

LEITH LINKS COMMUNITY COUNCIL

AGM MINUTES Monday 28 April 2025, 6:30pm

in person @ Duncan Place

Present: Andrew Ballantine, Abigail Cunningham, Avril Ewing, Aric Gilinsky, Angus Hardie (online), Barbara Kerr, Aimee McInnes, Andy Mackenzie, Sally Millar, Jim Scanlon, Eileen Simpson,

Elected Members: Councillor Chas Booth (Chair)

Apologies: Gail Clapton, Teresa Perchard, Councillor Katrina Faccenda,

Police Scotland: 0 **Members of the Public:** 1

Minute Taker: Sally Millar

1. **Apologies** received as above. Welcome to all members of the newly elected Community Council, with especial welcome to two new Councillors Andrew and Aimee.
ACTION: Secretary to email our third newly elected Community Councillor Jacob O'Sullivan to enquire
2. **Adoption of Previous AGM Minutes (May 2024).** Proposed: Aric Gilinsky, Seconded: Eileen Simpson
3. **Announcing Community Council Members as duly elected.**
Eight Community Councillors submitted their signed 'Declaration of Acceptance of Community Council Member Role' and were confirmed as duly elected Community Council Members, as follows: Gail Clapton, Aric Gilinsky, Angus Hardie, Andy Mackenzie, Sally Millar, Teresa Perchard, Jim Scanlon, Eileen Simpson.

Paperwork for four more will follow (signed Declarations still to be received from Aimee McInnes, Andrew Ballantine, Abigail Cunningham, Jacob O'Sullivan,).

Avril Ewing is nominated as a representative of the Local Community Group 'Living Rent' and Barbara Kerr is rejoining the CC as a representative of Leith Festival community group, however their formal election is also awaiting completion of paperwork.

4. **Confirmation of Community Council Name** – unanimous agreement to stay with the existing name i.e. Leith Links Community Council.
5. **Annual Accounts** – these have been completed by the Treasurer. Presented and Adopted, Proposed: Aric Gilinsky, Seconded: Sally Millar. These will now be sent to the Council to be signed off.
6. **Appointment of Office Bearers.**
Office-bearers were appointed as follows:
 - Chair – Jim Scanlon, Proposed by Eileen Simpson, Seconded by Angus Hardie
 - Secretary – Sally Millar, Proposed by Andy Mackenzie, Seconded by Aric Gilinsky
 - Treasurer – Gail Clapton, Proposed by Sally Millar, Seconded by Aric Gilinsky
 - Engagement & Inclusion Officer – Aric Gilinsky, Proposed by Sally Millar, Seconded by Gail Clapton
7. **Induction Events for Community Council Representatives**
Andrew Ballantine had attended, online, and reported briefly.
8. **LLCC sub-committees** – New members are invited to express their interest and skills and hopefully join one or more of the CC's working groups. Until now there have been 5, it was agreed to add a new one, as follows:
 - i. **Parks & Green Spaces** – Public toilets about to be installed on the Links, hopefully before the summer holidays. Leith Links MasterPlan currently in the hands of Thriving Green Spaces

https://consultationhub.edinburgh.gov.uk/sfc/leith-links-activity-hub/user_uploads/leith-links-activity-hub_a1-consultation-board.final.23.09.07.pdf<https://www.thrivinggreenspaces.scot/us> and Leith Links Activity Park group (https://consultationhub.edinburgh.gov.uk/sfc/leith-links-activity-hub/user_uploads/leith-links-activity-hub_a1-consultation-board.final.23.09.07.pdf)

- ii. **Travel & Mobility** – Leith Connections / ‘Liveable Leith’. CCTT group (Andrew, Angus) has resumed monthly meetings, to press for urgent resolution of unfinished
- iii. **Planning:** – Weekly lists of Planning Applications are scrutinized, and comments sent from LLCC as appropriate
- iv. **Bins & Street Cleanliness:** Latest guidance update
<https://www.edinburgh.gov.uk/downloads/file/36148/updated-review-framework-november-2024>
- v. **Seafield Waste Water Plant** – awaiting a response from Scottish Government about funds for the promised new plant.
- vi. **Licensing.** This is an area of work that the CC has not been covering very effectively and it was agreed to try and improve this. Unlike with Planning applications, the CC is not informed about new Licensing applications affecting our area, nor is it informed of the outcomes of applications – information and communication from the Council Licensing bodies is very poor (have to proactively look up and search through through multiple Excel spreadsheets on a daily / weekly basis. The areas of Licensing that are particularly important in our area, which we do not want to miss, are concerned with: ‘Civic’ licensing (incl. Street Trading), HMO licence applications, Short Term Let applications. See
<https://www.edinburgh.gov.uk/downloads/download/13239/licensing-registers-civic>
Also Alcohol licensing, which are dealt with separately, See
<https://www.edinburgh.gov.uk/downloads/download/13426/alcohol-licence-registers>

9. AOCB

City of Edinburgh Council consultations – there are several important consultations currently that require a response both from individuals and from the CC. All Community Councillors should keep checking what is ‘live’ on the consultation hub, when each consultation is going to close, and should take the chance to have their say.

https://consultationhub.edinburgh.gov.uk/consultation_finder/

These are the most urgent ones right now (because of closing date), that are potentially of interest to the LLCC and local residents:

- **Seafield Place Plan** – closes 30 April - [Seafield Place Brief and Masterplan Consultation - City of Edinburgh Council - Citizen Space](#)
- **Licensing Overprovision** - closes 4 May [Statement of Licensing Policy - Assessment of Overprovision - City of Edinburgh Council - Citizen Space](#)
- **Student Accommodation** proposals - closes 23 May.

10. Date of next AGM – 2026, date tbd (May / June)
