

# Northfield and Willowbrae Community Council



## MINUTES OF MEETING 25 May 2017: NORTHFIELD COMMUNITY CENTRE

### Present:

Lorraine	Simpson	Chair
Sarah	Cleary	
Gordon	Macdonald	
Ian	Murray	
John	Nisbet	Vice Chair
Geoff	Pearson	Secretary
Samantha	Rutherford	
Nick	Weech	Treasurer
Bill	Whyte	
Charlie	Wood	

### Ex Officio:

#### Councillors, City of Edinburgh

Ian	Campbell	}
Joan	Griffiths	}
John	McLellan	}
Alex	Staniforth	Craigentinny & Duddingston Ward
Kate	Campbell	}
Mary	Campbell	}
Maureen	Child	Portobello & Craigmillar Ward

Three members of the public were present.

### Welcome

1. The Chair welcomed everyone to the first Annual General Meeting of the community council.

### Apologies

2. Apologies for absence were received from Davy Ferguson, Paul Dunleavy and Nick Marshall.

### Planning

3. Two items of ordinary business were agreed:

- The letter of support of 13 May for the planning application by Morrisons for the path from its site into Baronscourt Park.

- The representations sent to the Council on 14 May about the 2<sup>nd</sup> planning application for 235 Willowbrae Road.
4. Both had been agreed in correspondence by the community council.

#### The Annual Report for 2016-17

##### Cycling

5. Gordon Macdonald reported that it had been difficult to re-establish links with the Council. The previous community council had been working on routes into N&W from the City, including one through Holyrood Park, which the Council had now put on hold.

##### Isolation

6. Sam Rutherford reported that a meeting had been held with experts from LOOPS (Local Opportunities for Older People) to examine ways of reaching with people who may have little social contact. A social event was being held in the Barrel House on 14 June as part of this work.

7. The Community Council agreed the report.

##### Treasurer's Report

8. The Treasurer reported that retained funds held by the City Council had been released together with a half-year grant for the current year. The total was £3735.50 made up of £3,347.06 returned and £388.44 new grant. One cheque for overtime hire for the community centre room had been paid.

9. The accounts were agreed.

##### Election of Office Bearers

10. Under the chairmanship of Bill Whyte the four office bearers were re-elected by a unanimous vote.

11. The Chair closed the AGM at 20.00

##### OPEN FORUM

A free-ranging discussion heard from each of the new and re-elected Councillors from the two wards covered by the Community Council. A common theme was that, regardless of political changes elsewhere, the two Ward groups would work together for the benefit of the communities they represent. Cycling, street lighting, weeds, bins, carers, isolation were among the other topics which arose.

Geoff Pearson  
Secretary