

MURRAYFIELD COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of Ordinary Meeting
Tuesday, 27 July 2010 at 8pm
in Murrayfield Parish Church Centre
Chair: W. Spence

Present: R Brown, S Holland, G McLeod, E Robertson, R Smart, W Spence,
A Weatherston, J Yellowlees
Ex officio: Cllr Balfour, Cllr Edie
In attendance: 7 members of the public,
M Connelly, Head of Public Affairs, T Cottar, Project Manager and
A Orriell, Stakeholder Relations Manager, all Tie and W Hume,
Bilfinger Berger
G Douglas, Donaldson Area Amenity Association
Apologies: W Amcotts, H Ross, M Crockart MP, Sarah Boyack MSP.

1. Welcome and Apologies

Apologies were received as above. The chairman welcomed the members of the public, Mike Connelly and his co-presenters and George Douglas of Donaldson Area Amenity Association.

2. Order of Business

This was approved.

3. Community Policing Report

No report was made.

A Weatherston asked whether the absence of a Community Police Officer, who had at one time attended regularly, was likely to be a permanent situation. Cllr Edie explained that community policing is currently being restructured and the situation should improve when the new arrangements come into force in mid September.

4. Presentation on the Tram Works

Mike Connelly, Tom Cottar and Alf Orriell of Tie and Wallace Hume of Bilfinger Berger updated the meeting on those tram works which are either already under way or are due to start shortly in the areas of the city which are of particular interest to the Community Council. The “bigger picture” was not discussed. The meeting was given information on the timing and scope of the works which will be undertaken between Haymarket Yards and Carricknowe Bridge with special attention being paid to Balbirnie Place, Russell Road, Roseburn Street, Baird Drive and Balgreen Road. Assurances were given that, although Russell Road will be subject to lane restrictions for about 3 months and then complete closure for 6-8 months and Balgreen Road will also be subject to restrictions, at no time will both roads be closed together. There will always be two way traffic along Roseburn Street, but to allow this, parking may have to be suspended from time to time. The public and the Community Council were encouraged to engage with Tie to ensure that concerns about the duration of the works, working hours, noise and other impacts are addressed. Mike Connelly suggested that the Community

Council nominate 2 or 3 of its members to work with Tie with a view to improving communication.

In response to a request from R Smart, **Mike Connelly agreed that a representative from Tie would give a progress report to the meeting of the Community Council on 2 November.**

5. Councillors' Report

Cllr Balfour stated that the Report on the tram project which was submitted to the Council in June raised the possibility of the project exceeding the budget of £450m. The Head of Finance has said that an increase to £500m could be accommodated. The Council has asked for a further report in September confirming how far expenditure of £450m would take the project and when the project will be delivered.

Cllr Balfour reported that the request for a yellow line outside Murrayfield Parish Church to facilitate the dropping off of disabled car passengers had been rejected by the Transport Committee. Cllr Balfour felt that, if the proposed extension of the Controlled Parking Zone went ahead, this would ameliorate the current problem. The number of parked cars would be reduced and visitors' bays would permit dropping off. **Cllrs Balfour and Edie are arranging a meeting in August with local interests to discuss the position.**

Cllr Edie mentioned that the arrangements for the Pope's visit on 16 September, when he will travel from Edinburgh Airport through the city (taking in an historical parade en route) to have tea with the Queen at Holyrood Palace, will involve road barriers and some disruption.

Cllr Edie has asked the West Edinburgh Neighbourhood Partnership manager to look in to the need for more benches in Roseburn Park.

Cllr Edie has asked the appropriate Council official about the infrequency of gully clearing in Roseburn, which was last carried out in February. R Smart and a member of the public drew his attention to the drain at the junction of Murrayfield Avenue and Murrayfield Gardens which is choked with weeds and is almost invisible.

Cllr Edie confirmed that the Safer Neighbourhoods Scheme of community policing will be rolled out in mid September.

Cllr Edie reported that the Zoo wishes to swap some of its land on Corstorphine Hill with land belonging to the Council. The Zoo proposes to use the Council land for a staff access road, but there must be a presumption against tarmacing given the designation of the Council land as a Nature Conservation site and Green Belt.

Cllr Edie reported that he had been unable to make progress regarding the replacement of the Air Monitoring Unit at Roseburn with a smaller unit or the testing of the Flood Emergency System because the relevant officials have been away on holiday.

