

West Pilton/ West Granton Community Council

Day/ Date of Meeting: Tuesday 4th April at 7pm

Venue: West Pilton Neighbourhood Centre

1. Attendance: Willie Black, Geri McDonnell, Audrey Coltart, Karen Simpson, Barbara Robertson, PC Tony Lawrence. Willie Wilson, Brendas Bailey, Mary Wright, Kenny Wright, Jim Galloway.

2. Apologies: Frances Kelly, Lana Kelly, Cllr Vicki Redpath, Betty McVay M.B.E. Johura Ahmed, Frances Durie, Ben Macpherson MSP.

3. Welcome and Introduction: All welcomed by Chair Willie Black and introductions were made. Unfortunately the representatives from Robertson's Builders and Community Action North were unable to attend this meeting but will try to attend at a future time. Barbara Robertson explained that the status of the Granton Improvement Society which she represents was not yet clear but she would continue as interim secretary for this meeting.

4. Minutes and matters arising: Minutes from previous meeting were proposed as a true record by Audrey Coltart and seconded by Geri McDonnell.

There was an agreement to discuss the facebook page again before the next C council meeting. WPNC Tuesday 11th April 7pm.

5. Correspondence:

Event on Planning for new CC members Tues 25th April 4pm.
Audrey C will circulate email.

Linzie Robb from Robertson's builders will ensure a speaker for next meeting 2nd May.

Letter from WPWGCC to NP Disclaimer for clarification,

The above letter from the wpwgcc objected to the building of houses on green space.
It is not a support letter for any funding application by the Friends of the Walled Garden.
Barbara Robertson

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Scots humour adult ed courses. Geri will put on social media.

CAN will come to the next CC meeting to explain their community trust idea.

6. Police Report:

Operation Soteria, dealing with motorbike crime now has more resources. One 16 year old has been charged with car breaking. 5 kilos of cannabis seized from one flat. The 'racist' attack on a taxi driver nearly brought to a conclusion. The group involved are into other crimes too.

Tony shared the police strategy paper 2026 10 year Policing Plan with online consultation.

The meeting agreed that while some perpetrators are in jail there should be intensive youth work in the community.

Granton Youth project had street workers but all work with children is under threat from cuts in funding. Breakfast clubs at Royston Wardieburn CC etc.

Also welcoming the reopening of Drylaw for drop -ins.

Kenny Wright from Corstorphine told the meeting of their initiative – Community Alcohol Partnership which enlisted support of drinks industry.

7. Council Report Willie Wilson

Willie from Scott Donkin's team gave an up to date report on the Locallity.

There will be a shared repairs event in June.

Granton Information Centre will have presence in NP office on a Wednesday 10-12 noon in half hour sessions from 12th April.

New approach -: 200 tenants to each housing visitor; letter to go to each tenant about repairs, lets and fly tipping; NEP walkabouts will be tenant and community council led there will be start, end and midway inspection of work.

Willie agreed to take back to George Norval the work the CC had previously done with the tenants at the top of Ferry Road Drive and the HEEPS scheme (like Telford).

Geri asked for flexibility in the visit times and pointed out that online complaints are not effective enough, some of the complaints being registered as 'solved'.

8. MSP's Report:

Not available

9. Finance Report

Karen is ready to take over the finances once the accounts are reconciled.

10 Chair's Report, Finance report did not take place due to time constraints.

11 AOCB

The meeting agreed to support Audrey's application to the NP for a small grant for a freezer to house the bread she is being donated by Archepelego. This is distributed to the community.

Karen drew attention to the broken glass in west Pilton Park play area. The play equipment also needs maintenance. See Margaret Laing – Safety Officer.

Date of Next Meeting: Tuesday 2nd May at 7pm at WPNC.

