

GRANGE AND PRESTONFIELD COMMUNITY COUNCIL

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
WEDNESDAY 21ST MAY 2008
CAMERON HOUSE COMMUNITY EDUCATION CENTRE.

PRESENT -Kate Arnott- Interim Chairman, Sue Tritton-Interim Vice Chair; Douglas Fisher-Interim Secretary; Andreas Grothey-Interim Treasurer; Graham Brown, Joe Henderson, Alan Stewart, Mike Hunter, Mansour Ahmadian, Maureen Edwards, John Palmer, Myra Reid, Barbara Robertson, David Stevenson, Tony Harris.

IN ATTENDANCE: Councillor Cameron Rose, Constable Tom Hopper

GUESTS - representing the University of Edinburgh: Cliff Barraclough, Graham Bell, Angus Currie, Alasdair McKie and John Martin.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC: 2

APOLOGIES - James Bryce, Cecilia Irvine, Erick Davidson, Cllrs, Burgess, Mackenzie and Perry, Mike Pringle MSP

Chairman's AGM Report

The first meeting of the Community Council was held in the City Chambers on 24th October 2007. There were 16 nominated members and 4 nominated interest group members. There had been a further 5 meetings and this will be the seventh meeting to date. The chairman wished on record her thanks for the vital role played by the elected office bearers, the Vice-chairman, secretary and treasurer. They had contributed a tremendous amount of work over this period. She also wished to thank Mansour Ahmadian and Andres Grothey for developing the web site for the community council She also wished to thank the other members of the council who had assisted her and the other office bearers during the initial stages of the council. She was also pleased to thank Graham Brown who would assist with the minutes. She also thanked Brian Bain CA who had audited the Accounts and found them to be in order.

The following reports were presented

Secretary: By the 19th May a total of 25 letters have been received, 6 letters have been sent to interested parties and a total of 1041 e-mails received. Also noted that meetings had had an average of 90% attendance of all members.

Treasurer: An account is held with the Bank of Scotland. There was an income of £331.15 with expenses of £145.99 leaving a balance on 29th April 2008 of £185.16

Planning The planning group report was circulate (ANNEX A) There had been a total of 1221 registered planning applications submitted to the planning department since the council commenced on 24th October, 2007.in the GPCC area. 7 representations were made about these planning applications. The issue of applications for car parking in front gardens is increasing Tony Harris said that there is a requirement for more members to join the planning sub-group.

Roads and Transport: John Palmer reported on:

* the response to the four core paths in the area and the ongoing plans to see completion of these very friendly environmental issues.

*the controlled parking zones that will affect this council area and future consultation with the Council in August

*continuing state of the roads and drains - regular update is required

*the South Suburban Railway Line.

Councillor Cameron Rose gave an up-date on the progress of the railway.

Discussions as to its feasibility and viability are an ongoing process.

Environment.

Sue Tritton's report: annex B

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Communications: Andreas Grothey spoke about the setting up of the web site and was along with Mansour Ahmadian developing a strategy on how to make the best use of the resources available. They will keep the members up to date with developments.

Police Report. Constable Tom Hopper introduced himself and would at a later stage in the meeting give details of crime in the area.

Constable Hopper together with Sgt Wickstead, Constable Leadbetter and Inspector Horan will represent the Lothian and Borders Police for the GPCC area.

Election of Office bearers.

The interim secretary Douglas Fisher reported that the four office bearers namely Chairman, Vice chairman, Secretary and Treasurer had been in their interim posts since the date of the first meeting.

Nomination papers had been sent out to the members and returned.

The four interim office bearers had indicated a willingness to continue in post

A total of six nomination papers had been received for the current office bearers and had been examined by Graham Brown. There were no other nominations listed on the returned forms and the interim secretary proposed that these four be elected to their respective official positions. The proposal was passed unanimously.

The office bearers will be in post until autumn 2009 when there is a city wide Community Council election.

It was also agreed that Tony Harris, Sue Tritton Andreas Grothey and John Palmer would continue as leaders of their respective interest groups. The Chairman also at this stage thanked the Vice Chair for her continuing work in representing the Chairman when she was not available.

The business of the AGM was concluded