

MURRAYFIELD COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of Ordinary Meeting
Tuesday 2 March 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
Ex officio: Cllr Balfour, Cllr Wheeler
In attendance: 6 members of the public
Apologies: Cllr Edie, S Boyack MSP, J Barrett MP, Sgt Duthie

1. Welcome and Apologies

Apologies were received as above.

2. Order of Business

The order of business on the Agenda was approved.

3. Community Policing Report

No report was made.

4. Councillors' Report

Cllrs Balfour and Wheeler reported that the City Council budget had been approved although it was difficult: £30 million savings had been identified this year and would be needed also in future years. In discussion with A Weatherston Cllr Wheeler said that cuts were made across the Council's services.

5. Approval of Minutes of meeting held on 5 January 2010

These were approved.

6. Matters arising

6.1. *Flood insurance issues*

The Secretary reported that the City Council were no longer planning formal survey of these issues and were instead working with the Association of British Insurers. Cllr Balfour said that where such work was not fruitful the City Council would look into any problems. It was agreed that the Secretary should monitor this situation. In discussion with a member of the public, Cllrs Wheeler and Balfour said that money was in place to complete the Leith to Stockbridge section of the Flood Prevention Scheme and that Murrayfield/Roseburn would be next when more money became available. In addition, completing Leith/Stockbridge would allow diversion of emergency response effort to upstream areas.

(Action Secretary)

6.2. *Murrayfield Community Council website*

The Secretary reported that the website had been upgraded.

6.3. *'Your Edinburgh' information service*

The Secretary reported that the Community Council's details had been submitted for inclusion on this service. S Holland thought we would be able to update this information on-line.

- 6.4. *Licensing Standards Officer presentation*
The Secretary reported that this presentation had been postponed and he was asked to invite the Officer to the 8 June meeting and advise her of our special interest in events at Murrayfield Stadium. (Action **Secretary**)
- 6.5. *EACC Meeting 9 January (enforcement)*
The Secretary had attended this. He said that enforcement was devolved to individual City Council services, that it must refer to legislation (rather than to community preference, for example). Fines were set at a level which would encourage payment since non-payment would result in having to take the non-payer to the courts where the Procurator Fiscal may or may not think the issue worth very scarce court time.
- 6.6. *Planning Aid Scotland meeting 13 February (new planning system)*
R Brown had attended this and said that it had been useful. She said the new system brought more opportunities for Community Council involvement in Strategic and Local Development Planning but noted that the meeting revealed the need for greater expertise. R Smart agreed to advise the Community Council when he next dealt with planning matters so that others had the opportunity to join him and find out what was involved. (Action **R Smart**)
- 6.7. *Controlled Parking update*
The Secretary had received a letter (attached) that reiterated that there were no plans for extending controlled parking into the Murrayfield area because the financial return on the investment would not justify it. In response to a member of the public (who question this assertion and noted that there were cheaper options) Cllrs Balfour and Wheeler said that the discussion of other options had also broken down. Cllr Balfour said he would co-ordinate a stronger, political level engagement with this issue. (Action **Cllr Balfour**)
- 6.8. *Any Other Matters Arising*
E Robertson presented some proposed improvements to the Roseburn area and noted that these were relatively inexpensive and that the need was greater than had been the case for the current Western Corner improvements. In discussion with S Holland, Cllr Wheeler said that a Community Planning Forum in Corstorphine had eventually raised the money for street improvements there but that this had not necessarily changed the retail character of the area. Cllr Balfour said he would contact Natalie Hoy (West Neighbourhood Manager) and liaise with E Robertson, with a view to identifying what kinds of alterations were possible so that costs could be estimated. (Action **Cllr Balfour, E Robertson**)

In response to a member of the public, the Secretary said that the Friends of Roseburn Park public meeting had been postponed, and that it would now be in Murrayfield Parish Church Upper Room at 7.30pm on Tuesday 23 March. The Chair noted that he was liaising with Murray Black (West Neighbourhood Team Environment Manager) to organise a meeting to discuss the park.

