

Grange Prestonfield Community Council
Cameron House Community Education Centre
16th May 2012
AGM Minutes

Present: John Palmer (**JP**)(Chair), Tony Harris(**TH**)(Vice-Chair), Sue Tritton(**ST**)(Secretary), Andreas Grothey (**AG**) (Treasurer), Graham Muir(**GM**), David Stevenson (**DS**), Ray Footman (**RF**), Maureen Edwards (**ME**), Bill Reid(**BR**), Mike Hunter(**MH**), Gilly Dennis(**GD**), Allister Thom (**AT**) , John Fulford (**JF**)

In Attendance: Alan Stewart (**ASt**) (CEC), PC Mark Dickson (**MD**), PC Lynsey Collins (**LC**), Cllr Jim Orr (**JO**), David Raine (for Sheila Gilmore, MP)

Apologies: Ian Murray MP, Alistair Pugh (**AP**), Alison Bramley (**AB**), Cllr Steve Burgess (**SB**), Cllr Cameron Rose(CR), Cllr Ian Perry (IP)

1. Welcome and Apologies

John Palmer welcomed everyone to the meeting, in particular Cllr Jim Orr who had just been elected in the Southside Newington ward. Cllr Orr presented apologies from the other three councillors who had alternative commitments.

2. Minutes of the AGM 18th May 2011

These were approved - proposed by Tony Harris, seconded by Ray Footman

3. Chair's Opening Statement and Report

The Chair, John Palmer, had circulated a report detailing several of the CC's activities over the past year. He thanked the other three office bearers for all their work for the CC. He noted that Ally Smith (to University) and Mo Bishop (moved to England) had resigned and Allister Thom had been co-opted. He then referred to some of the highlights of the year:

- Residents Priority Parking had been introduced in the area west of Dalkeith Road and north of the railway and proved to be popular; minor adjustments are being introduced. It is hoped that similar schemes can be introduced in other parts of the area with parking problems and Public meetings will be held to consult on plans when available.
- The 20mph limit in most of the area came into operation recently. Anecdotal evidence is that speeds have reduced but he hopes that enforcement can take place soon.
- Members of the CC have been involved with other CCs over reprovisioning of services at the Royal Edinburgh and Astley Ainslie hospitals.
- The meeting had two outside talks; one from Jessica Morgado, Countryside Ranger, on the Hermitage of Braid and Blackford Hill and one from members of the Ambulance Service.

4. Treasurer's Report

A report for the year had been circulated and showed that income for the year was £795.42 and expenditure was £1131.95 reducing the excess carried over to 2012/13 to £1000.19. Additional expenditure this year included buying a "Badge making machine" for the Com Ed Centre. The treasurer's report was approved – proposed by Tony Harris, seconded by Sue Tritton. The report would now be submitted to the "independent examiner" for approval.

5. Secretary's Report

A report had been circulated; mainly dealing with the South Central Neighbourhood Partnership and the various subgroups. Changes had been introduced during the year – not all popular with many CC reps; this should be discussed at the June meeting of GPCC when our reps should be confirmed.

6. Interest Group Reports

Planning – previously circulated. TH noted that the number of Planning Applications in the GPCC area was well down on previous years and that the buildings of the former St Margaret's School had all found other uses. GPCC had commented on the Local Development Plan and members had attended meetings of the Civic Forum. Plans for development at the Royal Blind School are still on hold.

Other Interest Groups: Covered in the Chair's report.

7. Election of Office Bearers - Cllr Orr took the Chair

The following were elected:

Chair – John Palmer (proposed by Sue Tritton, seconded by Tony Harris)

Vice-Chair – Tony Harris (proposed by Mike Hunter, seconded by Andreas Grothey)

Secretary – Sue Tritton (proposed by Gilly Dennis, seconded by John Fulford)

Treasurer – Andreas Grothey (proposed by Tony Harris, seconded by Sue Tritton)

In accepting nomination TH said that it would be good for a new (possibly younger) person to consider standing as Vice-Chair.

Cllr Orr congratulated those elected and handed the Chair back to John Palmer

EACC: TH had circulated a report detailing activities of EACC over the year and the meetings he had attended on behalf of GPCC. He said that his continued membership needed to be confirmed – the meeting endorsed this – and he was also nominated as Treasurer of the EACC.

The AGM concluded at 19.30