

Grange Prestonfield Community Council
Annual General Meeting 16 May 2018

Draft Minutes for approval at next AGM

Present: Janet Sidaway (Chair, JS), Mike Hunter (Vice Chair, MH), Andreas Grothey (Treasurer, AG), Tony Harris (TH), Ellen-Raissa Jackson (ERJ), Henry Philip (HP), Cllr Alison Dickie (AD).

Apologies: Maureen Edwards, Eileen Francis, Joe Griffin, Julian Newman, Denis Stevens, Sue Tritton, Ian Murray MP.

Absent: Irene Hood, Philip Murray, William Reid, Ian Chisholm, David Stevenson

1. **Welcome:** JS welcomed everyone.
2. **Minute of AGM held on 17 May 2017:** After making a small amendment to item 11 (read ERJ for ERS), these were approved - proposed by ERJ, seconded by AG.

3. Reports

a) **Chair:** JS said that the GPCC was very fortunate to be so well served by its Ward Councillors, Police officers and the various Edinburgh Council officials with whom it dealt, and also to be well supported by our MP and MSPs. She thanked them all, and also the convenors and individual members who carried out the GPCC's work. She then summarised the highlights of the year. One of these was the party given in the City Chambers to celebrate the GPCC's 10th anniversary on 8 November 2017. Organised by Sue Tritton with great support from MH, it was a very successful event attended by many former as well as current community councillors and friends from our neighbouring community councils.

Another highlight was the successful expansion of residential parking places in the Priestfield area. Thanks to the hard work of Graham Dann, with a lot of support from our ward councillors and the active help of residents, 71 new parking places had been secured - 41 more than originally proposed.

Newington Cemetery continued to forge ahead. As well as the now annual snowdrop walk and participation in Doors Open Day, great progress had been made in involving children in nature-related craft activities, thanks mainly to the energy and enthusiasm of ERJ. The transformation of this 14 acre "green oasis" was a great advertisement for what the GPCC can achieve when it harnesses local enthusiasm.

JS concluded that, although the GPCC had achieved a lot, there were many more things it could do as a catalyst in transforming the local community.

- b) **Treasurer:** AG had circulated the Balance Sheet and Income and Expenditure Statement for the year ending 31 March 2018, together with comparative figures for previous years. Although there appeared to be a deficit over the year of £512.42, this was really due to timing of the receipt of the cemetery grant. Funds at the end of the year amounted to £2,337.19, and £299.65 of this belonged to the Newington Cemetery account. The meeting welcomed the separate statement dealing with the Cemetery account. The accounts had not been audited as yet. MH proposed that the accounts be approved and TH seconded. Carried *nem con*
- c) **Secretary:** There was no report as Joe Griffin had resigned in May and no one had been appointed to succeed him. The meeting expressed their thanks to him for the work he had done up to November.

4. At this point, the office-bearers demitted office and Councillor Dickie assumed the chair to oversee the election of the new office bearers.

Election of office bearers for 2018-19:

Chair:	JS	nominated by ERJ	seconded by MH	elected <i>nem con</i>
Vice-chair	MH	nominated by JS	seconded by TH	elected <i>nem con</i>
Secretary	MH	nominated by AG	seconded by TH	elected <i>nem con</i>
Treasurer	AG	nominated by ERJ	seconded by TH	elected <i>nem con</i>

JS resumed the chair and thanked the new office-bearers for their willingness to continue.

It was noted that the rota for minute secretary would continue.

5. Appointment to Outside Groups and Interest Groups

SCNP	Sue Tritton	nominated by JS	seconded by TH	elected <i>nem con</i>
EACC	TH	nominated by JS	seconded by AG	elected <i>nem con</i>

JS reported that the GPCC had previously decided to have "interest groups" rather than formal sub-committees which required formal terms of reference. In view of the poor attendance, it was agreed to postpone the formation of these to the next meeting. In the meantime, the Secretary would write to existing members intimating that it would be assumed they would continue unless they told the Chair that they did not wish to continue.

6. ERJ proposed and TH seconded that all four Ward Councillors be thanked for their support during the past year. The meeting ended at 7.45 pm.