

MURRAYFIELD COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of Annual General Meeting & Ordinary Meeting  
Tuesday 27 April 2010 at 8:00 p.m.  
In Murrayfield Parish Church Centre  
Chair: W. Spence

Present: W Amcotts, R Brown, G McLeod, H Ross, R Smart, W Spence, A  
Weatherston, J Yellowlees  
*Ex officio:* Cllr Balfour, Cllr Edie, Cllr Wheeler, PC Durant  
In attendance: 6 members of the public  
Apologies: S Boyack MSP, S Holland

Annual General Meeting

1. Welcome and Apologies  
Apologies were received as above.
2. Order of Business  
The order of business on the Agenda was approved. Item 3 was amended to show that the AGM Minutes to be approved were those of 26 May 2009.
3. Approval of Minutes of AGM held on 26 May 2009  
These were approved [Prop: R Smart | Sec: A Weatherston].
4. Chairperson's Annual Report  
The Chair invited members of the public to raise issues and to consider joining the Community Council. He thanked his fellow Community Councillors, office bearers, Ward Councillors and the public. He announced his retirement from Chair and Cllr Edie led thanks to him for his hard work and consideration.
5. Secretary's Annual Report  
The Secretary's Report is attached as an appendix to these minutes.
6. Treasurer's Submission of Audited Balance Sheet and Accounts  
These were submitted in the Treasurer's absence and were approved [Prop: G McLeod | Sec: R Smart]. A copy is attached to these minutes. Cllr Wheeler suggested that any annual surplus might be used for publicising the Community Council's work and investigating the community's views. A Weatherston noted there was still a question as to what to do with the contribution from Murrayfield Residents' Association.
7. Demit of Current Office Bearers  
The Chair, Treasurer and Secretary demitted office.

8. Election of Office Bearers

The following Office Bearers were elected:

- Treasurer – S Holland [Prop: R Brown | Sec: A Weatherston]
- Secretary – H Ross [Prop: R Smart | Sec: G McLeod]
- Chair – W Spence [Prop: A Weatherston | Sec: R Smart]

The Chair would serve in the interim and intended to retire at the first meeting at which a new Chairperson could be nominated and elected.

9. Date of next AGM & Close

This was provisionally set for 3 May 2011 and the AGM was closed.

Ordinary Meeting

1. Order of Business

This was approved.

2. Community Policing Report

PC Durant said that new community policing arrangements in the autumn would involve 7 community officers covering Murrayfield to the Gyle. In response to G McLeod he said there would be more officers on foot and bike as a result of these changes. He also reported reduced youth disorder, low levels of domestic break-in and a recent charge for a domestic break-in. In discussion with A Weatherston, PC Durant said that the reduction in youth disorder was due to the Neighbourhood Action Unit and Safer West Initiative. G McLeod said that noise at Western Corner had been curtailed. Cllr Edie commented that the Annual Neighbourhood Survey suggested improvement. In discussions with the public, PC Durant was informed of an increase in cyclists using the pavement and he said he would pursue this matter.

In other discussions with the public, Cllr Balfour said that the City Council's Noise Team should be phoned in the case of noise nuisance, 24 hours a day. The Scottish Environmental Protection Agency had investigated a local leak into the River Leith.

3. Councillors' Report

Cllr Balfour said that: the previous owners of Prego at Western Corner had lost their license because of the selling of alcohol to under-aged people and was being monitored closely under new ownership; that a limited controlled parking zone system (1-2 hrs/day, reduced price permits) in the area would hopefully be the subject of an Autumn consultation.

Cllr Edie congratulated Cllr Balfour on becoming leader of the Conservative Group in the City Council. He also said: the Community Council's response to the draft Anti Social Behaviour Strategy had been useful and was being given attention; that there were currently a range of opportunities for members of the public to comment on the City Council's Open Space Strategy; that the latter was part of a suite of related issues including the recent Allotment Strategy Consultation; and that the re-provisioning of Corstorphine Hospital and the development of care services for the elderly, including on the Drumbrae Primary School site, were under consideration.

Cllr Wheeler noted the arrival and opening of the first tram and that the project was still within its funding envelope. He noted that there were continuing issues over the Zoo's intentions for its land and land in the vicinity. He said that the City Council were in discussions about the bundling, contracting-out, and possible inter-Authority sharing of Council Services.

4. Approval of Minutes of meeting held on 2 March 2010

These were approved, with an amendment to item 12 to show that the Ellersly Road markings were approved but not in place [Prop: G McLeod | Sec: R Smart].

