



# Northfield and Willowbrae Community Council

## Annual General Meeting

Date and Time of Meeting: 24th August 2021 at 7pm on MS Teams

### Present

Community Council Members: Dave Armstrong(Chair), Ian Murray, Nick Marshall (minutes), Charlie Wood, John Nisbet

Councillors: Cllr Alex Staniforth

Others: Eileen Callaghan, Deborah Charlesworth, David Black, Elaine ?, Fiona ?, Ian ?

For Jock's Lodge proposal Item only: Suzanne Sharif, Colin Laverty, Alex Orr, Rory Brogan

### 1. Welcome and Apologies

Apologies from Cllr Joan Griffiths, CPO Anna Morrison and Gordon MacDonald

### 2. Approval of minutes of previous meetings

- (a) Last meeting (15th June 2021) - approved without alteration (Prop Dave; 2nd Nick)  
Matters arising to be covered under agenda items
- (b) Last AGM (16 May 2019) - approved without alteration (Prop Dave; 2nd Ian)  
No matters arising

### 3. Approval of Annual Report (FY 20-21)

Approved without alteration (Prop John; 2nd Ian)

### 4. Election of Office-bearers

The following were elected/re-elected without objection:

Chair - Gordon MacDonald

Vice-chair - Dave Armstrong

Treasurer - John Nisbet (re-elected)

Secretary - Nick Marshall

Community Council membership is close to the minimum so we need to recruit more.

### 5. Treasurer's report

The current account now stands at £3604.48, after a reimbursement to Geoff Pearson for payment of One.com annual fee. £82.25 is outstanding to Keegan & Pennykid for insurance.

### 6. Police report

Neither CPO could attend the meeting but CPO Anna Morrison had sent a written report which was read out (See Appendix).

It was suggested that the Community Council should meet with the manager of Morrisons in order to discuss several issues.

### 7. Planning

(a) Meadowbank Update - the reference group will soon be looking at developers' proposals for the residential developments. NWCC is represented by Dave Armstrong and Criagentinny/ Meadowbank CC by Brenda Devlin. The Meadowbank Arts Complex sale has fallen through so redevelopment proposals for that are stalled. Meadowbank Sports Complex is expected to open this Autumn.

(b) Jocks Lodge proposals - presentation and discussion

Representatives of the development team (incl architects, planning consultants and developers) gave a presentation and answered questions. The main building will be student accommodation (167 units), with no car parking, only a shelter for bikes (students will not be allowed to have cars). It will be 7 storeys at the corner, but each wing will be lower (height aligned with tenements across the street). There will be communal spaces on each floor, especially on the ground floor, a rooftop terrace and a courtyard seating area behind. There will be a shop at the west end (where there is one currently). The building line will be the back of the current pavement (ie the current building line on London Rd) except at the corner, where it will be set back a little at the main entrance.

The council consider that there isn't an excessive concentration of student accommodation in this area, and that it is well sites for access by bus to QMU and other university locations.

Concern was expressed about high numbers of students, disturbance due to taxis at all hours, missed opportunity to create a wider pavement with possible landscaping, building blocking the view from the tenements opposite, and possibility of students parking in nearby congested streets (although the developers say that enforcement of no-car policy by building operator will prevent this).

The developers expect to submit a planning application in October and would expect a decision in Feb/Mar 2022 (although the response period for the CC and public would probably be 1 month). They are happy to engage further with NWCC and have offered a similar meeting to C&MCC. Dave thanked them for their participation.

## **8. Transport**

(a) Low Emission Zone Consultation

Nick presented information from the council's consultation hub about the proposed city centre LEZ, which does not extend into our area but might affect it by diverting traffic around its edges. It was understood that the LEZ was a legal requirement on the council, and that it would only affect quite old cars and HGVs. It was suggested that, in view of uncertainty over what the impacts on our area might be, we should restrict our comments to asking how any such impacts would be monitored and how adverse impacts could be mitigated. Nick agreed to draft a note from the recent council LEZ briefing.

(b) Other updates

No news about 69 bus or the promised community meeting.

## **9. Any other competent business & Public Forum**

No items were raised.

## **10. Date of next meeting**

Tuesday Oct 12th at 7pm by Teams.

We hope to have an in-person meeting soon.

**APPENDIX**  
**North East Community Policing Team**  
**Northfield and Willowbrae Community Council Newsletter**  
**July - August 2021**

**Local Crime Stats - August 2021**

Housebreakings – 2 (residential premises and a building site)

Hate Crime – 2

ASB/Public Nuisance – 5

**What We're Noticing**

Use of Quad and Dirt Bikes in Cavalry Park as well as Figgate Burn Park.

Youth Antisocial Behaviour near Parsons Green Primary School targeting residential properties.

Youth Antisocial Behaviour at and in the vicinity of Baronscourt Park.

Speeding along Willowbrae Road, Mountcastle area and Duddingston Road.

Traffic violations around local primary schools including parking on double yellow lines and driving through residential roads during prohibited times

**Looking Forward**

Regular patrols of the key areas with Antisocial Behaviour problems.

Speed check initiatives and patrols around Primary Schools during drop off and pick up times as well as sending Police communication via Parental Mail to remind parents of the traffic restrictions in the area.

**Long-term Initiatives and Opportunities**

**- Baronscourt Park**

PC Morrison sent a further email to the Parks and Greenspaces Council department asking what progress has been made in relation to Police request to have the fire pit filled and football goal posts secured permanently into the ground.

**- Community Alcohol Partnership (CAP)**

PC Morrison, along with Police Constable Lauren Mitchell from Leith Police Station run CAP initiative which addresses underage drinking and its link to antisocial behaviour. Along with numerous partner agencies such as schools, youth clubs, supermarkets, licensing etc, we organise events to educate young people about dangers of underage drinking and adults/off licence sales staff about proxy purchasing.