**AGM**

**MINUTES**

**(reconstructed from notes – original lost)**

**MONDAY 30 May 2016**

**LEITH COMMUNITY CENTRE (NEW KIRKGATE)**

**Councillors Present:** Phil Attridge, Senga Bethune, Gail Clapton, Adrian Graham, Linda Hutton, Sally Millar, Angus Miller, Jim Scanlon (Chair), Michael Traill,

**Elected Representatives**: Councillor Gordon Munro, Councillor Adam McVey, Councillor Chas. Booth

**1. Welcome:** Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting. Apologies received.

**2. Minutes of AGM 2015** received and adopted**.**

**3. Reports**

**Chair’s report**

Chair thanked members of the Community Council for their work throughout the year, and especially Gail Clapton and Senga Bethune now standing down as joint Secretary, and as Councillors.

Chair warmly thanked and welcomed the new Councillors Adrian Graham, Linda Hutton, Michael Traill, and Phil Attridge, who joined the Community Council at an Interim Election (April 2016) when numbers dropped below the required minimum.

Thanks to Police Scotland for their work in our community, in particular Chief Inspector Alan Carson who has responded quickly and decisively to support the work of the Community Council.

Chair has, as usual, represented the Community Council at many meetings and committees throughout the year, for example, Leith Neighbourhood Partnership, £eith Decides, and many other interesting meetings and campaigns e.g Alcohol Focus Scotland. There are always many invitations, more than one person can cover, hence the need to prioritise (and hopefully, share across more Community Councillors).

Chair continues to lead on monitoring the weekly applications for Planning Permission, week by week. Comments have been submitted from LLCC to various applications, but this is quite a challenging task – it would be ideal to have an architect or someone with planning experience as a Community Councillor, to do this job well for us. There is a huge new Teague Housing development planned for the former 9-21 Salamander Place due to begin April 2017, if approved.

Chair is enthusiastic about working jointly with other Community Councils locally and will continue to work towards this in the coming year. One obvious area for a joint approach is in relation to applications for planning permission for large developments. While new housing developments locally are welcomed, there is a worrying lack of attention paid to the lack of necessary infrastructure – schools, GPs, transport etc. Local schools rolls are rising / full. GP lists are closed. Considering each individual application in isolation is not enough – account needs to be taken of the impact on the whole area.

In addition to existing blog & website, LLCC is about to ‘take off’ with social media - new Facebook and Twitter accounts are planned.

**Secretary’s report**

The work of the Secretary throughout the year has covered Minuting all monthly meetings and, additionally, dealing with correspondence on a variety of topics as these arose.

The Secretar(ies) have represented the Community Council on some committees, e.g. the Leith Links Regeneration Group (which has made disappointingly little progress throughout the year) and at various events, e.g. International Womens Day Leith.

LLCC has sent in responses to consultations, for example on traffic (proposed bus gate on Links Gardens); Strategic Police Priorities under [Police and Fire Reform (Scotland) Act 2012](http://www.legislation.gov.uk/asp/2012/8/contents).

Other Issues arising include many familiar topics: street prostitution, warning local pet owners in advance re fireworks on the Britannia.

**Treasurer Report**

Accounts for 2015/16 presented. The only income is the annual grant from City of Edinburgh Council - £658.24

Administrative outgoings have been minimal - £70 for leaflet printing, gift for MSP retiring.

As we currently do not have to pay for accommodation or Minutes, currently, reserves have built up (around £2K), so a few small grants and donations were made to local causes.

Bank balance at end of year (31 March 2016) £3,019.08

There are enough funds available for LLCC to cover the cost of paying £50 per month to someone to write the monthly Minutes.

**4. Election of Office Bearers**

**Chair**

Current Chair Jim Scanlon willing to stand again. No further nominations.

Elected Chair (unopposed) – Jim Scanlon

**Treasurer**

Angus Miller stood down. Thanks from Chair and all fellow Councillors for his many years of work and commitment.

Elected Treasurer (unopposed) - Linda Hutton

**Secretary**

Gail Clapton and Senga Bethune (who shared the role) stood down.

Elected Secretary (unopposed) – Sally Millar

**5. AOCB**

It was agreed that the work of Minutes Secretary is too onerous and time consuming. LLCC has funds to pay someone £50 per meeting to do this job.

**ACTION: It was resolved to advertise via social media to try and attract someone suitable.**

Community Council Stand at Leith Festival Gala day (June 2016)

**ACTION: Michael will source a gazebo and tables and will circulate a spreadsheet so that members can put their names down to do an hour or two on the stand, on the day.**

Odour Nuisance from Seafield Sewage Plant - As well as the now all too common sewage odours, Leith Links has been suffering from a very strong and unpleasant ‘burning rubber smell’ recently. Public Health has been contacted and has investigated but so far say the smell cannot be proved to come from Seafield. **ACTION: LLCC will continue to follow this up.**

The Dry Dock – The old bowling pavilion on the Links is now being set up as a supportive social venue for people in recovery from addictions.

**6. Date of Next AGM: 29 May 2017**