



MEETING: 19:00, Thursday 19 November 2015 Northfield Community Centre

AGENDA

1.	Chairman's Welcome	
2.	Apologies for absence	
3.	Police Report	End time: 19:15
4.	Motion to co-opt John Nisbet as a member	End time: 19:20
5.	Minutes of Meeting of 22 October 2015 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Matters arising • Minutes of 17 September 	
6.	Finance Report	End time: 19:30
7.	Planning Application <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Avant Homes on Craigentiny/Telferton Allotment site 	End time: 19:50
8.	Parks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New Park - Neighbourhood Partnership meeting on 17 November • Baronscourt 	End time: 20.05
9.	Edinburgh Association of Community Councils <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nomination of office bearers 	Secretary End time: 20.15
10.	Any other competent business	
11.	Next meeting: 21 January	End time: 20:30

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MEETING 19 NOVEMBER 2015: BRIEFING NOTES

Minutes of 17 September

1. For Approval: The minutes of 17 September were adopted in principle only at the meeting on 22 October as there was a question raised about the vires of the October meeting. Equally, it was agreed that any decisions made on 22 October (including the minutes of 17 September) would be formally approved at the November meeting.
2. The minutes of 17 September have been amended to clarify the item on Abercorn Cottages.

Co-option of New Member

3. For Approval: John Nisbet has offered himself as a member of the community council. He is a resident of Northfield and is the holder of an allotment at Craigentenny-Telferton.
4. Under the City of Edinburgh Scheme, the Community Council may have 21 members, 14 elected and 7 nominated by organisations. Vacancies amongst elected members may be filled by co-option. Currently we have one nominated member and two co-opted. We have 9 elected members.

Figgate Park

5. A question was raised at the meeting on 22 October about the management of the Figgate Pond. The Parks Manager has provided this report:

I can confirm that the Sluice gate has been opened and has never been fully shut all summer. The burn levels this summer have been very low due to the lack of rainfall this summer which also affects the amount of water able to get into the pond. This year again we have not had a blue green alga bloom.

At present the levels within the pond are approx 200 mm higher that it should be and we are looking to carry out improvements to the help with this situation.

As to the mass loss of fish I have not seen or have been made aware of any large death of the fish within the pond. The pond its self has a massive surface area which will allow for oxygen transfer and the pond weed within it will also help with origination of the pond. I would agree that over the past few years there would appear to have been a reduction of ducks but these tends to eat weed and not fish. I also noticed a little Glebe in the pond last week which is a fish eater.

I hope this information clarifies the situation.

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Cycling

6. A letter has been sent to Historic Environment Scotland which is responsible for Holyrood Park. The Chief Executive of the new organisation, starting from mid-November, is David Middleton CBE, previously Chief Executive of Transport Scotland.

Mailing List

7. A number of people left their email addresses after the last meeting. An invitation was sent to each one inviting them to subscribe to our mailing list – two did so. We prefer people to subscribe as they can then manage for themselves whether they continue to receive the mailings and it avoids any doubts about permissions. It also avoids any confusion with other emailing lists. The list currently has 42 members.

Facebook

8. The Facebook page currently has 211 likes and our posting about the Craigentenny/Telferton Allotments reached 1422 people, although many fewer will have actually read it.

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