



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2014-15

28 May 2015 Northfield Community Centre

John	Fayrer	Chairman
Margaret	Alexander	
George	Callaghan	Treasurer
Dave	Ferguson	
Stewart	Kerr	
Gordon	Macdonald	
Ian	Murray	Vice-Chairman
Geoff	Pearson	Secretary

Ex Officio		
Kenny	MacAskill	MSP
Stefan	Tymkewycz	City of Edinburgh Councillor

One member of the public was present.

1. The Chairman opened the meeting by welcoming everyone and introducing members of the community council.

Apologies

2. Apologies were noted from Caroline Kaye, Christine Kerr, Dave King, Nick Marshall and Councillors Joan Griffiths and Alex Lunn.

Minutes of Previous Meeting

3. The first AGM on 10 April 2014 was conducted and minuted by the City Council; and minutes of the short initial meeting of the new community council, which followed immediately, were approved at the meeting on 12 June 2014.

Sheila Gilmore

4. The Community Council expressed its gratitude for the significant help and support it had received from Sheila Gilmore who ceased to be the local Member of Parliament at the General Election on 7 May.

Faye Gray

5. The Community Council wished Faye Gray, Partnership Business Manager, a long and happy retirement. Faye had been a strong support and guide to the Community Council over a good number of years.



Annual Report

6. The draft Annual Report was considered. Matters arising therefrom included:
- Planning: the case of Craigneuk in Duddingston Village had provoked interest in another planning application, currently under consideration.
 - Progress was being made with Morrisons as the company had asked for contact to be re-established through the community council with the City Council.
 - Cycling: a further meeting would be held on 24 June with City Council officials about the routes being considered by the cycling sub-group. It was noted that at 6% of its transport budget Edinburgh spent more on cycling than any other authority in Scotland.
7. The Community Council agreed to adopt the Annual Report.

The Accounts for 2014-15

8. The Accounts, which had been independently examined, were agreed.

Election of Office Bearers.

9. Kenny MacAskill took the chair and all office bearers stood down. The following were elected:

Chair	John Fayrer	Proposed:	Geoff Pearson
		Seconded:	Ian Murray
Vice-chair	Ian Murray	Proposed:	John Fayrer
		Seconded:	Margaret Alexander
Treasurer	Margaret Alexander	Proposed:	George Callaghan
		Seconded:	Ian Murray
Secretary	Geoff Pearson	Proposed:	John Fayrer
		Seconded:	Dave Ferguson

Date of Next AGM

10. Resuming the Chair, the Chairman declared that the next Annual General Meeting would be held on 19 May 2015.
11. The Meeting closed.



OPEN FORUM

12. An open forum followed the Annual General Meeting. The main topic was the establishment of four Localities covering the whole City as part of the BOLD/Transformation programme to reduce costs by £107 million over 5 years.

13. Main features included:

- No compulsory redundancies
- All services to have coterminous boundaries.
- More shared services and premises
- Asset transfer to local bodies was likely.
- More local decisions made by local people, with local managers responsible
- Decisions on the structure below Locality were still to be made but Neighbourhood Partnerships and community councils would remain part of the system.

14. The Community Council recognised there were opportunities to build on its recent successes, for example, in securing improvements through the NP Environment Forum and expected to be discussing development in meetings later in the year.