



# Northfield and Willowbrae Community Council

## Meeting Minutes

**Date:** 01/03/2022

**Time:** 19:00

**Location:** Remote, Microsoft Teams

**Present:**

Dave Armstrong, Gordon Macdonald, John Nisbet, Charlie Wood

**Chair:** Gordon Macdonald

**Councillors:** Joan Griffiths, John McLellan

**Other:** Danny Aston, Ellie Carr

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- [Approval of minutes \(07/12/2021\)](#)

No issues were raised from the minutes of our last meeting.

- Proposed by Gordon
- Seconded by Dave

- [Matters Arising](#)

- Letter sent to PC Morrison re. School streets to be put on website.

- [Treasurer's Report](#)

- Council grant paid into account.
- Website hosting fees paid.
- Balance £4312.

- [Police Report](#)

- Email report submitted by PC Morrison

*As of 01/01/2022 there have been 25 Antisocial Behaviour calls made to the Police, mainly in relation to youths causing damage or smoking cannabis in common stairs.*

*18 of those incidents took place in January and only 7 in February when additional plain clothes and high visibility patrols were introduced to the area.*

*In January, significant damage was caused to Royal High Primary school. Due to no CCTV and poor lighting around the school, no perpetrators have been identified however the increased patrols and engagement with the local youths resulted in situation improving with no further reports made in February.*

*Piershill Square East, in particular, has seen a significant increase in youth calls who are managing to gain entry through insecure front and back door to the common stair. Housing department has been contacted to address this issue.*

*In the first place, in the next few weeks, all the front and back doors for both Square East and West will be re-secured.*

*A further plan is now being drafted to replace all front doors with the metal ones, the cost of which will be covered by the council regardless of the mixture of private and council tenants within the stair. This will however take a few months.*

*There has been 1 HATE CRIME incident where eggs were thrown at a property.*

*1 incident of breaking into a shed.*

- Cllrs Griffiths and McLellan reported meeting with residents in Baronscourt Park to look at issues with anti-social behaviour and vandalism. They intend to approach Morrisons Supermarket for funding to approve fencing in the area.
- **Park Run**
  - Ellie Carr presented details of the new Parkrun to start in Holyrood Park in late April. The CC agreed to help publicise, particularly the search for volunteers to get involved with running the events.
- **Hollyrood Park**
  - Work has started to stabilize the rock face over Duddingston Low Road and the Innocent Path. Tendering for similar work on the crags above The Radical Road is in progress, but this is a more complex operation.

- **10 Villages Community Grants**
  - This year's allocation is complete
  - It was noted several local groups, including Telferton Allotments and Friends of Figgate Park had benefited from these grants in the past.
  - It was noted that smaller groups, without the requisite bank account, could possibly use the community council as a vehicle to apply for grants in the future.
  
- **Transport**
  - Dave reported on a meeting held concerning the withdrawn 69 bus. There is a possibility that Handicabs could take over the route, though this would be dependent on funding being available.
  
- **National Planning Framework**
  - Draft now out for consultation.
  
- **Any Other Competent Business**
  - Dave reported an email from a constituent regarding the growing problem of dog faeces in the area, particularly around Holyrood Park. Dave will draft a response/letter.
  
- **Following Meeting**
  - The CC agreed on the next meeting taking place on **Tuesday 17th May @ 7pm.**