

Northfield and Willowbrae  
Community Council



MINUTES OF MEETING 17 AUGUST 2017: NORTHFIELD COMMUNITY CENTRE

Present:

Lorraine	Simpson	Chair
Sarah	Cleary	
Paul	Dunleavey	
Davy	Ferguson	
Gordon	Macdonald	
Ian	Murray	
John	Nisbet	Vice Chair
Geoff	Pearson	Secretary
Samantha	Rutherford	
Nick	Weech	Treasurer
Charlie	Wood	

Ex Officio:

		Councillors, City of Edinburgh
Ian	Campbell	}
John	McLellan	}
Alex	Staniforth	}
Callum	Laidlaw	Portobello & Craigmillar Ward

Presenting: Angus Adams                      Donation Centre Manager, Salvation Army

Two members of the public were present.

Welcome

1. The Chair welcomed everyone to the first meeting of the new cycle.

Apologies

2. Apologies for absence were received from Bill Whyte.

Minutes of Meeting

3. The minutes of the meetings of 23 March and 25 May (AGM) were agreed.

Matters Arising

4. None.

Treasurer's Report

5. The Treasurer reported that the current bank balance is £4604 following receipt of a City Council grant of £926.88. £28.20 was spent on the background poster for the new notice board on Morrisons path. Internet banking with two signatories is now working, simplifying payment and accounting.

### Neighbourhood Partnership

6. The Secretary reported that the first meeting since December of the Neighbourhood Partnership was held on 15 August, centred on Locality Improvement Plan. The Partnership had noted that the Environment Forum had £69,000 to allocate for projects to improve the City's assets and the Community Grants Fund had over £10,000 to award this year, beyond the £13,000 worth of applications currently under consideration.

7. Councillors explained that the Locality/Neighbourhood Partnership/Community Council system was being reviewed. Although NP sub-groups had not been formally re-established the NP had agreed to work informally meantime to make progress.

### Planning

8. The Secretary reported that Planning Aid Scotland had been suggested as a body able to offer comprehensive planning training although at £1500 for a full-day session the costs would be too high unless we shared with Locality partners. Meanwhile the City Council is offering an evening introduction on 29 August.

9. The Community Council also discussed how to respond to various kinds of a planning application, noting that if comment is not made at the application stage it is not possible to make formal representations later. Councillors pointed out that they could receive, without comment, comment and information if applications were coming to Committee of the Local Review Board.

10. Treverlen: The Secretary reported that a planning application for the new Treverlen park was imminent where the community council might be a consultee, and it might consider a public consultation before submitting representations.

### Salvation Army

11. Angus Adams, Salvation Army Donation Centre Manager made a presentation about the new Centre to be opened at the former tyre garage on Piershill Terrace/ Portobello Road. He expects it to receive donations but also to have a shop selling recycled and reusable items. It is not a temporary project and is based on a successful model in West Bromwich, the only other one operated by the Salvation Army.

12. Building work starts shortly. Once complete, the SA will be using one van only and is keen to involve the community in various uses for the site, including education for young people on social issues.

13. The Community Council thanked Mr Adams for his presentation and wished the venture success.

### Any Other Competent Business

14. None

### Date of next meeting

15. To be announced, probably 28 September and then 23 November

16. The Chair closed the meeting at 21.00.

Geoff Pearson  
Secretary