Cllr Edie has referred the question of hedges/ branches overhanging pavements in the Roseburn/Murrayfield area to the Environmental Wardens, who have requested the addresses of the offending properties. R Smart suggested that these properties could be easily identified by walking round the area. A member of the public mentioned brambles overhanging the pavement of Russell Road opposite Henshaw's yard.

At the request of a member of the public, **Cllr Balfour is to investigate the obstruction of the path, which dissects Murrayfield Golf Course and leads to Corstorphine Hill, by the contractors who are building a house at the foot**

of the path on the corner of Ravelston Dykes Road.

6. Approval of Minutes of Ordinary meeting held on 8 June 2010

These were approved. Prop: R Smart, Sec: G McLeod.

7. Matters Arising

7.1. *ECC Joint Meeting*

H Ross attended the Edinburgh Community Councils Joint Meeting on 21 June. In his absence no report was available.

7.2. *SES Plan*

R Brown and R Smart are to attend a workshop on the South East Scotland Strategic Development Plan on 11 August.

7.3. *Water of Leith Draft Management Plan Consultation*

The Secretary had submitted comments on this Plan along the lines approved at the last meeting.

7.4. *Ryrie's Bar, Haymarket*

J Yellowlees has raised with the Environmental Health Department the fact that the Bar's large wheeled waste bin, which is parked outside the Bar, is overflowing and is an unsightly obstruction. Several visits have been made to the Bar by Environmental Health Officers and advice given on waste management. It might be possible for the Bar to share the pend used by Starbucks.

7.5. *Any Other Matters Arising*

R Smart reported that planning permission has been granted for the resiting of the pillar at the foot of Murrayfield Gardens. A consultant has been asked to provide an estimate for this work (so that a grant can be applied for) and for the work required to protect the Roseburn Cliff pillars (for which a grant has already been obtained).

8. Community Council Office Bearers

The following appointments were made (proposed by A Weatherston and seconded by R Smart):-

Chairman – H Ross, deputised by R Smart, as necessary

Honorary Secretary – E Robertson

Minutes Secretary – R Brown, deputised by J Yellowlees, as necessary.

W Spence confirmed his willingness to continue to represent the Community Council in the West Edinburgh Neighbourhood Partnership.

9. Donaldson Area Amenity Association

George Douglas of the DAAA gave the meeting a brief history of the Association, whose boundaries span both the West End and Murrayfield Community Council areas. Cllr Balfour has suggested that consideration be given to changing the boundary between these areas so that the DAAA is wholly within the Murrayfield area. Both Community Councils are supportive of the Association. **The Association will consider nominating one of their members to be co-opted on to the Murrayfield Community Council.**

10. Western Corner Update

G McLeod has been in touch with Helen Platt at the Council. The money for the work has been ring fenced, but nothing is happening at present.

G McLeod reported that the gas pipe running from Murrayfield Road to Western Corner is leaking in a number of places. Temporary repairs are being carried out and after the Festival the whole length of the pipe will be renewed. Traffic will be re-routed via Ellersley Road.

11. School Bus Fares from Roseburn

As a result of recent budget cuts only pupils who live more than 3 (formerly 2) miles from a school will now have free bus travel. Craigmount pupils who live at Roseburn (2.8 miles from the school) will have to pay £6 per week in bus fares. Cllr Balfour confirmed that it is too late to object to this. The issue cannot be raised again for another year.

12. Queensferry Road Railings

Cllr Balfour has asked Murray Black at the WENP to look into the disrepair of these railings. They may be outside the Community Council area.

13. “Energy Saving at Home” Workshops

Energy Saving Scotland is offering a community workshop service on this subject and would like to know whether the Murrayfield churches and the Community Council would be interested in participating. It was considered that the majority of houses in the area are unsuitable for normal energy saving measures such as cavity wall insulation and double glazing and there is probably insufficient interest in such a workshop.

14. Planning Matters

R Smart has lodged an objection to the proposed car wash facility at 8 Kew Terrace. DAAA have lodged a fuller objection.

Sainsbury’s, Craigleith have lodged an application for approval of signs, but their plans are not available for inspection.

15. Traffic and Transport

There were no matters to be discussed.

16. Reports

The Treasurer reported that the Community Council had received its annual grant from the City Council and had paid its subscription to the Cockburn Association and the rental for the church hall.

Councillor Edie reported that the West Edinburgh Partnership has money in its budget for the current financial year from which to make capital grants and applicants should contact him or Councillor Balfour.

17. Correspondence

The members had been provided with a list of correspondence received by the Secretary.

