

MURRAYFIELD COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of Ordinary Meeting of Murrayfield Community Council (MCC)

Tuesday, 19 May 2026, 7.30 pm

Murrayfield Parish Church Centre

Present: J Bishop (JBi), J Brown (JBr), J Cunliffe (JC), B Elliott (BE), 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: 7 members of the public

Apologies: Cllr Euan Davidson, Cllr Fiona Bennett, D Dawson (DD), S Macpherson (SM), M Rumney (MR), D Wright (DW)

1. Welcome and Apologies

Apologies were received as above. At a local Holyrood parliamentary election hustings on 23 April MCC's Road Safety Group (RSG) had asked about promoting 20 mph speed limits. **Action: JBi** would draft a paragraph about cheaper "continental style zebra crossings" for a CC invitation to Alex Cole-Hamilton MSP. **Action: HR** would write to welcome Lorna Slater MSP into whose Edinburgh Central ward MCC also extends.

2. Co-option of new members

We welcomed and co-opted Brian Elliott (proposed: HR, seconded: JY) and Daniel Wright (proposed: JY seconded: HR).

3. Planning and Licensing

- (a) We had three replies to our two letters to CEC about the Lansdowne House planning process and outcome (25/06031/CON, 25/06029/LBC and 25/06035/FUL). **Action: JC/JB** would draft a paragraph of our email to Alex Cole-Hamilton MSP to raise the issue of Date of Determination in the planning process. **Action: Cllr Beal** would direct us to the Scheme of Delegation which should show CEC's approach to Statutory Consultees. **Action: HR** would reply to CEC Chief Planning Officer David Givan to say that CC views should be labelled and be public upon submission to the planning portal, which was under review. **Action: JC/JB** would check what the Section 75 agreement for 25/06035/FUL said about parking and future parking permits. **Action: HR & Cllr Beal** would look into the prospects for controlled parking in the Coltbridge / Henderland / Garscube area. **Action: HR** would write to the Lansdowne developers to offer to find a point of contact with neighbours.
- (b) Our Planning Group could respond to planning cases where there was not time to consult MCC between meetings.
- (c) The "call for ideas" for CityPlan 2030 was expected by September. **Action: JC** would email MCC about the pros and cons of joining up conservation areas.
- (d) BE had been to a meeting of Gorgie Dalry Community Council at which the Local Place Plan had been discussed.

4. Councillors' reports

- (a) Cllr Beal asked to be informed of issues with the new Balgreen / Saughtonhall / Corstorphine road layouts. Fencing for the island at Glendevon Park / Balgreen Road junction was being looked at. It had been resolved that parking on verges counts as pavement parking. The delegated powers report for 2027 would include parking at the

- bottom of Murrayfield Gardens. **Action: Cllr Beal** would ask the traffic section, not CCWEL, to look at the signage for “no right turn” into Murrayfield Gardens.
- (b) Fire safety at the Roseburn Terrace vape shop was raised. **Action: Cllr Beal** would find out which part of CEC might know about this. SM had heard from CEC that breaches of planning for shop signage could be reported. **Action: HR** would add vape shop licensing to our email to Alex Cole-Hamilton MSP.
5. Minutes of 7 April 2026 and matters arising
- (a) The Craigleith Drive tunnel works were due to complete in June.
- (b) **Action: DM and/or DD** and FoRP would meet with Scottish Rugby about community projects. There was to be a Scottish Rugby residents meetings on 26 May.
- (c) There had been no response from the CEC Waste Department about the loss of the bin at the Ormidale Terrace bus stop, or the broken bin at Western Corner.
- (d) Easter Belmont Road access was not discussed at the *Transport and Local Access Forum* meeting of 14 May, which we did not attend. **Action: JY** would contact CEC’s Access Officer to discuss how best to promote the right of way between Chapelhill Road, which runs through St George’s School, and Crarae Avenue. MCC might apply to the Community Grant Scheme to improve signage.
- (e) The former Murrayfield Goods Yard gate from Roseburn Terrace was being left open by beekeepers.
- (f) **Action: HR** would try to find out when the Murrayfield Goods Yard advert hoarding on Roseburn Terrace would next be re-licensed.
- (g) The minutes of 7 April 2026 minutes were approved (proposed: JY, seconded: ER).
6. Reports
- (a) HR referred to an Engagement and Inclusion report (attached).
- (b) There was no Treasurer report.
- (c) A Police report had been provided (attached).
- (d) JBi referred to an RSG report (attached). RSG were in touch with *Erskine Stuart Melville Schools* about their school travel plan. He hoped that the Ellersly Road / Murrayfield Road junction would be a trial site for “continental style zebra crossings”.
- (e) GS reported for DCA as attached. JY had attended their successful AGM.
- (f) BK reported for FoRP as attached. There were four new committee members. **Action: BK** would supply **Cllr Beal** with FoRP emails so he could follow-up whether CEC would contribute to potential park projects.
- (g) JY relayed a report from SCA as attached.
7. AOCB
- (a) Scottish Water’s manhole covers on Corstorphine Road at Ormidale Terrace still rattled neighbours’ peace and quiet. Open- and closed-window sound recordings can be sent to CEC’s Environmental Health. **Action: HR** would write to Scottish Water.
- (b) We had expressed the view that the under-review number 13 bus should be half hourly, evenings and Sundays.

