

Northfield and Willowbrae  
Community Council



MINUTES OF MEETING 11 January 2018: NORTHFIELD COMMUNITY CENTRE

Present:

John Nisbet	Vice Chair
Sarah Cleary	
Davy Ferguson	
Gordon Macdonald	
Nick Marshall	
Ian Murray	
Geoff Pearson	Secretary
Samantha Rutherford	
Nick Weech	
Bill Whyte	
John McLellan	Councillor, City of Edinburgh Council
Alex Staniforth	Councillor, City of Edinburgh Council
In Attendance	
Andrew Fournet	Chair, Craigentenny & Meadowbank Community Council

One member of the public was present.

Welcome

1. John Nisbet took the chair.

Apologies

2. Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Mary Campbell and Maureen Child, Paul Dunleavy, Charlie Wood. Lorraine Simpson is on agreed absence.

Minutes of Meeting

3. The minutes of the meeting of 28 September were agreed.

Matters Arising

4. The Secretary reported a number of items.
  - The final group of Community Grant applications would be considered by the Neighbourhood Partnership later this month.
  - A planning briefing of community councils within the North East Locality was attended by almost all but there is still no enthusiasm for inter-CC meetings.
  - The EACC AGM had been attended by Nick Marshall, with some improvement in the conduct of its business.

Treasurer's Report

5. The Treasurer reported that the current bank balance was £4172.

Planning

6. The comments submitted on the Treverlen Park planning application were approved.

### Cycling

7. Gordon Macdonald reported that a useful meeting had been held with Martin Gray of Historic Environment Scotland. The Community Council agreed to write to HES welcoming the open approach, seeking to be involved with the development of HES proposals and to link with the Locality road and transport capital programme.

### Application for Local Events Grant

8. The Secretary reported that a grant application ("Flower Buds") had been submitted for £2500 to support an arts/cultural event in association with the Rowan Flowers community interest company and Craigentiny and Meadowbank Community Council.

9. The Community Council noted that it had been invited to join the assessment panel for the North East Locality for these grants, and agreed the application made and the proposal to add £500 of its own resources, in light of the connection to the isolation programme.

### Localities

10. Councillor Staniforth reported that the first meeting of the NE Locality Committee would be held on 19 February and he expected that all community councils would be invited to attend – although membership is confined to City Councillors. The Craigentiny and Duddingston Neighbourhood Partnership is to meet on 23 January.

11. The Community Council agreed to consider a submission to the NP and the Locality Committee pressing the case for retaining neighbourhood partnerships. The various NP sub-groups: Environment, Community Safety, Health and Well-being and the Area Board had been important forums for local involvement.

### New Activities

12. Sam Rutherford and Sarah Cleary explained plans for an event themed around Chinese New Year in the current series linking Primary 7 children with older folk and involving several local organisations. The Community Council agreed to support the event with funding of up to £500.

### Any Other Competent Business

13. The slow progress in repairing the *Wolseley Steps* was noted and the Community Council agreed to write to the Council seeking a report.

14. Concerns were raised about *dog fouling* and failed *street lighting*. It was agreed that problems should be reported immediately to the Council but that some publicity might be given to the contact numbers and CEC website to enable the community to report direct.

15. It was agreed to progress the discussions about material for use in the *CC Notice Board* at Morrisons.

16. Work is in hand to register the Community Council under Data Protection.

### Date of next meeting

17. The next meeting is 22 February.

Geoff Pearson  
Secretary