

Northfield and Willowbrae
Community Council



MINUTES OF MEETING 19 April 2018: NORTHFIELD COMMUNITY CENTRE

Present:

John	Nisbet	Vice Chair
Paul	Dunleavey	
Davy	Ferguson	
Gordon	Macdonald	
Ian	Murray	
Geoff	Pearson	Secretary
Samantha	Rutherford	
Nick	Weech	Treasurer
Bill	Whyte	
Charlie	Wood	
Ex Officio:		
John	MacLellan	Councillor, City of Edinburgh Council

Four members of the public were present.

Welcome

1. John Nisbet, Vice-Chair, opened the meeting, welcoming members of the Willowbrae Residents Association.

Apologies

2. Apologies for absence were received from Lorraine Simpson, Sarah Cleary, Councillors Ian Campbell, Joan Griffiths and Alex Staniforth.

Minutes of Meeting

3. The minutes of the meeting of 22 March were agreed.

Matters Arising

4. None.

Treasurer's Report

5. The Treasurer reported that the current bank balance was £3697.39.

6. It was agreed to ask Carys Macdonald to examine the accounts for the year in preparation for the AGM in May.

Neighbourhood Partnership

7. The Secretary reported on progress at the Neighbourhood Partnership which had met on 17 April. The main points were:

- The North East Locality Committee would meet on 26 April but little was yet known of how it might work, particularly in relation to NPs and community councils.
- Two papers had been tabled at the meeting, making meaningful discussion difficult: 1. a long-awaited paper on the funds available from the Housing Revenue Account and 2. some proposals for expenditure from the Environment Budget. As these would require further study and community involvement, discussion had not proceeded.
- The Community Grants Fund decisions for 2016-17-18 were reported but with no budget or decision process proposed for the current financial year.
- Two oral progress reports were given about the NEL Committee (from the Convenor and Vice Convenor) and the Locality Improvement Plan – much still to be done.
- The POLO plan was not being given the priority sought by the community council: some of the quick fixes identified 2 years ago were expected to be undertaken only within the next two weeks.
- A small group is to be set up by the NP to consider how to manage the HRA and Environment Forum funds.

Events

8. Sam Rutherford reported on a number of events being planned, following on from the successful schools/older people events. It was agreed to publicise these as a programme.

9. There was a brief discussion of the possibility of running an event for local businesses, perhaps in the Morrisons café – an approach would be made to the new manager.

Meetings and Membership

10. It was agreed that in the new meeting year, after the AGM, the CC would meet on the second Thursday in the month to avoid clashes with other meetings.

11. There was a brief discussion of the possibility of voluntary groups taking up places on the community council – such as the Willowbrae Residents Group.

Any Other Competent Business

12. Meadowbank Stadium: work on the planning applications was well underway at the Council but final decisions might be made later in the year than originally expected.

Date of next meeting

13. 17 May – this would include the AGM and perhaps an event about local improvements to be paid for from the NP funds.

Geoff Pearson
Secretary