



**Minutes – Ordinary Meeting  
Date and Time: 31<sup>st</sup> March 2025 at 7pm  
Venue: Northfield Community Centre**

	Item	Action By Whom & When
1.	<p>Councillor Danny Aston, returning officer, chaired the meeting at the start. He welcomed everyone to the meeting, emphasising the important democratic role played by community councils.</p> <p>Present: Councillor Danny Aston, Councillor Alex Stanniforth, Dave Armstrong, Margaret Bennett, George Callaghan, James Keating, Lauren Kennelly, Gordon Macdonald, Sunila Nimalasuriya, Ruth Pearson.</p> <p>Apologies received from: Chris Alcorn, Rebeca Diaz-Vasquez, Councillor Joan Griffiths and Councillor Iain Whyte.</p>	
2.	<p>Announcing Community Council members as duly elected - Councillor Aston made this announcement: Chris Alcorn, Dave Armstrong, Margaret Bennett, George Callaghan, Rebecca Diaz-Vasquez, James Keating, Lauren Kennelly, Gordon Macdonald, Sunila Nimalasuriya and Ruth Pearson were duly elected.</p>	
3.	<p>Confirmation of Name of Council – It was agreed to make no change.</p>	
4.	<p>Appointment of Office-Bearers - Chair: Ruth Pearson - nominated by RP seconded by DA, Secretary: Lauren Kennelly - proposed by DA, seconded by MB. Treasurer: Chris Alcorn - proposed by JK, seconded by MB. Engagement Officer: Margaret Bennett - proposed by DA, seconded by GM. It was also agreed that Dave Armstrong should be Minute Secretary. At this point, RP took the chair.</p>	
5.	<p>Community Council Induction Event - in person event on Saturday April 26th at Waverley Court. It was agreed that RP and SN would attend.</p>	
6.	<p>Any other business:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Cavalry Park - MB gave an update on this. Continuing ASB, including arson, involving large numbers of youths. Cllr JG and MB trying to arrange meeting with HT of Holyrood High School and Police. Material dumped on tennis courts has left surface in unsatisfactory condition. Cllrs asked to investigate whether permission is required from planning committee to convert courts to car parking.</li> <li>b. Friends of Meadowfield Park - request transmitted via Cllr DA for CC to publicise upcoming events - this was agreed.</li> <li>c. CC priorities going forward - GC asked about this. MB circulated a list of current ongoing issues, including Piershill flat - 100% support from residents for its restoration for Community use, but no progress yet - 69 bus restarted before Christmas - Possible Community purchase of Willowbrae Church (being sold by Church of Scotland). Suggestions for possible subgroups included Planning Issues, Local Place Plan, Local Transport Issues, Environment Fair, Social media/publicity. MB also circulated information on roles and responsibilities.</li> </ul>	

	d. LK raised concerns about continuing antisocial behaviour around Baronscourt Park and Royal High PS. Community Police are aware.	
7.	The date of the next meeting will be 13/05/2025 at Northfield Community Centre 7-8.30pm. This meeting will be the AGM.	
8.	The meeting closed at 8.20 pm.	

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