

Northfield and Willowbrae  
Community Council



MINUTES OF MEETING 13 December 2018: NORTHFIELD COMMUNITY CENTRE

Present:

Sam	Rutherford	Chair
Gordon	Macdonald	
Davy	Ferguson	
Nick	Marshall	
Ian	Murray	
Geoff	Pearson	Secretary
Nick	Weech	Treasurer
Bill	Whyte	
Charlie	Wood	
Ex Officio		
Alex	Staniforth	Councillor, City of Edinburgh Council

In Attendance

PC Campbell	Blackmore	Police Scotland
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About sixteen members of the public were present.

Welcome

1. Sam Rutherford welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Apologies

2. Apologies for absence were received from Sarah Cleary, Paul Dunleavy, John Nisbet, and Councillors Joan Griffiths and John McLellan.

Minutes of Meeting

3. The minutes of the meeting of 15 November were agreed.

Matters Arising

4. Members of the public raised various procedural issues, suggesting putting more community council material in public places such as libraries and notice boards.

Treasurer's Report

5. The Treasurer reported that the current bank balance was £3,895.58.

Police Report

6. The Community Council welcomed a brief report by PC Blackmore of progress on a number of crime issues, with house-breaking and motor offences reducing noticeably. Information on hate crime was requested.

Local Development Plan

7. Nick Marshall presented an outline of the importance of engagement with the consultation about to begin on the Local Development Plan 2020-2030.

8. The Community Council agreed to consider how best to engage with and consult locally on this, perhaps by a public meeting.

#### Review of Community Council Scheme

9. The City Council had opened a consultation on revising the Scheme which provides for the establishment of community councils. The consultation is in the form of a questionnaire. In order to take this forward, community councils in the North East Locality have agreed to meet to discuss issues which may guide the responses by individual community councils.

10. In view of this, unanimously, the Community Council, by vote, agreed to cancel its meeting on 10 January in order to attend the Locality community councils' meeting.

#### Events

11. Bill Whyte reported the discussions in hand with Walking Football Scotland to established walking football centred on the pitch in Piershill Square East, which the Community Council agreed to provide assistance with publicity. In discussion it was suggested that Lochend Boys Club might be interested in this.

12. Sam Rutherford explained that planning was in train to run an event as part of Eid, similar to the successful event produced for Chinese New Year. There would also be an event on the theme of toys and play involving P7s in schools and older people's groups. The Community Council agreed to support these.

#### Neighbourhood Partnership

13. The Secretary reported the decisions by the Neighbourhood Partnership to make allocations within the Neighbourhood Environment Programme in line with the Locality Improvement Plan priorities. He noted that there were so far insufficient applications for all the available monies in the Community Grants Fund.

#### Treverlen

14. Members of the public asked about the consultation on the planning decisions for the building of the Treverlen Park and the demolition of the building formerly occupied by St John's Primary School. The Community Council noted that there had been substantial and multiple consultations on this and it had made a submission, within the planning process, on 10 December 2017.

#### Any Other Competent Business

15. None.

#### Date of next meeting

16. 14 February (see paragraph 10 above).

17. The meeting closed at 9.10pm.

Geoff Pearson

Secretary