18. Any Other Competent Business

It was noted that the small rusty traffic monitoring box close to the Community Council noticeboard at Roseburn had recently been removed.

A Weatherston asked whether the Community Council wished to implement the request from Mike Connelly of Tie to nominate 2/3 members to liaise with Tie on the tram works. S Holland pointed out that there has been very little interest in the tram project on the part of members of the public.

19. Questions from the Floor

Mr Scorgie asked for clarification of the distinction between Edinburgh Central and Edinburgh West and was told that the former is the Scottish, and the latter the Westminster, Parliamentary constituency.

A member of the public had been concerned about a woman who has been sleeping on the bench on Roseburn Bridge. The Police had told her that they could not prevent anyone from sleeping rough. The charity, Outreach, had taken care of the woman on successive nights and given her food, clothes and shoes.

20. Date of Next Meeting: 14 September 2010

Subsequent meetings: 2 November, 21 December 2010.

Minutes approved at meeting of 14 September 2010.

Murrayfield Community Council Main Correspondence Received
Since meeting of: 8 June 2010

8-June-10	Local Brownies leader	Asking about holding a BBQ in Roseburn Park	
10-June-10	Cllr Wheeler	Correspondence regarding Roseburn Bridge lights	
10-June-10	SPOKES	Advert for SPOKES cycling breakfast & Bulletin 107 (Summer 2010)	23 June
10-June-10	NHS Health Scotland	Health Link	
11-June-10	City of Edinburgh Council	Consultation on revised planning guidelines for: Accessibility; Building Heights and Roofscape	
14-June-10	Edinburgh Association of CCs	Invitation to their AGM	19 June
14-June-10	City Council	Licence application notice (street trader Roseburn St / Place corner until 30 June 2011)	28 June
16-June-10	Edin. Tenants' Federation	'Tenants Voice', Issue 75 (May 2010)	
16-June-10	Secretary, Craigleith/Blackhal CC	Pursuing state of repair of railings on Queensferry Rd	
18-June-10	Cllr Jenny Dawe	Council Leader's Report – June 2010	
18-June-10	A. Young, Senior Professional Officer, City Council	Redefine length of yellow line changes Belmont Gdns/Ellersly Road	Formal advert to follow
20-June-10	Craigmillar CC	Petition to save Niddrie Mills School	
21-June-10	A Young, Senior Professional Officer, City Council	Proposed addition of 'cashless parking' at pay and display parking places	Formal advert to follow
22-June-10	UNISON	Invitation to anti-privatisation lobby of City Council	24 June
22-June-10	Corstorphine CC	Noting free school bus travel issues in Roseburn	
23-June-10	City of Edinburgh Council	Licence applications and variations	26 July
24-June-10	City of Edinburgh Council	Saying there are still places at the VOICE event	29 June
25-June-10	Royal Zoological Society Scotland	June update	
25-June-10	City of Edinburgh Council	Requesting material for Community Councils newsletter	19 July
26-June-10	Donaldson Area Amenity Assoctn	Request to object to Kew Terr. Application – change of use to car valeting point	
26-June-10	Lothian & Borders Police	Community and Neighbourhood Watch News	
30-June-10	Sarah Boyack MSP	E-newsletter	
1-July-10	Sarah Boyack MSP	Update on antisocial behaviour in short-term lets	
2-July-10	Scottish Natural Heritage	The Nature of Scotland, Summer 2010	
5-July-10	Donaldson Area Amenity Assoc.	Newsletter July 2010	
5-July-10	Donaldson Area Amenity Assoc.	Copy of DAAA objection to Kew Terrace application (see 26 June)	
5-July-10	Edinburgh Tenants Assoc.	Annual Report 09/10	
5-July-10	City of Edinburgh Council	Publicity for landlord registration scheme	
5-July-10	Energy Saving Scotland	A community workshop service concerning home energy saving is available	
6-July-10	Strategic Dev. Plan Manager	Invitation to SESPlan workshop	11 August
6-July-10	Craigleith & Blackhall CC	Note about planning applications for signage not needing neighbour notification	
11-Jul-10	Assoc. Scottish CCs	Invitation to a regional meeting	14 August
13-Jul-10	Queensferry & Dist. CC	Annual Report	
14-Jul-10	Scottish Government	Consultation on school Additional Support Needs tribunals	
15-Jul-10	BBC	General invitation to 'Brian Taylor's Big Debate'	
15-Jul-10	Central Library	Information on access to 'FunderFinder' online service	
15-Jul-10	Scottish Government	Consultation on microgeneration equipment	8 October