

## West End Community Council Minute

**7:30pm on the 1st of October 2019** at the Ashfield House, 61 Melville Street, Edinburgh, EH3 7HL

Present: Gordon M Wyllie (in the chair), Ian Robertson (Vice-Chair), David Duncan (Secretary), Isabel Thom (Planning), Marta Baur, Colin Johnston, Gordon Renton and local resident Ian Woollen.

Discussion	Action
<p><b>1. Apologies and welcome</b></p> <p>Apologies were received from or on behalf of Deidre Brock MP, Ruth Davidson MSP, Cllr. Alasdair Rankin, Cllr. Karen Doran, Cllr. Claire Miller, Cllr. Gavin Barrie, Cllr. Hal Osler, Cllr. Iain Whyte, Cllr. Max Mitchell. Siobhan Mannion (Police Scotland) and Community Councillors Alan Weddell (Treasurer), David Duncan (Secretary), Cameron Buchanan and the Very Rev'd John Conway.</p>	
<p><b>2. Minute of meeting held on the 3rd of September 2019</b></p> <p>The Minute from the last meeting was approved.</p>	
<p><b>3. Matters arising</b></p> <p>A report on progress from the Secretary and Campbell Mills re the website was requested for the next meeting, and it was agreed to investigate the possibility of establishing a Facebook page, Gordon Renton explaining that while individuals wishing to consult the same would need to join Facebook, it was not necessary for their webpages to contain any significant information about them.</p>	
<p><b>4. Police Report</b></p> <p>In the absence of any members of the Police, there was no report.</p>	
<p><b>5. Community Council elections</b></p> <p>Posters about the elections had been put up and eligible residents encouraged to participate.</p>	
<p><b>6. Councillor's Report</b></p> <p>As no Councillor was present, there was no report.</p>	
<p><b>7. Financial report</b></p> <p>According to the latest bank statement, the account contains £1191.44. Alan Weddell had handed in his current papers for the operation of the account and was warmly thanked in his absence for all his work as Treasurer over the last years.</p>	

<p><b>8. Planning report</b></p> <p>Since the last meeting Mrs Thom had attended the Planning Customers Forum and in connection with her forthcoming attendance at the Scottish Older People's Assembly this coming Saturday sought the views of those present on a number of cogent and appropriate issues.</p> <p>Going on to speak to her Planning Report, Mrs Thom explained how she extracts relevant details from the Planning Department documentation, which is ordered by electoral wards. It was noted with concern that under current conditions it can be hard (when not impossible) to obtain replies to telephone enquiries, and this is especially worrying where urgent cases are involved.</p> <p>Mr Woollen referred to the commercial use of Princes Street Gardens and it was noted with relief that no Christmas skating rink would be erected there this year.</p> <p>Isabel Thom and Gordon Wyllie referred to press reports that the City Council were now prepared to restrict such use even at the cost of financial development, and those present were unanimous in their warm praise of the Council's decision in the event of this turning out to be the case.</p> <p>Colin Johnston and Ian Woollen referred to planning and construction issues surrounding alterations to listed buildings and Mrs Thom, explaining along with Gordon Wyllie the issues involved, advised that a good way of proceeding would be to ventilate their concerns in writing to the relevant City Councillors.</p> <p>It was agreed that the disruption to traffic and inconvenience to residents caused by recent street closures etc that had taken place to facilitate commercial filming in the city centre was unwelcome and deleterious.</p>	
<p><b>9. AGM</b></p> <p>Today's meeting had been advertised as the 2019 AGM. Mutatis mutandis AND SUBJECT TO NOTING MR WEDDELL'S DEMISSION FROM THE TREASURERSHIP the current office-holders were confirmed and it was noted that new appointments might be required after the results of the Community Council elections were known.</p>	
<p><b>10. AOCB</b></p> <p>Alan Weddell noted that he wishes to stand down as WECC Treasurer having performed the role for 6 years.</p>	
<p><b>11. Date of next meeting</b></p> <p>5<sup>th</sup> of November</p> <p>Subsequent dates: 3<sup>rd</sup> of December.</p>	

**This was all the business**

