

Grange Prestonfield Community Council
Cameron House Community Education Centre
17th May 2017
AGM Minutes

Present: Janet Sidaway (**JS**) (Chair), Mike Hunter (**MH**) (Vice-Chair), Sue Tritton (**ST**) (Secretary), Andreas Grothey (**AG**) (Treasurer), Julian Newman (**JN**), Tony Harris (**TH**), Maureen Edwards (**ME**), Bill Reid (**BR**), Graham Dann (**GSD**), Doreen Allerton (**DA**), Fraser Graham (**FG**), Phil Murray (**PM**), Henry Philip (**HP**), Ellen-Raissa Jackson (**ERJ**), Joe Griffin (**JG**), Ian Chisholm (**IC**), Irene Hood (**IH**), Cllr Alison Dickie (**AD**), Cllr Steve Burgess (**SB**).

Apologies: Ian Murray (**IM**), Eileen Francis (**EF**), David Stevenson (**DS**)

Absent: Denis Stevens (**Des**), Harry Mulligan (**HM**)

1. Welcome and Apologies

JS welcomed everyone to the meeting, noting apologies.

2. Minutes of the AGM 16th May 2016

These were proposed by MH and seconded by ME, then approved. There were no matters arising.

3. Chair's Opening Statement and Report (attached)

JS noted that, as agreed by the Community Council, she had continued in her role as Chair *pro-tem* since the election of the new Community Council in September. She thanked all those who support the Community Council – City Councillors, the police, Council officers, and representatives of local interest groups. She expressed particular thanks to Jim Orr, who had stepped down as a City Councillor, after having been particularly helpful on many issues, including the restoration of Newington cemetery. She thanked all the Community Council interest group leads, and office bearers. She particularly thanked ST for her contribution over nearly all of the Community Council's 10 years; particularly her efficiency and diligence in the role of secretary. There were no questions on the report.

4. Treasurer's Report (attached)

AG had produced a Treasurer's Report for the AGM, which had been circulated, stating a Bank Balance of £2849.61. It was agreed that it was useful to see a breakdown of the Newington cemetery expenditure, alongside the full Community Council account. Adoption of the Treasurer's Report was proposed by FG and seconded by ST, and agreed.

5. Secretary's Report

ST noted how fortunate the Community Council were to have free access to Cameron House and hoped that this would continue. She thanked her fellow office bearers for their support during her time as secretary.

6. Election of office bearers

At this point, office bearers demitted office and the Chair was handed to Councillor Steve Burgess to oversee the election of new office bearers.

7. Election of Chair

ST nominated JS; TH seconded. The vote was passed *nem con*.

8. **Election of Vice-Chair**

TH proposed MH; FG seconded. The vote was passed *nem con*.

9. **Election of Secretary**

JS proposed JG; AG seconded. The vote was passed *nem con*.

10. **Election of Treasurer**

TH proposed AG; ERJ seconded. The vote was passed *nem con*.

At this point, the Chair was handed to JS. SB left the meeting, with AD remaining in attendance as the representative City Councillor.

11. **Appointment to Outside Groups and the Interest Groups**

The Chair explained that the AGM had the opportunity to review community council representation on outside groups. She proposed ST should stay on as representative on South Central Neighbourhood Partnership. This was agreed. ST noted that the next meeting (a public meeting) was on 12 June at 18h00, and others would be welcome. JS proposed that TH should stay on as the representative on the Edinburgh Association of Community Councils. This was agreed. The future of other city-wide groups would be determined by the anticipated review of the neighbourhood partnership structure. The AGM agreed to revisit representation at the appropriate point.

The Chair proposed to have formal convenors and members of the Community Council's interest groups. The following was agreed:

- Planning: TH (Convenor); ERS, AG, ST, FG, JN

- Roads and Transport: GD (Convenor), DA, MH, AG, TH, IC, JG,

- Newington cemetery: JS (Convenor), TH, ERS, IC, IH

- Licensing: the secretary and Chair received licensing reports. TH has been playing an ad hoc role also. It was agreed these arrangements should continue

- Publicity: MH (Convenor), FG, ERJ, JS, AG

- Environmental group – the AGM agreed to revive, with ST as Convenor, and the other members being TH, JN, AG, IH. The redevelopment of the Astley Ainslie site was suggested as something the group could cover in particular.

The AGM concluded at 19h49