in an agreement that E Robertson, S Holland, J Yellowlees and the Chairman will walk round the area together and draw up an agenda to be discussed with the other interested parties.

In response to a request from a member of the public Cllr Edie undertook to raise the need for regular street cleaning with the Neighbourhood Partnership.

9. Air Monitoring Unit

See paragraph 5 at the foot of Item 5 above.

10. Local Interest Groups

See item 7.2 above.

11. Community Council Website

The Chairman has received a bill for £56 for the use of the website name and the server, which will be passed to the Treasurer for payment.

12. Loss of free “special uplifts”

Cllrs Wheeler and Edie informed the meeting that there is no evidence that the abolition of free special uplifts has resulted in an increase in fly tipping or arson and in the current economic situation there is no possibility of getting the decision reversed. It was decided that the Community Council would not lend its support to the petition by Tenants and Residents in Pilton to seek to have free special uplifts reinstated.

13. Association of Scottish CCs Annual Conference and AGM

No one from the Community Council is able to attend this event at Glasgow University on Saturday, 20 November. The Edinburgh Area Representative has intimated his dissatisfaction with the current arrangements for the appointment of office holders to the Association and has asked for support in proposing amendments to its Constitution and voting against the Presidential candidate. It was decided that in the absence of any real experience of these matters the Community Council should abstain.

14. Planning matters

The Community Council’s objection to the proposed mobile phone mast at the corner of Saughtonhall Drive and Balgreen Road has been acknowledged as “material”. Alternative sites have been suggested.

R Smart is happy with the proposed relaxations re Permitted Development Rights outlined in a consultation paper and does not propose to object to these.

15. Traffic and Transport

A Weatherston asked whether the proposed consultation on the extension of the Controlled Parking Zone will happen this year and was told by Cllr Wheeler that a survey would be carried out this year with recommendations to follow.

16. Reports

The Treasurer reported that the cost of hire of the Upper Room has now gone up to £40. It was agreed that this still represented good value.

W Spence reported as follows:-

1. He will attend the Executive meeting of the Edinburgh Association of Community Councils in the City Chambers on 11 November.

2. The City Council's Joint Housing and Environment Committee propose an excursion to show the Community Councillors where the City Council's money is spent.
 3. The Scottish Seniors Alliance is inviting attendance at a meeting to discuss the proposed Older People's Parliament at St Andrew's and St George's West Church in Shandwick Place on 15 November at 1pm. Cllr Edie stated his support for this proposal.
 4. He will be unable to attend the meeting of the West Edinburgh Neighbourhood Partnership in St Ninian's Church Hall, Corstorphine on 9 November.
17. Correspondence
The members have been supplied with the attached list of correspondence received by the Chairman and the Honorary Secretary since the last meeting.
18. Any Other Competent Business
The Chairman intimated that the Edinburgh Association of Community Councils will host a Big Debate on the UK Budget in the City Chambers on Saturday, 13 November.
19. Questions from the Floor
There were no questions from the floor.
20. Date and Venue of Next Meeting: Tuesday, 21 December 2010 - Murrayfield Parish Church Centre
Subsequent meetings:
Tuesday, 1 February 2011 - Murrayfield Parish Church Centre
Wednesday, 6 April 2011 - Saughtonhall Community Association Hall
Tuesday, 3 May 2011 (AGM) - Murrayfield Parish Church Centre
Tuesday, 2 August 2011 - Murrayfield Parish Church Centre.

Minutes approved at meeting of 21 December 2010.