5. Matters Arising

5.1. *Friends of Roseburn Park Public Meeting*

The Secretary reported this had taken place and issues of community safety, biodiversity, amenity improvements and park events had been discussed. The Chair noted that the Neighbourhood Partnership had recommended a £900 grant for FoRP for a re-painting project. It was agreed that the Community Council should spend £20 to become a Corporate Member [Prop: R Smart | Sec: W Amcotts]. The Secretary said he would remind FoRP to contact Cllr Edie. In response to a member of the public he said he would put FoRP's website/contact details on the Murrayfield Community Council website. (Action **Secretary**)

5.2. *Roseburn Terrace Improvements*

It was noted that J Yellowlees had conducted a survey of business premises for use in subsequent work, and that a member of the public had extracted a commitment from the City Council to reduce the size of the air-monitoring unit. Cllr Wheeler said he had chased-up the issue of the Roseburn Bridge lights recently. However in the absence of Cllr Balfour at this point, and E Robertson, the Secretary said he would remind them that they were due to liaise on the issue in general. (Action **Secretary**)

5.3. *Antisocial Behaviour Strategy Consultation*

The Secretary reminded the Community Council that they had asked him to respond to this from the perspective of Murrayfield Stadium events (Item 14, 2 March 2010). He regretted having left it until the deadline before writing and submitting the response, and even then failing to circulate it, which he would do forthwith. (Action **Secretary**)

5.4. *Edinburgh Representative of the Association of Scottish CCs*

The Secretary reported that Norman Bonney of West End Community Council had been elected as Edinburgh Representative and was planning to investigate the electoral process.

5.5. *Donaldson Area Amenity Association*

The Secretary reported that the previous minute (Item 9, 2 March 2010) might be premature, since the DAAA would shortly be having their AGM. Assuming it was possible, the Community Council agreed that the DAAA would be a good organisation from whom to co-opt a nominee. The Chair and Secretary had been invited to the DAAA AGM on 12 May.

5.6. *Any Other Matters Arising*

R Smart reported that he was continuing to seek estimates for the protection of the refurbished Roseburn Cliff Gatepiers. He had submitted a

planning application to improve by relocation the easternmost Murrayfield Gardens pillar. It was agreed that he could proceed to obtain estimates and apply for grants should the current planning application succeed. In response to Cllr Wheeler he said there had been no concern expressed by Historic Scotland. J Yellowlees hoped the Community Council would be given credit for any subsequent improvement.

6. General Election Hustings

A Weatherston noted that Murrayfield Churches Together had not been able to fix a date suitable to all candidates in the General Election. However he wished to establish in principle that the Community Council could be involved in the arrangement of hustings, including for the likely 2011 Scottish Parliamentary Elections, assuming that all candidates were invited [Prop: A Weatherston | Sec: R Smart]. This was approved. In discussion with the Chair, Cllr Edie and others, it was noted that the Community Council Scheme asserted that the Community Council shall be non-party political in all its activities.

7. Planning Matters

R Smart reported that he had examined 7 planning applications. Cllr Wheeler said that the revised 7 West Coates application had succeeded.

8. Traffic and Transport

R Smart said that the issue of yellow lines outside Murrayfield Parish Church Centre was on-going, there being another meeting with officials in two weeks time.

9. Reports

The Chair reported the Neighbourhood Partnership had spent the year's grant money and he listed the awards made.

10. Correspondence

The Secretary had circulated a list of correspondence received since the last meeting (and this is attached to these minutes). It was agreed that he should consider the Open Space Strategy for a possible response. A member of the public asked whether the old allotments near the Balgreen bowling green, taken for tram works, would return to being allotments. The Secretary said he would endeavour to find out.

(Action **Secretary**)

11. Questions from the Floor

There were no questions from the floor.

12. Date of Next Meeting: 8 June 2010 (including AGM)

Subsequent meetings: 8 June, 27 July, 14 Sept, 2 Nov, 21 Dec

Minutes approved at meeting of 8 June 2010:

## MURRAYFIELD COMMUNITY COUNCIL

### *Annual General Meeting, 27 April 2010*

#### Secretary's Report

This report covers the period from October 2009, when the current Community Council was elected. We have since adopted a new (model) constitution and standing orders. Our membership in advance of the AGM is as follows:

<i>Class of membership</i>	<i>Actual</i>	<i>Possible</i>
Elected	10	12
Nominated	1	6
Total	11	18

The nominated member is the nominee of Murrayfield Parish Church. The office bearers in advance of the AGM are: Walter Spence (Chair), Stephen Holland (Treasurer) and Hamish Ross (Secretary)

The Community Council recognizes the need for more new members and will consider co-opting new members and members nominated by other organisations. More generally, the lack of response to our efforts to publicise the City Council's interest in residents whose insurance was affected by potential flooding was perhaps telling. There may be more scope to publicise the Community Council's activity since the new constitution requires us to ascertain the views of the community we represent.

