

MURRAYFIELD COMMUNITY COUNCIL
Minutes of Ordinary Meeting of the Community Council
Tuesday, 07 April 2026, 7.30 pm
Murrayfield Parish Church Centre

Present: J Bishop (JBi), J Brown (JBr), J Cunliffe (JC), B Knowles (BK), J Lamb (JL), D MacLennan (DM), E Robertson (ER), H Ross (HR), G Scott (GS), J Yellowlees (JY), City of Edinburgh Council (CEC) Cllr Alan Beal

In attendance: 11 others.

Apologies: Cllr Euan Davidson, Cllr Fiona Bennett, D Dawson (DD), J McDonough (JM), S Macpherson (SM), M Rumney (MR)

1. Welcome and Apologies

As above. Cllr Beal joined after item 5.

2. Murrayfield Community Council's (MCC) Annual General Meeting (AGM) on 19 May

- (a) An MCC Planning Subgroup was proposed. It could be convened by JC and include such MCC and outside members as MCC might approve.
- (b) MCC members could contact HR to stand for, or ask about, shadow or share MCC's office bearer roles of Chair, Secretary, Treasurer and Engagement & Inclusion.
- (c) There was a vacancy into which we can co-opt a new MCC member.
- (d) All were asked to share any ideas about how MCC works at or before the AGM.

3. Balgreen / Saughtonhall / Corstorphine Road Works

Balgreen Road traffic turning right into Corstorphine Road was delayed by the narrowed Balgreen Road / Corstorphine Road junction. The return of the pedestrian crossing over Corstorphine Road there was assumed. **Action: HR would check.** The contractor had been advised about working noise. The island garden at Glendevon Park / Balgreen Road junction was improved and had not been parked on at recent events. There was no news about a mooted telecoms mast there.

4. Roseburn Terrace Works and Buses

Recent works on Roseburn Terrace had briefly closed the Roseburn Gardens south-side bus stop, about which passengers had not been advised. The closure seemed unnecessary. It was unclear who might ensure a better process in future.

5. City Centre East West Link (CCWEL) project

- (a) Drivers still turn right into Murrayfield Gardens. A sign had been removed by CCWEL and the remaining sign was hard for west-bound drivers to "see" in a complex visual field. **Action: JY would write again to CCWEL.**
- (b) An air quality monitoring unit on the south side of the Roseburn Terrace canyon showed that pollution had increased since parking was removed by CCWEL (and was now at the 6th highest level in Scotland). CEC said it was below the legal level. But CEC had created a Low Emission Zone despite the whole city being below that level.
- (c) A bin had been removed near the bus stop at the bottom of Ormidale Terrace and this was now a litter hotspot. This was likely due to new design standards¹ rather than CCWEL. **Action: HR would email the waste service.**

1 <https://murrayfieldcc.org.uk/litter-bins-from-haymarket-to-roseburn-terraces>

6. Councillors' reports

- (a) Cllr Beal said that the pinch-point at the bottom of Murrayfield Gardens was being looked at for a Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) but that this can take 18 months. Belmont Gardens was still in that period. There was a recent view that Abinger Gardens needed looked at too. A contractor for more CCWEL works would also design a plan for cycling on Russell Road. **Action: Cllr Beal would help MCC and others meet them on site.** The parking TRO for Roseburn Cliff was being reviewed.
- (b) A Coltbridge Avenue neighbour said that she had been trying to have a bin hub outside her window moved for two years. It had been moved on the map but not on the ground. **Action: Cllr Beal would discuss this with her after the meeting.**

7. Road Safety Issues

The Road Safety Group (RSG) had supplied a list of Ellersly/Kinellan refinements (attached). But the Ellersly Road / Murrayfield Road crossing had new accessibility features but remained unsafe. A controlled crossing was needed. **Action: JY would write to Cllr Stephen Jenkinson.** RSG had asked to join the *Erskine Stewart Melville* school travel audit and was talking with *Living Streets* and other Community Councils. Its "stories" included low-cost crossings and recent highway code changes.

8. Events at Scottish Gas Murrayfield, Hive Stadium and Murrayfield Ice Arena

Traffic and parking for a rare event clash between the *Hive Stadium* and the *Murrayfield Ice Arena* (27 February) had been under-managed. Scottish Rugby sent an advisory email about a near-clash (7 March). **Action: HR would write to request better planning.**

9. Minutes of 24 February 2026 and matters arising

- (a) It was thought there would be a Scottish Parliamentary Election Hustings for Edinburgh Northwestern Constituency at Corstorphine Community Centre on 21 April. **Action: Cllr Beal would confirm this.**
- (b) MCC had been added to CEC's Transport and Local Access Forum because of a planned but not built gate on Easter Belmont Road that would restrict on-foot access. **Action: JY would attend on 14 May if that was on the agenda.**
- (c) There remained noisy Scottish Water manhole covers on Corstorphine Road at the bottom of Ormidale Terrace. There were trip hazards on the pedestrian island, and on the south-side pavement which had had temporary covers for two years.

10. Planning and Licensing

- (a) The CEC Development Management subcommittee had not agreed to a Hearing about Lansdowne House and had granted permission for 25/06031/CON and 25/06029/LBC, with conditions, and 25/06035/FUL subject to legal agreement. MCC was dismayed by these decisions and how they were taken. MCC had no recourse in practice (judicial review exists in theory) but wanted to learn. A list of questions would be made. **Action: HR/JC/JBr would start this.** Donaldson Community Association (DCA) had found direct contact with developers had helped neighbours during construction. **Action: JC/JBr would decide if and how MCC could fulfil this role.** MCC should ask CEC to address the linked issues of local Controlled Parking Zones (CPZ) and permits, the parking demands of the development and St George's School, and driving on Coltbridge Terrace.
- (b) There had not yet been a "request for ideas" for City Plan 2040.

11. Reports

- (a) JY referred to an Engagement Report, Treasurer's Report and Police Report (all attached). Some cases of youth anti-social behaviour seemed absent from the latter.
- (b) GS reported for DCA as attached. At their AGM on 30 April they would improve their constitution.
- (c) BK reported for Friends of Roseburn Park (FoRP) as attached. They sought a van to remove a bench from Beechwood Bowling Club before 14 April.
- (d) JY relayed a report from MR for Saughtonhall Community Association (SCA) as attached. They had secured funding and signed a contract for the Hall refurbishment.

12. Any Other Business

- (a) The Cockburn Association's AGM is on 28 April 2026.
- (b) The 6 Hampton Terrace hotel is signed as "closed".
- (c) The Craigleith Drive tunnel works have started and Cllr Beal was praised.
- (d) A third survey of Craigleith Crescent traffic speeds was due. **Action: Cllr Beal was asked to chase this.** There had been a recent traffic accident on the street.

The above are **subject to approval** at meeting of 19 May 2026.

Next meetings : 19 May preceded at **7 pm** by the AGM, 23 June & 25 August at 7.30 pm (all at Murrayfield Church Centre)

Ellersly & Kinellan Roads: Road Safety work 2025/26

Report: MCC 7th April 2026, for MCC

MCC requested a report on these works for its meeting on 7th April. Since the work remains in progress, this report is made **prior to full completion of the works**.

On August 15 2024 the Transport and Environment Committee (TEC) agreed to introduce measures to improve road safety on Ellersly (ER) and Kinellan (KR) Roads, including footpath improvement and design of a pedestrian crossing at the junction of ER and Murrayfield (MR) Roads. These works were to be undertaken during scheduled resurfacing of Ellersly Road in 2025/26. The meeting of TEC in April 2025 allocated funds for the work from two budgets.

Communication was established between MCC (including its own Road Safety Group (RSG) and Adam Molloy, the Engineer responsible in the Transport & Contracts Division, in October 2025. MCC, eventually, was reassured that a design of a pedestrian crossing (known as an "uncontrolled crossing") was included in the resurfacing work. MCC awaited an opportunity to comment on any drawings in relation to the works (scheduled to start on 12 January 2026).

These drawings were provided to MCC & the RSG at the turn of the year. John Yellowlees was able to send some **12 comments** on the drawings to which Mr Molloy replied on 15 January. A good part of this report relies on this exchange; and the observations of RSG members living nearby and a resident of 17 Ellersly Road made in correspondence with Adam Molloy, recently.

1. **Resurfacing, Lighting and Northern Pavement:** these have been completed, improving both the visual impact of ER and the quality of a road surface suitable for motorists and cyclists. The small increase in the width of the pavement surfaces provide safer walking and improved access to buses; the opportunity to improve the lighting on Ellersly Road is welcome. The section west of 6 ER has now been completed, and has the drop kerb providing connection to the median pavement leading to Western Corner.
2. **6 ER Turn in:** (Item 3) Drop kerbs and tactile paving ARE provided as promised at the 6 ER turn-in.
3. **ER/KR junction:** the crossing is now narrowed, although the promised bollard is not yet in place (item 7); the junction changes reduce the attractiveness of KR to high-speed motorists and assists in protecting pedestrians from corner-cutting motorists; the tactile paving is welcome for mobility purposes.

A resident from 17 ER had assumed that KR would be a "No Entry" at the junction and is concerned the new junction presents a significant safety risk (of vehicle) collision: he has been informed by Mr Molloy that he "would imagine that a Road Safety Audit will, be carried out on this at the end of this project".

4. **Southern ER pavement** including Guardian's Wood. While speaking to contactors we had understood this pavement would also be resurfaced:

some parts are not fit for purpose. The Guardians Wood drop kerbs have now been introduced (which was requested) (item12)

5. **West of ER:** (item 8) no action or response on an uncontrolled crossing at end of west end of ER
6. **East of KR:** (item 4) drop kerbs and tactile pavements established for “uncontrolled crossing”
7. **Roundels:** (item 11) only one additional carriageway roundel has been added. Similarly lengthy roads in Murrayfield have repeat roundels: there should be more.
8. **Road markings:** Double yellow lines have been promised for Ellersly Road and Westerlea Garden, and a white line at 19 ER: these “must have been omitted” to be undertaken by the lining contractor, and have been said to be replaced.
9. **Uncontrolled Crossing at ER/MR junction:** we welcome the work now done to reduce the width and visibility of the crossing at this junction (no bollard on the northern corner (item 10) The crossing, apart from the hashed marking at the junction, has no additional indicators. We had suggested various “markers” such as the raised table used on Balgreen Road at Devon Park, or a colouring of the road surface which is available in other situations requiring visibility. These are not “standard” additions for uncontrolled crossing, we understand.

While pedestrians have a right of way to cross at this uncontrolled crossing, acknowledged both by Police Scotland and the Road Safety Team of the Edinburgh Transport Department, there are no indicators to inform motorists or cyclist of this, and unlikely to be made at this time.

Our latest understanding is that this junction will also be subject to a Road Safety Audit after this project is completed.

Concluding comments:

MCC has been active in the matter of ER/KR and MR roads for over a decade. In addition local residents have petitioned the Council to make substantial improvements in road safety for all those using the roads.

In our view the current work of resurfacing was an important opportunity to make substantial progress: while we acknowledge much progress has been made there remains items of work highlighted in this report, to be pursued.

Our principal recommendations are;

- The RSG should view this as a “near final “report
- MCC,with others, should seek to upgrade the uncontrolled crossing at ER/MR
- The RSG should monitor the new arrangements by requesting fresh speed monitoring; copies of any Road Safety audit on ER/KR and ER/MR junctions; and seeking residents views about the work.

John Bishop & Don Page
On behalf of RSG
3rd April 2026

Murrayfield Community Council
Engagement Report for meeting of **07 April 2026**

Liaison

- 27-02-2026: Coffee with a Cop at Rosebean Cafe
- 10-03-2026: City of Edinburgh Council: Community Council's Internal Forum event
- 11-03-2026: Western Neighbourhood Partnership meeting
- 16-03-2026: Community Grants Fund panel
- 26-03-2026: Edinburgh Association of Community Councils
- TBD: Edinburgh Association of Community Councils Planning Coop Group

Newsletter Circulation

- 05-03-2026 Newsletter: 155
- 07-04-2026 Agenda: 156

All sources contact or discussion since last report:

- Riversdale Crescent gridlock 27 Feb rugby and ice hockey
- Coltbridge Terrace traffic management
- Abinger Gardens narrowness for traffic
- Loose manhole covers Corstorphine Road near Ormidale Terrace
- Long-unreplaced broken access cover on Corstorphine Road south side pavement opposite Ormidale Terrace
- Removal of litter bin at Corstorphine Road north side bus stop bottom of Ormidale Terrace
- Beechwood Bowling Club, Roseburn Street, is closing
- Gangs of young boys throwing stones at cyclists on Roseburn Path
- Request for local information sheet about congestion at Murrayfield events

Website “unique visitors” (30 days to 05 April 2026)

- 326

Facebook Data (28 days to 05 April 2026)

- Followers: 349
- Views: 2663
- Engagement: 131

Hamish Ross 05 April 2026

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Treasurer's Monthly Report

February 2026

OPENING BALANCE	01 February 2026	£2,392.74
Income		
	Total Receipts	£0.00
Expenditure		
Bank Charges Jan - Feb 2025	23/02/2026	£4.75
	Total Expense	£4.75
CLOSING BALANCE	28 February 2026	£2,387.99

**Bank charges are £4.25 monthly fee and £0.50 per transaction

Murrayfield Community Council
2025-26 Year To Date Treasurer's Report

February 2026

Opening Balance at 1st April 2025			£1,959.96
	Income	Expenditure	
April	0.00	158.25	1,801.71
May	0.00	8.50	1,793.21
June	0.00	66.25	1,726.96
July	0.00	4.75	1,722.21
August	0.00	4.25	1,717.96
September	865.90	46.79	2,537.07
October	0.00	96.50	2,440.57
November	0.00	4.75	2,435.82
December	0.00	22.04	2,413.78
January	0.00	21.04	2,392.74
February	0.00	4.75	2,387.99
March			
	£865.90	£437.87	£2,387.99
Surplus/(Deficit) YTD	£428.03		

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Northwest Monthly Community Meeting
MURRAYFIELD & CORSTORPHINE WARD
23rd February 2026 -

Housebreakings:

4 x report of theft housebreaking
1 x suspect person found within the curtilage of property

Vehicle Theft/crime:

4 x theft from vehicle
1 x attempt theft of motor vehicle
2 x Theft of vehicle
1 x recovery of stolen vehicle

Antisocial Behaviour:

Multiple report of youths on Suron bikes

Bogus Caller/Fraud:

3 x reports of fraud
1 x attempted fraud

Other incidents of note:

The next date for Coffee with a cop is Tuesday 14th of April from 1400 to 1600 hours. The venue will be Dower House Café, 1A Orchardfield Ave.

Advice

[Neighbourhood Watch Scotland | Safer Neighbourhoods Stronger Communities](#)
[Latest Scams - Trading Standards Scotland](#)

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Committee membership

- In the absence of a Chair person, the committee continues to operate with the temporary arrangements of rotating the chairing of meetings (in alphabetical order) and distributing other duties to committee members. This is being kept under review.

Building Works

- The new student flats at Haymarket Yards, which partly look onto Devon Place, were completed at the end of October by building contractor Ogilvie. Representatives from the DCA committee were in regular contact with Ogilvie throughout the construction process and will now focus on connecting with the building management firm, Student Prestige Living, should any issues arise.
- Work on the former Osborne House is on track for its target completion date at the end of April. Again, throughout the build, DCA committee reps have been liaising with Ogilvie to try to minimise the impact on residents. DCA committee representatives met with the hotel operators (Meininger) and, disappointingly, learned that they appear to have little awareness of the various concerns raised by local residents and assurances given at planning stage. Specifically, the manager was unaware that residents had objected to the licencing application and unaware of what licencing conditions / restrictions had been agreed. DCA will be keeping this under close review.

Planning Applications / Licensing

The following applications are being reviewed by DCA ;

- Installation of a ground-based equipment cabinet, 1 small cell antenna onto the existing street light column, 25 metres north of 9 Osborne Terrace
- Permission to allow the Student Accommodation to be used for short term lets from 1st June to 31st August annually.

Local Issues

- Balbirnie residents reported problems with rotting leaves causing a slip hazard and pot holes in road - these were raised with CEC waste dept and are now resolved.

Donaldson Community Association

Update for MCC 07 April 2026

- Devon place residents reported concerns about electric bikes being left, often causing an obstruction on pavements. These have now been permanently removed.
- A drain in Carberry Place, at its junction with Pembroke Place, has been missing its cover for well over a year. Residents have reported this to the Council on several occasions, with no result, and Scottish Water has also been notified but say this is Council responsibility. As Pembroke Place is a private road, residents have decided to take matters into their own hands and replace the drain cover themselves.

Weeding group

- DCA are hugely grateful to the pool of 20 local volunteers who weeded our area once a month from March to September. The group will resume in April 2026 (postponed from planned March start due to adverse weather).

AGM

- The date for the AGM is 30th April 2026, 7pm, in The Bible Society, 7 Hampton Terrace, to which all in the local area, as well as representatives from MCC, are warmly invited. Our speaker is from the food poverty charity, "Empty Kitchens, Full Hearts" and we will be using the AGM as an opportunity to update and modernise our constitution.

Gill Scott

For Donaldson Community Association, 03 April 2026

**Friends of Roseburn Park SCIO (FoRP) Report
for Murrayfield Community Council 07 April 2026**

1. Friends have been offered a memorial bench for the Park. Bench is currently with Beechwood Bowling Club. Beechwood is closing as of 11th April and donor has been given until 14th April to uplift bench. Friends need Parks Manager and/or Memorial Bench Team Leader from Edinburgh City to agree it being relocated in the Park. Unfortunately both staff members are on holiday until 15th.

2. There is a heap of wood chippings beside a group of Cherry trees at the Ice Rink end. This is from a tree that was lopped/pruned in Roseburn Cliff. The wood chip is to mulch the Cherry trees.

Barbara Knowles for FoRP
07 April 2026

**Saughtonhall Community Association (SCA) report
for Murrayfield Community Council meeting of 7 April 2026**

1. We have signed the building contract for the refurbishment of the SCA hall before the March 31 deadline.
2. CEC have accepted the contract and have agreed to provide the remainder of the £100k grant in advance of the works starting. The remaining balance must be used up by 30th September.
3. The updated constitution for the SCIO after the AGM will be lodged with OSCR this week.
4. Membership of the new SCIO will commence this month.
5. Once we have 30 new members we will make the new SCIO active, transfer the assets and start the process of dissolving the old SCA.
6. We had a successful Easter Stomp on Good Friday with over 40 children despite the rain.

Moray Rumney
7 April 2026