Murrayfield Community Council Main Correspondence Received
Since meeting of: 14 Sept 2010

Sep/Oct 10	Lord Provost	Inviting nominees for <i>The Edinburgh Award 2010</i>	26 Nov 10
Sep/Oct 10	SPOKES	Newsletter of the Lothian Cycle Campaign	
10 Oct 10	Association of Scottish Community Councils	Annual National Conference advice	20 Nov 10
11 Oct 10	City of Edinburgh Council	Adoption drop-in evening	10 Nov 10
12 Oct 10	West Neighbourhood Team	Any festive events to advertise in "Outlook"?	
13 Oct 10	City of Edinburgh Council (planning)	Acknowledgement of objection to mobile phone mast	
14 Sep 10	West Neighbourhood Mgr via Cllr Edie	Various (gully cleaning, hedge cutting & Friends of Roseburn Park)	
14 Sep 10	Cllr Edie	Update on the interrelated road, tram & gas works	
17 Oct 10	Website manager	Information on renewal costs	
17 Oct 10	Norman Bonney, Edinburgh & Lothians rep. on Assoc. of Scottish Community Councils	Inviting us to vote 'no' to the ASCC's choice of national president for various reasons	
17 Sep 10	City Council Planning Dept	Note of Community Council Forum meeting	
18 Oct 10	City of Edinburgh Council Planning	Advertising consultation on Householder Permitted Development Rights	14 Jan 10
19 Oct 10	Assoc. of Scottish CCs Board	Response to Norman Bonney's suggestion of 17 October	
19 Oct 10	City of Edinburgh Council via Cllr Wheeler	Traffic orders etc for autumn rugby test matches	13 & 20 Nov
19 Oct 10	Chair, Saughtonhall Community Association	Advising of rota attendance at MCC as possible	
19 Oct 10	Tenants and Residents in Pilton	Requesting support for re-introduction of free Council special uplift service	
19 Oct 10	Terry Tweed & Craigmillar CC	Supporting Norman Bonney's suggestion of 17 October	
19 Sep 10	Roads Dept	Update on interrelated road, tram & gas works in the area	
21 Oct 10	Gorgie-Dalry CC	Update on the campaign to save the baths http://www.thegd.org.uk/sob/	
21 Oct 10	Licensing Dept	List for November board	29 Nov 10
21 Sep 10	Licensing Dept	List of applications for October Licensing Board	
22 Oct 10	City of Edinburgh Council	Edinburgh canal strategy consultation	17 Dec 10
22 Oct 10	Scottish Health Council	Connect Newsletter (Issue 7)	
22 Sep 10	Sarah Boyack MSP	September edition of e-newsletter	
22 Sep 10	Edinburgh Trams via Cllr Wheeler	Temporary interruption of water notice	
23 Sep 10	Edinburgh Trams via Cllr Wheeler	Traffic modelling of a double Balgreen Rd, Russell Rd closure	
25 Oct 10	Mike Crockett MP	Offering "Callers Beware" cards	
25 Oct 10	Sarah Boyack MSP	October newsletter	
26 Oct 10	City of Edinburgh Council	Introducing new CC liaison officer	
26 Oct 10	City of Edinburgh Council Libraries	Offering free access to on-line "funder finder"	
27 Oct 10	City of Edinburgh Council Libraries	New edition of "Word Up" newsletter	
27 Sep 10	City of Edinburgh Council (Roads)	Plan for civil enforcement of bus lane violations	
28 Oct 10	West Edinburgh Neighbourhood Partnership	Next meeting Tue 9 November	
28 Oct 10	Association of Scottish Community Councils	Inaugural on-line newsletter (Oct 2010)	
28 Oct 10	City of Edinburgh Council	Garden waste and Xmas tree recycling information	
30 Sep 10	TIE via Cllr Wheeler	Delay to the closure of Russell Rd	
4 Oct 10	Edinburgh Rep. Assoc. Scottish Community Councils	Copy of objections to the wording of the new City Council website concerning Community Councils	
5 Oct 10	CSV	Advertising 'Make a Difference Day'	30 Oct 10
6 Oct 10	Lothian and Borders Police	Advice letter about car crime and home security	
8 Oct 10	City of Edinburgh Council (Street Lighting) via Cllr Wheeler	Advice that Roseburn Bridge lights had progressed	
ND Oct 10	Association of Scottish Community Councils	Annual National Ballot (2010) Papers	19 Nov 10
ND Oct 10	Joined Up for Jobs Partnership	Magazine (Issue 26 – September 10)	