

WEST PILTON / WEST GRANTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Day/Date of Meeting **Tuesday 1st November 2016 7pm**

Venue **West Pilton Neighbourhood Centre**

1 Attendance Willie Black, Barbara Robertson, Frances Kelly, Karen Simpson, Geri McDonall, Audrey Coltart,

Apologies – Frances Durie, Piotr Wojcik, Betty McVay, Deidrie Brock MP, Ben MacPherson MSP

2 Welcome and introductions Interim Chair welcomed all to the meeting and those who attended introduced themselves.

3 Minutes and Matters Arising

Proposed as true record of meetings 4th Oct both Returning Officer led and WPWGCC follow on meeting : with name amendment from Jenny McDonald to Geri McDonall; Proposed by Karen Simpson seconded – Frances Kelly

Matters Arising

Modal Constitution adopted and signed. Copies of this will be emailed to all members.

No-one from the Police sent an apology. We will invite Inspector Stephen Sutherland to the next meeting to talk about the recent meeting at Drylaw Police station and any further developments with working together against problems with motorbikes etc.

4 Correspondence

CEC confirmed that Barbara Robertson is a representative of a registered local group, Granton Improvement Society, and is a member of the West Pilton West Granton Community Council.

5 Election of new Community Council members.

Audrey Coltart - proposed by Willie Black, seconded by Karen Simpson

Geri McDonall - proposed by Barbara Robertson, seconded by Willie Black

Frances Kelly - proposed by Karen Simpson, seconded Barbara Robertson

Lana Kelly - proposed by Willie Black, seconded by Karen Simpson

It was decided to carry over the election of a secretary to next meeting as Frances Durie is on holiday. Interim secretary – Barbara Robertson.

Election of Office Bearers.

Chair – Willie Black proposed by Lana Kelly, seconded by Karen Simpson

Vice Chair – Lana Kelly, proposed by Frances Kelly, seconded by Willie Black

Treasurer – Karen Simpson, proposed by Lana Kelly, seconded by Barbara Robertson

2 representatives were elected to the Neighbourhood Partnership

Willie Black -proposed by Lana Kelly, seconded by Frances Kelly

Barbara Robertson - proposed by Frances Kelly, seconded by Lana Kelly

6 Police Report

The meeting agreed that the Police may be really busy with problems with bikes and fireworks. In discussion it was agreed that suitable places that youths used to have a bonfire are no longer there so we need to provide something. It was agreed that any community bonfires need to be really safe with adults taking charge.

Question of Liability Insurance being pursued.

7 Council update; None

8 MSP's MP's and Councillor's updates. None

9 Chair's report

The Community Council was represented at the consultation held by Community Action North on the plans for the Muirhouse shops. A speaker will be sought for a future meeting.

The notice-boards as a method of communication are very labour intensive. The meeting agreed that Facebook and Twitter should be used. Geri suggested that the Chair should be the creator and a password given out to contributors. The set up should be that an administrator has to approve comments before they are put on -line. Willie will ask Thomas Brown and Dave Pickering if they can offer advice and

training.

Willie read out the headline of the Evening News which said that Free Wifi was to be rolled out in the centre of Edinburgh. The meeting agreed that our area and other areas where people live around Edinburgh should be prioritised for this as the scheme will cause further division and discrimination. We will write to the Councillors to express our view.

Karen spoke about the charity Pass it On which donates computers.

Willie is meeting with Azad Adam who is wanting to work with youths to teach them how to refurbish computers. He may be able to work from the Pilton Central Association premises.

Willie reported that the PCA Thrift shop was looking for more volunteers to make it possible to open on more than just a Friday.

10 Finance Report None

11 AOCB

We need to publish a new timetable for forthcoming year's meetings after exploring possibility of rotating venues.

An Office Bearers' meeting should be arranged as soon as possible. We will ask Linda Chandler from the West Pilton Neighbourhood Centre if she would advise the new Treasurer.

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Date of Next Meeting

Tuesday 6th December 16. West Pilton Neighbourhood Centre. 7pm.