

Northfield and Willowbrae
Community Council



MEETING 17 May 2018: NORTHFIELD COMMUNITY CENTRE
MINUTES

Present:

Sarah	Cleary	
John	Nisbet	Chair
Gordon	Macdonald	
Nick	Marshall	
Geoff	Pearson	Secretary
Samantha	Rutherford	Vice-Chair
Nick	Weech	Treasurer

One member of the public and Andrew Fournet, Chair of Craigentiny and Meadowbank Community Council were present.

Welcome

1. John Nisbet, Chair, opened the meeting,

Apologies

2. Apologies for absence were received from Ian Murray, Lorraine Simpson, Bill Whyte, Charlie Wood, Councillors Ian Campbell, Mary Campbell, Maureen Child, Joan Griffiths and Alex Staniforth.

Minutes of Meeting

3. The minutes of the meeting of 19 April 2017 were agreed.

Matters Arising

4. None.

Events

5. Sam Rutherford reported on the two P7 and Older People events which had been set up. These continued to be successful with schools and UPMO keen to continue them. The Salvation Army car boot sale had also been popular with a wide ranged of people attending – these are likely to continue with the next on 2 June. The Community Council approved the Annual Report for 2017-18.

Open Forum

6. Cavalry Park: Nick Marshall reported a request from a resident in Cavalry Park for the community council to support a proposal for the City Council to apply for Fields in Trust status

for Cavalry Park. There was local concern that this area might be used for other purposes, including building development. The Community Council discussed this at a previous meeting and recognised the value of the designation.

7. Before taking a formal position, the Community Council suggested that residents should consider the application form which the City Council would have to submit, in particular to show evidence of significant local support from local people and users of the Park.

8. Cycling: the Cycling sub-group agreed to ask Historic Environment Scotland about progress with the traffic management consultancy which HES had agreed to commission.

9. Meadowbank: It was not clear whether the City Council hearings on 29 June were to make decisions on the planning applications or to open new consultations.

10. Volunteering: The Community Council agreed a proposal by Sarah Cleary to seek funding for a programme to support volunteering in the area. Sarah would draft an application.

11. Allotments: The Secretary reported that discussions continued with the Northfield Allotment holders, about water and security; and with the Piershill Backgreens Association about involving the Council in making progress.

Any Other Competent Business

12. None.

Date of Next Meeting

13. The first meeting of the new season will be 13 September 2018. (Amended in correspondence to 30 August in light of business emerging over the summer)

14. The meeting closed at 20.55.

Geoff Pearson
Secretary