

Northfield and Willowbrae
Community Council



MINUTES OF MEETING 15 November 2018: NORTHFIELD COMMUNITY CENTRE

Present:

John	Nisbet	Chair
Gordon	Macdonald	
Davy	Ferguson	
Nick	Marshall	
Ian	Murray	
Geoff	Pearson	Secretary
Nick	Weech	Treasurer
Bill	Whyte	
Ex Officio		
John	McLellan	Councillor, City of Edinburgh Council
Alex	Staniforth	Councillor, City of Edinburgh Council
In Attendance		
PC Martin	Wood	}Police Scotland
PC Gareth	Deering	}

A number of members of the public were present.

Welcome

1. John Nisbet welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Apologies

2. Apologies for absence were received from Sarah Cleary, Paul Dunleavey, Sam Rutherford, Charlie Wood, and Councillor Joan Griffiths.

Minutes of Meeting

3. The minutes of the meeting of 11 October were agreed.

Matters Arising

4. Members of the public asked the community council to conduct a consultation about the demolition of the former St John's Primary School. The Community Council declined to do so but agreed to convey the views expressed to the City Council, without endorsement.
5. The time taken on this matter severely limited the time available for the agenda proper.

Treasurer's Report

6. The Treasurer reported that the current bank balance was £3951.58

Neighbourhood Partnership

7. Geoff Pearson reported that the Neighbourhood Partnership had considered the feedback from a further two local pop-ups in Restalrig and Northfield Grove. Information from the 4 pop-up sessions was guiding the proposals for deployment of funds from the Housing Revenue Account, Neighbourhood Environment Programme and the Community Grants Fund to be considered by the Neighbourhood Partnership on 27 November.

8. Councillor Staniforth reported the decision by the Edinburgh Partnership to replace Neighbourhood Partnerships with Neighbourhood Networks. There was no information available on what this meant.

9. PC Martin Wood and PC Gareth Deering introduced themselves as the community officers for the area and gave a brief update on policing issues.

EACC

10. The Community Council agreed to support the election of John Tibbitt as Vice Chair of EACC. The other office bearer posts were not being contested..

Duddingston

11. Geoff Pearson reported that no further information had been received from Duddingston Golf Club although local rumour is that a deal has been agreed with a developer.

12. Geoff Pearson reported that he would be meeting Council officers the next day to progress the discussion about securing Fields in Trust status for Cavalry Park.

Events

13. The Secretary reported there had been a inconclusive meeting about the possible use of the "health flat" at Piershill Square West.

14. Bill Whyte reported that meetings had been arranged to examine what was involved in setting up walking football for Piershill Squares.

Any Other Competent Business

15. A member of the public asked for community council minutes to be posted in the noticeboards. This will be addressed although readability is an issue.

Date of next meeting

16. 13 December.

17. The meeting closed at 9.00pm.

Geoff Pearson
Secretary