7. Murrayfield Parish Church white line application

A Weatherston reported that this was a yellow line application, that it had been postponed from the 9 February Traffic & Transport Committee, and that Council officials continued to seek a compromise.

8. Youth Forum Event

The Secretary noted that an Easter event to encourage youth participation in the West Neighbourhood area was planned, but the intended age range would not assist with the Community Council's efforts to consider co-opting a younger Community Councillor. It was agreed that the Secretary would write to local schools.
(Action **Secretary**)

9. Donaldson Area Amenity Association

The Secretary reported discussion with the DAAA. A formal arrangement between the Community Council and the DAAA had been thought unnecessary but intermittent liaison on issues was likely to be useful, so they would exchange minutes/newsletters.

10. Energy Savings

The Secretary reported that Cllr Balfour had obtained information following E Robertson's interest in community level planning of energy generation/efficiency infrastructure. The Secretary also noted that Sarah Boyack MSP had sent a flyer for a free event about saving money on energy bills, to be held on Friday 19 March, from 11am-2pm at St Brides Community Centre, 10 Orwell Terrace.

11. Planning matters

R Smart reported that the Community Council had objected again, along with at least two local people, to the proposed 10-flat development at 92 Corstorphine Road. This application has been refused twice but the developer was appealing again. Cllr Balfour noted that City Cllrs could not make oral submissions at the hearings under the new system. R Smart also said that a new application had been submitted for 7 West Coates and that the Community Council and others would be supporting this. He also noted that the tender for the bollards to protect the Roseburn Cliff Gatepiers was being re-issued and that he was planning a meeting to make a planning application to move the Murrayfield Gardens pillar.

12. Traffic and Transport

It was reported that the new Ellersly Road markings were [~~in place~~] approved*. Cllr Wheeler said he was investigating the possibility of filtering right-turning traffic from Ellersly Road. In discussion with R Smart, Cllr Wheeler said he would also ask about improving the flow of traffic along Roseburn Terrace, which is affected by right-turning traffic into Roseburn Street. (Action **Cllr Wheeler**)

The Secretary reported that 2 City Car Club bays were proposed for Russell Road and that the proposed traffic management measures for the tram network had been will shortly be advertised. S Holland noted that the proposed temporary closure of Russell Road was still due to take place. The Chair remarked that local residents now had to pick up post from Murrayburn instead of Russell Road and

this was lamented. Cllr Balfour said he had objected to the new arrangement but did not think there was anything further that could be done.

13. Reports

S Holland said there had been no financial transactions since the previous meeting. It was agreed that he and R Smart should appoint an auditor in advance of the AGM [Prop: G McLeod | Sec. A Weatherston].

A Weatherston reported that the 26 February meeting of the Scottish Rugby Local Residents Group meeting had been uneventful. Cllr Edie was following up a concern that parking outside Roseburn Court on match days impeding access by carers. S Holland said there were no current concert plans. Cllr Wheeler and a member of the public reported concerns about coach and minibus parking on Murrayfield Road and Kingsburgh Road.

14. Correspondence

The Secretary reported a range of correspondence. It was agreed that he should respond to the consultation on the Draft Antisocial Behaviour (ASB) Strategy to recommend that more account be taken of ASBs around on the fringes of major public events. R Smart would attend the Edinburgh Civic Forum on 16 March.

(Action **Secretary, R Smart**)

15. Any Other Competent Business

J Yellowlees would invite Mike Connelly of TIE to the 27 April meeting for an update on Edinburgh trams.

(Action **J Yellowlees**)

The Community Council did not decide upon a preferred candidate in the elections for Edinburgh Area representative to the Association of Scottish Community Councils.

G McLeod reported that there had been a 26 January meeting of the Western Corner Improvements sub-committee to comment on the managers' latest suggestions. The work is due to start in May/June.

16. Questions from the floor

None were raised.

17. Date of Next Meeting: 27 April 2010 (including AGM)

Subsequent meetings: 8 June, 27 July, 14 September

Minutes approved at meeting of 27 April 2010: