

West End Community Council Minute

8th of January 2019 at Ashfield, 61 Melville Street, Edinburgh EH3 7HL

Present: Gordon Wyllie (in the Chair), Alan Weddell (Treasurer), David Duncan (Secretary), Isabel Thom (Planning), Colin Johnston, Gordon Renton, Cllr. Claire Miller, Alex Milne and Cameron Buchanan.

Discussion	Action
<p>1. Apologies and welcome</p> <p>A warm welcome was extended to everyone attending the first meeting of the New Year. Apologies were received from or on behalf of Ian Robertson (Vice-Chair) Deidre Brock MP, Ruth Davidson MSP, Cllr. Alasdair Rankin, Cllr. Karen Doran, Cllr. Gavin Barrie, Cllr Iain Whyte, Cllr. Max Mitchell, Susan Purnell (Police Scotland), Marta Baur, Cllr. Joanna Mowat and the Very Rev'd John Conway.</p>	
<p>2. Minute of meeting held on the 2nd of October 2018</p> <p>The minutes from last meeting were approved subject to some typographical correction.</p>	
<p>3. Matters Arising</p> <p>The subject of the West End Community Council website requiring updating was raised. Some of the Council members are also unable to access their dedicated WECC email address. This issue is to be investigated and resolved by the Secretary.</p>	DD
<p>4. Police Report</p> <p>As no members of the Police Force were in attendance, no Police report was delivered. It was thought that a factor in this would be a meeting today of the Old Town Community Council.</p>	
<p>5. South East Locality and Neighbourhood Partnership</p> <p>The Chairman and Secretary agreed to attend a meeting being held in the European Room of the City Chambers on the 10th of January at 6pm. The meeting is for members of the community to contribute their thoughts and feedback to a discussion regarding the remit and membership of the recently formed Local Community Planning Partnerships (LCPPs)</p>	GMW and DD
<p>6. City Councillor's report</p> <p>Cllr. Miller was advised that the Council had been in recess over the Festive period. An increasingly restricted council is coming this year and those</p>	All

<p>interested were invited to visit the Consultation Hub on the city council website. This was also the case regarding the Review of Community Councils and the Common Good Fund, some of whose intricacies were explained by Cllr. Miller.</p>	
<p>7. Finance</p> <p>Treasurer Alan Weddell reported that the balance in the Community Council's favour was £1120.96</p>	
<p>8. Planning</p> <p>Mrs Thom spoke to and was thanked for her Report, which included the following topics:</p> <p>Noteworthy planning permission requests and the subsequent verdicts were brought up during the meeting. The George Street and First New Town Design Project was also mentioned and questionnaires were distributed for attendees to fill in and submit.</p>	All
<p>9. AOCB</p> <p>Gordon Renton referred to the use of Princes Street Gardens and other city centre relocations for visitor attractions during the festive period, with widespread crowding and congestion. The Community Council felt that other areas of the city were underutilised by comparison and that some of these activities would be better transferred to sites such as Inverleith Park and the Meadows. It was agreed to write to Cllr. Donald Wilson, the Convenor of Culture and Communities. The Secretary would draft a letter.</p>	GMW and DD
<p>10. Dates of the Community Council meetings over the year</p> <p>It was anticipated that meetings would take place on the following Tuesdays at 7:30pm.</p> <p>5th of February 2nd of April 7th of May 4th of June 2nd of July 6th of August 3rd of September 1st of October 5th of November 3rd of December</p>	

Appendix

REPORT BY THE CHAIRMAN AND SECRETARY ABOUT THE MEETING ON WEDNESDAY THE 10TH OF JANUARY ABOUT LOCAL COMMUNITY PLANNING PARTNERSHIPS AND THE EDINBURGH PARTNERSHIP BOARD.

The Edinburgh Partnership Board exists to assist the local authorities including the city council and certain service providers as per the accompanying table in delivering better service. To that extent it resembles the existing Neighbourhood Partnerships. It is facilitated and supported by the city council but it is not formally a part of the council structures. Part of its function is the oversight of the Local Children's Service Plan, the community Justice Outcome Improvement Plan, and the Community Learning and Development Plan under the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act. As will be seen from the accompanying table, membership of the board includes a representative of the Edinburgh Association of Community Councils. The late Professor Norman Bonney used to refer to this association at WECC meetings.

It deals with planning matters in the sense of "planning for the future" rather than the Town and Country Planning Legislation. Much of the discussion centred upon how local Neighbourhood Networks (such as residents' associations) might be represented on the local community planning partnerships- see two further tables attached.

The coordinators of the meeting undertook to circulate a summary of its conclusions.

Edinburgh Partnership Board - Membership



- The City of Edinburgh Council
- Police Scotland
- Scottish Enterprise
- Edinburgh Integration Joint Board
- University of Edinburgh
- Chamber of Commerce
- Edinburgh Association of Community Councils
- Third Sector Interface
- NHS Lothian
- Scottish Fire and Rescue Service
- Skills Development Scotland
- Edinburgh College
- Armed Forces
- Edinburgh Affordable Housing Partnership
- Equality and Rights Network



Partnership Group - Locality Community

Planning Partnerships *(confusingly, not "Planning Act" planning, but to community "empowerment" issues.)*

- New group
- Responsible for development, delivery and joint resourcing of Locality Improvement Plan
- Reports directly to the Edinburgh Partnership Board
- Extent of remit to be agreed
- Linkages to other partnerships to be considered
- Membership to be agreed



Neighbourhood Networks

- New group building on strengths of Neighbourhood Partnerships
- Responsible for ensuring community influence and participation in community planning in line with duties of the Community Empowerment (Scotland) 2015
- Core remit, membership and linkages to be agreed to ensure consistency of governance across the city
- Flexibility once established for Neighbourhood Networks to develop their own operating model and wider membership to reflect their community