

Grange/ Prestonfield Community Council
Minutes of meeting 18 January

Meeting held in person at Prestonfield Community Centre and via Zoom

Office Bearers -

Chair - Ian Chisholm; Joint Vice Chairs - Paul Rowllings, Ellen-Raissa Jackson;
Secretary- Raphael Bleakley; Treasurer - Paul Rowllings;

Members present:

Sue Tritton, Ken Robertson, Alan Gilmour, Peter Jones, Cllr Pauline Flannery,

Members present on Zoom:

Andreas Grothey, Ian Wright; Sally Griffiths.

In attendance on Zoom:

Denise Fisher

Apologies: Stuart Tooley; Paul Rowllings; Stanley Bird.

Absent:

Bill Reid; Ellen Raissa-Jackson;

1. **Welcome.** – Ian welcomed members to the meeting.

2. **Declarations of Interest** – None

3. **Minutes of 17 November 2023** -

Action: Andreas requested that minutes and agenda are shared by PDF.

- Action points – planning vacancy – notice had been placed on the website and on social media but hasn't gained any interest. Scope for sharing on planning issues – potential scope for bigger issues to be shared. Continue to rely on local neighborhood associations. Get in touch with people from residents groups. Public meeting – ahead of election. Addressed by a planner? Join up with another CC.
- Newington Cemetery wall – progress is still being made.
- CC Scheme Review – response submitted on behalf of GPCC. Ian, Raphael & Ken met with Council Officers about the local boundary as area is slightly larger than others. CC not pressing for changes with the boundary. Discussion about stronger liaison with student population – students come from everywhere – Ian to write to Stuart Tooley to invite to future meetings.
- Cameron House Nursery Consultation– response submitted on behalf of GPCC.
- Gift for Cameron House facilities staff had been arranged prior to Christmas.

4. **Notice of Matters Arising** -

None

5. Reports (External) – Cllr Flannery updated:

- Inch park – electrical safety works done within the park nursery – now complete. Final section of unstable wall in Inch Park rebuilt.
- Emails with regards to speeding and 20mph limit being broken. Blackford Road & Grange Loan added to a list for a site viist, because average speed is 26mph, tolerance level is 24mph. Ken raised Kilgraston Road junction – sweeping bend. Cllr Flannery said it's down as number 40 on the list, behind East Preston Street, at Preston Street Primary. Only go as high as number 13 – SMID rating is quite low. This is an issue for the area – global % given, but individual junctions have issues. As a Ward need to keep pushing the issue.
- 20mph speed limit implementation plan report is due in February 2024 and will go to the Transport & Environment Committee.
- Duncan Street & Upper Gray Street – Council will make good the pavement issue – Council to pursue the developers on this site. No timeframe.
- Pavement parking – residents from Bridgend Cottages – had historic rights Gavin Brown – Red and Amber streets – letters should be going out that this is the case. Where have very narrow streets and there will be a problem in parking in the road. Council are monitoring it.
- Emergency repairs in mixed tenure – council keen to promote [Novoville app](#) – reporting an issue, getting an officer, getting action should be one smooth process. At the moment have 10,000 properties and 3,000 users.
- Missing Share Scheme for owners out of pocket in shared repairs– Council will pay this but includes a 10% processing fee.
- Tenements or older properties – 19 out of 42 emergency council repairs - defects are due to lack of maintenance of stonework. Quality of stonework is coming to the end of its age. Could be faced with this if own an older property.
- Community centre strategy due in May. Citywide strategy. SE Improvement plan – two workshops have been involved. Good cross section of CCs attended.
- Community Grants – Southside Newington oversubscribed – Morningside are undersubscribed. Expect that there would be announcements in February/March.
- Budget – is unveiled 23rd February. Finance & resources meeting 7th February.

6. Reports of Interest Groups -

a. Planning

- Causewayside development – Ian to check with Richard Scothorn for feedback on this – no issues raised directly with GPCC.
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b. Licensing - Nothing

c. Roads/Transport – Alan updated:

- TEC discussed air quality report from 2022, no changes in air quality measures. LEZ starts in June 2024.
- Workplace parking consultation ends on 6th February.
- Potential for new bike hire scheme to be introduced in Edinburgh.

Sally raised at the 11th January TEC meeting – progress update on the strategic review of parking. B1. Preparatory work was continuing, expecting the legal process would commence in Q1 in 2024. Advertising of the proposals expected in Q2 2024. About a year behind original schedule.

Ian raised issue of floods in the Blackets. Blacket Association wrote to Councillors in December. No drain in Mayfield terrace and resurfacing has made this worse.

d. Communications/Publicity - Noticeboards application – Paul has further chased this. No updates on decisions for the grant application.

e. Environment – Sue updated

- Leaf clearing was successful last year.

f. Newington Cemetery -

- No update.

7. Reports from Office Bearers

a. Treasurer Report -

GPCC Bank balance - £6,541

- GPCC Account Balance - £2,810

- No new income, £104 expenditure (Zoom, Cockburn Association Subs).

- Newington Cemetery Balance - £3,731

- no new income. £350 expenditure.

b. Secretary.

- No further update.

8. Reports of Outside Groups

- EACC - Ken updated:

1. CEC Scheme and Boundary Review Timetable:Phase 1 Consultation recommendations to Special Council Meeting (all Elected Members) on 8 Feb. (Details should be available from Friday 2 Feb.)

Phase 2 Consultation 12 Feb to 8 Apr. Report to Special Council Meeting on 9 May.

Phase 3 Consultation 13 May to 10 Jun. Finalised framework to Special Council Meeting On 27 Jun, paving way for round of CC elections.

2. Edinburgh Local Heat and Energy Efficiency Strategy (LHEES) Draft Deliver Plan: Douglas Rogers (Marchmont & Sciennes CC) seeking interest / assistance on new project to map more accurately no / low loft insulation spaces in conservation and heritage areas, starting in the Southside.

See EACC website Edinburgh Association of Community Councils (edinburghcommunitycouncils.org.uk) and contact him at pagsk2017@gmail.com .

3. Edinburgh Bus Users Group (EBUG) offers CCs affiliate membership on a complimentary basis. (See EACC website)

4. Scot Gov *Democracy Matters – Phase 2 Consultation* closes 28 February. Detailed Discussion Document and Questions – see [Democracy Matters - Scottish Government consultations - Citizen Space](#) .

5] New Planning Democracy free-to-use resource – RAMPS. Captures real-time tracking of planning applications and to related changes; covers almost all Local Authorities in Scotland. See what is lodged; what has changed; history of changes. Be notified of new applications in chosen areas.

Access here: [RAMPS - tracking planning applications across Scotland \(planningrams.uk\)](#)

6] Grange Association: Brief mention in forthcoming newsletter of pending CC elections. Space requested in Spring edition for a fuller outline of the importance of CCs and how to get involved.

Open forum

No issues raised on open forum.

10.Date of Next Meeting - Wednesday 21st February 2024

Action list

3 Actions ii)	Planning vacancy	Ian to write to Stuart Tooley to see guage availability for future meetings and link to volunteering opportunities at Edinburgh University.
	Newington Cemetery wall	Continued for updates
	GPCC agendas and minutes	To be distributed in PDF format