

GRANGE PRESTONFIELD COMMUNITY COUNCIL
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
WEDNESDAY 20th MAY 2009
CAMERON HOUSE COMMUNITY EDUCATION CENTRE

Present: Kate Arnott, Chairman; Andreas Grothey, Treasurer; Graham Brown; Mat Lopez; Myra Reid; Barbara Robertson; Ray Footman; Maureen Edwards; Kirsty Pacitti; Mansour Ahmadian; Erick Davidson; Douglas Fisher; David Stevenson; John Palmer; Tony Harris; Joe Henderson; Alastair Pugh.

In Attendance: Councillor Gordon Mackenzie; Constable Denise Clucas, Lothian and Borders Police; Alan Stewart, Edinburgh Council.

Members of the Public: Two. There were also two persons present, specifically to represent a group concerned about the proposed new development at Cameron Toll Shopping Centre, who will be giving a presentation at the business meeting following the AGM.

Apologies: Sue Tritton, Vice-chair/ Secretary; Mike Hunter; Ian Perry; Mike Pringle, MSP; James Bryce

Chairman's AGM Report:

The minutes of the Annual General Meeting, held on Wednesday 21st May, 2008, had been circulated and they were agreed to be a true record of the meeting held on that date. This was proposed by Douglas Fisher and seconded by David Stevenson.

The Chairman thanked the members and the public for attending the meeting and welcomed everybody to the recently opened Cameron House Education Centre. During the year there had been eight meetings of the council and two public consultation meetings in respect of the proposed parking zones. As chairman of the council she was also a member of the South central neighbourhood partnership. She intimated that in September, 2009, nominations would be required for the election to take place on 18th October, 2009, for sixteen members of the community council and there would also be eight nominees from neighbourhood partners. She had, during the year, received great support from the four city councillors covering the community council area and reported a good working relationship. She again welcomed the members of the public attending, and Constable Clucas, who was attending for the first time.

Treasurers report:

The Treasurer Andreas Grothey circulated the audited report for the year to 31st March, 2009. The report was accepted.

Secretary's report:

In the absence of Secretary, Sue Tritton, the Chairman gave a brief review of her work. She also wished to place on record the vast amount of work that Sue put into her role as Vice Chair and Secretary, and that this was very much appreciated. This was also endorsed by all the members present.

Interest Group Reports:

Planning Report - Tony Harris had circulated copies of the planning group, including copies to members present. He gave a brief synopsis of the work they were involved in and would expand during the business meeting following the AGM.

Road and Transport - John Palmer had circulated details of the group's meeting. He spoke briefly on the controlled parking zone and the two public consultations. There had been a great deal of

correspondence from residents to Edinburgh Council and he stated that he would give a detailed talk at the business meeting following the AGM. He also spoke of the King's Building travel plan and the Prestonfield Cycle Path between Peffermill Road and the Innocent Railway cycle path. It appears that Wimpey will meet their obligation and build the link.

Environment - A report from Sue Tritton was circulated to the members.

Communication - Andreas Grothey spoke of an instance where 'spam' had been found on our web site and this had been dealt with.

Licensing - Mat Lopez had nothing at this stage to report except that there would be details of a meeting held with a local hotel regarding noise during the business meeting following the AGM.

Election of Office Bearers - The Chairman, Kate Arnott, again spoke of the considerable work-load carried by the Secretary and she asked for a volunteer from amongst office bearers to assist, as it would be appreciated. She also brought up the subject of the roles of office bearers, stating that members had intimated that they would continue in their posts until the election on 18th October, 2009.

The business of the AGM was at this point concluded.