Since the October election, the Community Council has held 4 meetings on 13 Oct 2009, 1 Dec 2009, 5 Jan 2010, and 2 Mar 2010. Average attendance has been 90% of (or 10 out of 11) Council members. Our three Ward Councillors are members *ex officio* and regularly attend our meetings. Between 2 and 6 members of the public attended each of these meetings.

The number of visits to the Community Council website is around 1,200 per month. Developments to the site suggested by the previous Secretary, Milton Park, have now been implemented. These mean that the site can provide news in downloadable document format, and it can act as a repository for Community Council documents as well.

There are numerous on-going issues that the Community Council addresses. Those that can be considered 'completed' (or beyond the point of no return) include: an improved environment for Western Corner; Ellersly Road road-markings; repairs to the Roseburn Cliff pillars; safety improvements to Craigleith Crescent. Many more issues are on-going. The Community Council responded to consultations in the period, including the draft Parks Events Manifesto (in relation to Roseburn Park) and the draft AntiSocial Behaviour Strategy (in relation to events such as those at Murrayfield Stadium). The Community Council expresses itself on many more issues through less formal routes, including through the good offices of Cllrs Balfour, Edie and Wheeler.

Many of our Council members take responsibility for particular issues, in which they have or develop expertise, and for a range of routine but time-consuming duties. So I am grateful not only for the excellent organisation and record-keeping of the previous Secretary but also to the various members of the Community Council who have taken over functions that previously fell to this post. Special thanks are due to our Chairperson, who kindly agreed to remain in post in order to smooth the various transitions that have occurred since October.

Hamish Ross

# MURRAYFIELD COMMUNITY COUNCIL

## INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR TO 31 MARCH 2010

	2010	2009
	£	£
<b>INCOME</b>		
City of Edinburgh Community Council grant	763.06	708.56
Work at Roseburn Cliff:		
Grant from City of Edinburgh Council	5000.00	-
Grant from Edinburgh World Heritage	1200.00	-
Local contributions	225.00	-
Bank interest (net of tax)	6.03	92.31
	<u>7194.09</u>	<u>800.87</u>
 <b>EXPENDITURE</b>		
Work at Roseburn Cliff:		
Thompson Conservation	5525.00	-
Bob Heath (architect)	575.00	-
Rental of hall for meetings	172.00	198.00
Secretary's expenses	64.38	63.73
Treasurer's expenses	28.31	
20.00		
Cockburn Association membership renewal	60.00	-
Keys for notice board	11.50	-
Application for planning permission for Murrayfield Garden pillar	113.36	-
Application for notice board	-	72.50
Association of Scottish Community Councils Membership renewal	-	15.00
Refund of grants for work on Murrayfield Gardens footpath	-	7500.00
	<u>6549.55</u>	<u>7869.23</u>
Surplus / (Deficit) for year	<b><u>644.54</u></b>	<b><u>(7068.36)</u></b>

# BALANCE SHEET

## STATEMENT OF BALANCE at 31 March 2010

	2010	2009
	£	£
Opening balance	5817.19	12767.82
less uncleared cheques	117.73	-
	<u>5699.46</u>	<u>12767.82</u>
Surplus / (Deficit) for year	644.54	(7068.36)
	<u>6344.00</u>	<u>5699.46</u>
Closing balance	6457.36	5817.99
less uncleared cheques	113.36	117.73
	<u>6344.00</u>	<u>5699.46</u>
Represented by:		
Bank of Scotland Treasurer's Account	<u>6457.36</u>	<u>5817.19</u>

I have examined the Records of the Treasurer in respect of the Accounts for the year ending 31 March 2010 and found them to be correct

