

MURRAYFIELD COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of Ordinary Meeting
Tuesday 5 January 2010 at 8:00 p.m.
In Murrayfield Parish Church Upper Room
Chair: W. Spence

Present: W Amcotts, R Brown, S Holland, G McLeod, E Robertson, H Ross, R Smart, W Spence, A Weatherston, J Yellowlees (until end of item 7.7 in revised order of business)
Ex officio: Cllr Balfour (until item 5)
In attendance: 2 members of the public; Sergeant Liz Duthie (Beat Officer Sergeant West Edinburgh); Helen Platts (Project Manager, City of Edinburgh Council Urban Regeneration Programme); Ellie Mills (consultant landscape architect)
Apologies: Cllr Wheeler, S Boyack MSP, J Barrett MP

1. Welcome and Apologies
Apologies were received as above.
2. Order of Business
The order of business on the Agenda was altered so that items 7.5 and 7.7 were taken immediately after item 6.
3. Community Policing Report
Sergeant Duthie outlined a relatively quiet two months and a pre-Christmas operation including support visits to licensed premises. Recent youth anti-social behaviour work in the Neighbourhood Partnership area has proved successful. Attention to parking outside schools is a current priority.
4. Councillors' Report
Cllr Balfour had received emails about lack of snow and ice clearing on pavements, especially in relation to the elderly and disabled. He considered the situation difficult but currently unacceptable and was pursuing the relevant Committee and officials. He asked individuals to contact him directly. The Secretary would pass on a communication on this subject from James McIntosh. Members of the public also raised related bin collection and school closure issues.
(Action **Secretary**)
5. Presentation: Western Corner Urban Centre Programme [Helen Platts, Project Manager, City of Edinburgh Council Urban Regeneration Programme, and Ellie Mills, consultant landscape architect]
G McLeod said that a helpful meeting had been held on 17 December between the Community Council's sub-committee on this issue and the project team. Helen Platts explained the scheme, outlined how the Western Corner project had developed, and showed the latest draft plans. She asked that interested members of the public and groups should contact her with further comment (search the City of Edinburgh Council website for "Western Corner UCP" for all the details). Comments could also be passed through the Community Council sub-committee.

G McLeod raised issues concerning the need for different traffic filters and Sergeant Duthie agreed that it was a difficult junction. Members of the public and the Community Council asked about the size and need for street bins for recycling. In discussion with E Robertson about the prospects for the Roseburn area, Helen Platts noted that Western Corner was the last project in the current programme and advised that the Neighbourhood Partnership should be lobbied.

6. Approval of Minutes of meeting held on 1 December 2009

These were approved [Prop: A Weatherstone | Sec: G McLeod]

7. Matters arising

7.1. *Lennel Avenue*

The Secretary noted correspondence received via Cllr Wheeler suggesting that this was a matter of “intrusive traffic” and therefore should be pursued as an environment issue rather than a safety one. The Secretary would pass the letter to R Smart for further consideration.

(Action **Secretary, R Smart**)

7.2. *Flood-related Insurance Issues*

The Secretary wondered what the City Council’s “survey” had produced and it was decided he should enquire.

(Action **Secretary**)

7.3. *Community Engagement Concordat Survey*

It was noted that the response deadline was extended. (Action **R Smart**)

7.4. *Corstorphine Community Council Event*

The Secretary had attended the meeting and social on 16 December. It was decided he should investigate the possibility of finding and co-opting a “youth” Community Council member.

(Action **Secretary**)

7.5. *Induction Training Event*

J Yellowlees had attended this event and found it broadly useful.

7.6. *Friends of Roseburn Park*

The Secretary had attended the initial meeting and joined the management committee. A public meeting was planned for 18 February (details to be confirmed) but a further planning meeting was set for 14 January, 7.30pm, Murrayfield Hotel. The Community Council was not a grant-giving organisation but would assist as required in seeking grant money for such worthy community projects.

7.7. *Edinburgh Parks Events Manifesto Consultation*

J Yellowlees outlined the City of Edinburgh’s principles in relation to the use of Roseburn Park for events, including a maximum of 15 days of events per year and the minimisation of impact on regular sporting activity. The Community Council would respond to the consultation suggesting: (a) that the City Council examine with Friends of Roseburn Park means of improving electricity and sewerage provision to better accommodate this level of event use; (b) seeking the outcome of the assessment of Ravelston Park and Woods, should they be in the Community Council’s boundary.

(Action **J Yellowlees, Secretary**)

7.8. *Any Other Matters Arising*

R Smart said that the work to protect the Roseburn Cliff gatepiers would be sent out to tender again as the current estimates exceeded the available grant and seemed unreasonably high.

(Action **R Smart**)

8. Famous Grouse Tent

The Community Council had an opportunity to comment on this regular license request. It was decided that the Secretary should respond with general acceptance and a request to ensure adequate provision of toilet facilities. (Action **Secretary**)

9. CC / CEC Partnership Agreement

The Secretary noted that the City of Edinburgh Council was proposing a Community Council Partnership Agreement, a draft of which had been circulated for consultation. It was decided that the Community Council would reply that the wording of the Community Councils' side of the agreement should be that they would "take part in preparing" rather than "assist in progressing" the "Neighbourhood Partnerships' local community plans..." (Action **Secretary**)

10. Murrayfield Community Council Website

The Community Council agreed to spend £80 on facilities to upload documents such as news-item correspondence, the constitution, and material related to long-standing areas of interest (e.g. flood defences) [Prop: Secretary | Sec: R Brown].
(Action **Secretary**)

11. Planning Matters

R Smart had examined 3 applications.

12. Traffic & Transport

The Secretary had put Haymarket traffic changes on the website in December.

13. Reports

S Holland reported that the bank account contained £6,506, having paid the final set of fees for the Roseburn Cliff gatepier repairs.

14. Correspondence

The Secretary reported 10 items of correspondence. It was decided that: the Secretary should ask that our website be linked-to from the City Library Service's "Your Edinburgh: Your Information" website; the Secretary would attend the Edinburgh Association of Community Council's Saturday Morning Question Time on enforcement (9 Jan); the local Licensing Standards Officer would attend the 2 March meeting; the Secretary and/or R Brown would attend the 13 Feb Planning Aid Scotland training meeting. (Action **Secretary, R Brown**)

15. AOCB

No items raised

16. Questions from the floor

No items raised

17. Date of Next Meeting: 2 Mar 2010

Subsequent meetings: 27 April, 8 June, 27 July, 14 September

Minutes approved at meeting of 2 March 2010: