

MURRAYFIELD COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of Ordinary Meeting  
Tuesday 8 June 2010 at 8:00 p.m.  
In Murrayfield Parish Church Centre  
Chair: W. Spence

Present: W Amcotts, R Brown, H Ross, R Smart, W Spence, A Weatherston,  
J Yellowlees  
*Ex officio:* Cllr Edie, Cllr Wheeler  
In attendance: 5 members of the public, Licensing Standards Officers Amy  
Ferguson & Andreas Biresack  
Apologies: M Crockart MP, S Boyack MSP, Cllr Balfour, E Robertson

1. Order of Business

This was approved.

2. Community Policing Report

No report was made.

3. Presentation by Amy Ferguson, Licensing Standards Officer

Amy Ferguson described the range of changes that had taken effect in September 2009 and said that the roles of the Licensing Standards Officer (LSO) were to provide advice and guidance, mediate and ensure compliance. She and Andreas Biresack were the LSOs for Edinburgh West. It was noted that any member of the public could ask for any license to be reviewed but that it would be useful first to engage the LSOs. Various points were raised in discussion: while the September 2009 changes had resulted in more Building Control inspections and demands this was outside the LSO's remit; the question of what was a 'reasonably priced' soft drink could only be determined by provoking an investigation; the LSO's work was central to declining antisocial behaviour; the Scottish Rugby Union's license continued to indicate concerts; the position of the wheelie bin outside Ryries Bar in Haymarket was being investigated.

4. Councillors' Report

Cllr Wheeler said that the previously stated £30 million per annum that the Local Authority needs to save might increase to £45 million per annum or more. In response to various members of the public Cllr Wheeler said that: although Edinburgh offered some particular challenges to the full collection of council tax, the debt never lapses and the Council used many methods to recover it; he would investigate the failure of promised street cleaning in Roseburn and the possibility of a barrow man such as the one in Stockbridge; he could not comment in detail on newspaper reports about the future of the tram system but said that negotiations remained difficult. (Action **Cllr Wheeler**)

Cllr Edie reported that he was attempting to interest Fields & Trust in taking on Corstorphine Hill so that it could be protected in perpetuity. He also said that the Council had identified insurers who were prepared to deal with residents who are potentially affected by flooding. In response to R Smart, Cllr Edie undertook to find out when the flood emergency system was last tested. (Action **Cllr Edie**)

In discussion with members of the public and R Smart, Cllr Wheeler said that the Bonnington to Stockbridge section of the flood defences was still planned for implementation this autumn. He also said he would ask the relevant officers to investigate over-growing hedges and vegetation that presented a health and safety risk to pavement users in the areas of Abinger Gardens, Murrayfield Gardens, Ormidale Terrace, Corstorphine Road & Roseburn Street. (Action **Cllr Wheeler**)

5. Approval of Minutes of Ordinary meeting held on 27 April 2010

These were approved [Prop: A Weatherston | Sec: J Yellowlees].

6. Matters Arising

6.1. *Allotments*

The Secretary reported that an extension to the Caricknowe allotments (adding 18 to the existing 46) had been agreed in principle subject to completion of the tram works and availability of funding. The site of the former allotments on Balgreen Road was named in the allotment strategy as a site identified for potential use (20 sites) but the outcomes of this strategy were not yet known.

6.2. *Roseburn Terrace Air Monitoring Unit*

The Secretary reported that he had talked to the relevant Council Officer about this issue. The officer acknowledge that this had become a far from temporary structure and said that demand for this unit would result in its replacement with one of a variety of possible smaller units (e.g. the one on St John's road). The timing of this change was unknown in the current financial climate but was very unlikely to be less than 8-12 months away.

Cllr Edie said that he would chase this since he had previously been assured of a much shorter timescale. (Action **Cllr Edie**)

6.3. *Any Other Matters Arising*

J Yellowlees reported his understanding that a Co-op/Somerfield and a chocolatier were intending to have premises in Roseburn Terrace and that the Spar was relocating on the street. R Smart said the planning application to move the Murrayfield Gardens pillar was awaiting a traffic department report.

7. Edinburgh Community Councils Joint Meeting (21 June)

The Secretary and R Smart would be attending this event.

8. Strategic Development Plan Consultation (27 August)

The Secretary reported that this replaced the previous Structure Plans that guided planning activity. R Smart would consider its implications. (Action **R Smart**)

9. Water of Leith Management Plan Consultation (18 June)

The Secretary thanked a member of the public for raising this and invited him to explain it. The Water of Leith Management Plan brings together the various agencies and stakeholders involved in the Water of Leith and sets priorities for management activities. The Community Council noted the plan and the Secretary would respond by outlining the Community Council in being consulted as the process moved forward. He would also suggest that the plan be more widely distributed, for example to Balgreen Library. (Action **Secretary**)

10. Community Council 2011 Meeting Dates/Times

The Secretary confirmed the date for the remainder of 2010 but suggested that thereafter days, times and venues might be varied in order to accommodate all members of the Community Council and generate interest in our work from wider constituencies. After discussion the Secretary was asked to pursue Cllr Edie's suggestion that some meeting times/venues remain on the current pattern while others are varied and the latter might also be 'themed' to interest a wider public. The Secretary also agreed to post the minutes for the interest of users of Balgreen Library. (Action **Secretary**)

11. Planning Matters

R Smart had looked at 13 applications.

12. Traffic and Transport

A Weatherston said there had been no further progress on the application to have a yellow line outside Murrayfield Parish Church and that the Kirk Session would probably be approaching the Councillors. Cllr Wheeler said he would look into the current state of play. (Action **Cllr Wheeler**)

13. Reports

The Treasurer reported that the Community Council currently held a balance of £9,315, of which £3,000 was committed to the protection of the Roseburn Cliff Gatepiers. It was noted that surplus Local Authority contributions should be used to publicise the Community Council's work. It was decided not to extend the insurance policy to cover the Community Council's notice boards.

14. Correspondence

The Secretary had circulated a list of correspondence received since the last meeting (and this is attached to these minutes). S Holland noted that the Cockburn Association AGM was on 16 June at 7pm at the National Library building in Causewayside.

15. Any Other Competent Business

The Secretary said he had received a letter from the Donaldson Area Amenity Association (DAAA) outlining the state of their discussions with Cllr Balfour about the merits of changing the Community Council boundaries so that the DAAA would fall within the Murrayfield CC's area. The Community Council were sympathetic to this possibility though Cllr Edie noted that these boundaries were a matter for the City Council.

16. Questions from the Floor

In response to a member of the public, Cllrs Edie and Wheeler said they would investigate whether officials knew of any current plan for the Scottish Rugby Union to build two rugby pitches in Roseburn Park. (Action **Cllrs Wheeler/Edie**)

17. Date of Next Meeting: 27 July

Subsequent meetings: 14 Sept, 2 Nov, 21 Dec

Minutes approved at meeting of 27 July 2010:

Murrayfield Community Council Main Correspondence Received  
Since meeting of: 27 April 2010

27-Apr-10	Scottish Health Council Lothian	Connect newsletter – Issue 6 Spring 2010	
30-Apr-10	Cllrs Balfour	Response to J McIntosh question about garden aid	
1-May-10	Queensferry & District CC	... are now on Facebook	
3-May-10	Shirley-Anne Somerville MSP (Lothians)	Annual Report	*
3-May-10	Scottish Natural Heritage	"The Nature of Scotland" Magazine (Spring 2010)	*
3-May-10	City of Edinburgh Council	Joined Up for Jobs Partnership magazine, "Working Capital" (Issue 24, April 2010)	*
4-May-10	Capital City Partnership	Social Inclusion News (Issue 70)	
7-May-10	Donaldson Area Amenity Assoc.	Newsletter May 2010	
7-May-10	Royal Zoo. Soc. of Scotland	RZSS Update	
7-May-10	Your Edinburgh (website)	<a href="http://www.youredinburgh.info/engage">www.youredinburgh.info/engage</a> to find our record	
7-May-10	Record RSS	Natural play landscaping flyer	
10-May-10	City of Edinburgh Council	Edinburgh City Local Plan	
11-May-10	Edin. Community Reps. Network	Invitation to Annual General Meeting	
12-May-10	City of Edinburgh Council	Invitation to CC Joint Meeting, 21 June pm	rsvp.17 June
12-May-10	Planning Aid for Scotland	Invitation to meeting about planning reform	
13-May-10	Cllr Edie	Response to J McIntosh question about garden aid	
17-May-10	Cockburn Association	Invitation to Edinburgh Civic Forum	22 June
18-May-10	SG Baker Ltd	Purveyors of sandbags for flood prevention	
18-May-10	Edinburgh Vegetarians & Vegans	Edinburgh events for national vegetarian week	
19-May-10	Licensing Dept, City Council	Applications for 28 June board meeting	
19-May-10	Office of Sarah Boyack MSP	Monthly Newsletter (May 2010)	
21-May-10	Royal Zoological Society of Scotland	RZSS May Update (2) electronic newsletter	
21-May-10	Cllr Jenny Dawe	City of Edinburgh Council Leader's Report	
23-May-10	Water of Leith Conservation Trust	Newsletters	
25-May-10	Member of the Public	Alerting the CC to the Water of Leith management plan consultation	Deadline: 18 June
27-May-10	Strategic Development Planning Authority for Edinburgh & South East Scotland	Strategic Development Plan Main Issues Report Consultation	Deadline: 27 August
29-May-10	Consumer Focus Scotland	'Step by Step Guide to Common Repairs'	
24-May-10	PC Andy Whittle	Police Advice Letter on home security	