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Independent examiner

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Date

### Note

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

**Murrayfield Community Council Correspondence Received  
Since meeting of: 2 March 2010**

1	Licensing Department CEC	Applications for 31 May	
2	Edinburgh Association of CCs	Invitation to BBC Scotland Election Debate	
3	Royal Zoological Soc. Scotland	April Update newsletter 2	
4	CC Liaison & Dev. Officer CEC	Invitation to a 'How to Apply for Grants' workshop	25 May 18:30, City Chambers
5	CC Liaison & Dev. Officer CEC	Agenda request for June joint Edin. CCs meet	
6	ASCC Edinburgh representative	... is submitting a paper to ASCC regarding the conduct of ASCC elections	
7	Water of Leith Conservation Trust	Poster for annual river clean-up	
8	Murrayfield Churches Together	Invitation to jointly arrange a Gen. Elec. Hustings	
9	Water of Leith Conservation Trust	WofL Newsletter	
10	Tie Ltd	Edinburgh Tram Update from CEC leader	
11	Strategic Development Planning Authority for Edin. & SE Scotland	Development Plan Scheme 2	Formal consultation starts end of May
12	Roads Services	TTRO for Russell Rd. closures 11 & 18 April	
13	Sustainable Development Commiss.	Invitation to an evaluation workshop	
14	Lothian & Borders Police	March newsletters	
15	ASCC Edinburgh representative	Introducing Norman Bonney	
16	Royal Zoological Soc. Scotland	April Update newsletter	
17	Licensing Board CEC	Notice of future consultation on licensing hours	
18	Planning Dept CEC	Notification that the 2010 Development Plan Scheme is available	
19	Secretary, Craighleith/Blackhall CC	Results of Edinburgh CC survey	
20	Planning Dept. CEC	Consulting on student housing planning guidance	11 May deadline
21	Licensing Department CEC	Applications for April	
22	Sarah Boyack's Office	e-newsletter	
23	Various	Correspondence between John Riddell, ward Cllrs and the Environmental Assessment Manager CEC concerning the future of the air monitoring unit on Roseburn Bridge	
24	Various	Correspondence between a range of individuals involved in the election of the ASCC Edinburgh representative, largely concerning the publication of the election results	
25	Cllr Balfour (via J Yellowlees)	Understands that the work on the T boxes on Roseburn Bridge is scheduled for end April	
26	Planning Policy Team, CEC	Consultation on draft Open Space Strategy	21 May deadline
27	CC Liaison & Dev. Officer CEC	Publication of the Annual Neighbourhood Survey Findings (2009)	
28	Cllr Wheeler	Investigating reason for TTRO Murrayfield Road 29 March – 1 April	
29	CC Liaison & Dev. Officer CEC	Invitation to Planning Aid CC planning training	
30	West Edinburgh Crime Prevention Officer	Invitation to West Edinburgh Community Safety Panel Meeting	
31	Royal Zoological Soc. Scotland	March Update newsletter	
32	Heriot Watt University (various)	Request to participate in postgraduate survey	
33	Edinburgh Association of CCs	Notes from Question Time meeting on policing	
34	Corporate Services CEC	Invitation to Strategic Development Group Older People seminar on financial issues	
35	Services for Communities, CEC	Acknowledgement of MCCs feedback on draft Anti Social Behaviour Strategy	
36	CC Liaison & Dev. Officer CEC	CC Newsletter and list of Edinburgh CC office bearers	
37	Road Services (via Cllr Wheeler)	Additional road restrictions for Murrayfield International match 13 March	
38	John Yellowlees	Audit of commercial premises Roseburn Terrace	
39	Licensing Standards Officer	Accepting invitation to 8 June CC meeting	
40	City Development, CEC	Traffic order Ellersly Road	

41	City Development, CEC	Advanced notice of CEC desire to introduce St George's School waiting restrictions	
42	Lothian & Borders Police	February newsletters	
43	Planning Dept, CEC	Consultation on change of use in residential properties guideline	
44	Sustainable Development Commission	Invitation to a 'behaviour change' workshop	
45	CC Liaison & Dev. Officer CEC	Capital City Partnership's Social Inclusion News	
46	Donaldson Area Amenity Association	Invitation to Sec. & Chair to DAAA's AGM (12 May)	
47	Edinburgh Community Representatives Network	Invitation to a seminar on 'Early Intervention'	
48	Murrayfield Grapevine	April/May Issue	
49	NHS Lothian	Health Link	
50	Edinburgh Community Representatives Network	Invitation to a seminar on 'Community Empowerment – Making it Work'	
51	Strategic Planning Policy Team	Finalised Rural West Edinburgh Local Plan Alteration	
52	Edinburgh Tenant's Federation	Tenant's Voice Issue 74	