The above are **subject to approval** at meeting of 23 June 2026.

Next meetings: 23 June & 25 August at 7.30 pm (all at Murrayfield Parish Church Centre Upper Room).

Murrayfield Community Council
Engagement Report for meeting of **19 May 2026**

Liaison

- 30-04-2026: Donaldson Community Association AGM

Newsletter Circulation

- 19-04-2026 Newsletter: 157
- 19-05-2026 Agenda: 158

All sources contact or discussion since last report:

- Roseburn Terrace vape and American Candy shop
- Firework Control Zone applications due
- Request for timing of match-day road closures 18 April
- Pigeons trapped by Network Rail under-bridge netting

Website “unique visitors” (30 days to 14 May 2026)

- 420

Facebook Data (28 days to 14 May 2026)

- Followers: 348
- Views: 4175
- Engagement: 279

Hamish Ross
15 May 2026



Northwest Monthly Community Meeting
MURRAYFIELD & CORSTORPHINE WARD
7th April 2026 – 15th May 2026

Housebreakings:

- 1 x report of housebreaking (dwelling)
- 1 x report of attempted housebreaking (dwelling)
- 1 x report of theft housebreaking with intent

Vehicle Theft/crime:

- 1 x suspect person looking into cars
- 1 x report of vandalism to a vehicle
- 2 x Theft of vehicle
- 1 x attempt theft of motor vehicle

Antisocial Behaviour:

Multiple report of youths on Suron bikes

Bogus Caller/Fraud:

2 x reports of fraud

Other incidents of note:

none

Advice

[Neighbourhood Watch Scotland | Safer Neighbourhoods Stronger Communities](#)

[Latest Scams - Trading Standards Scotland](#)

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Kind Regards,

PC Fulton & PC Bent

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Murrayfield Community Council, Tuesday 19th May

Report of Road Safety Group

The group last met on 11th March; its next meeting is next week on 20th May. The last MCC meeting, in April, received a detailed report on work in Ellersly and Kinellan Roads, on which we comment below as an update.

1. **Schools:** A member of the RSG has had contact with local police. We learned that while the police have an oversight of vehicle behaviour outside schools (e.g. speeding) they avoid being involve parking issues (e,g on school zig-zag areas). John Yellowlees has written to request a copy of the School Travel Plan and offer consultation with ESMS who are in the process of reorganising the use of school buildings with younger and older children being taught separately. No response from ESMS to date.
2. **Craigleith:** It was reported that there had been confusion over when the work on the Tunnel would start although it should be completed by end June. A verbal report can be made at the meeting in May.
3. **Ellersly Rd/Kinellan Rd:** work is near completion, including the two junctions one with Kinellan Rd and the other with Murrayfield Rd. The former has now been narrowed deterring easy use of the junction; the other has been subject to some narrowing and clearer lowered pavements.

Outstanding items include completion of lining work at the eastern end of the resurfaced road, the placement of bollards at the new junctions, additional lighting on the southern pavement and finishing of the road surface at the Murrayfield Rd junction.

MCC has written welcoming the work as a whole but expressing concern that the “uncontrolled crossing” at Murrayfield Road is “invisible” to motorists for want of road markings and other signs.

4. Balgreen Road and associated streets

This work has also progressed with improvements to pavements, drainage and the lowering of pavements where pedestrians can cross. The raised road surface at Devon Park, together with the narrowing of Balgreen Road at that point provides a much clearer “pathway” for pedestrians road crossing than that provided on Ellersly Road.

5. **Road Safety Group Objectives** - the RSG reviewed its objectives at its meeting on 11th March.

We agreed the objectives needed to be prioritised and agreed to the following work:

- **Working with others:** make contact and develop links with Edinburgh’s Living Streets organisation and inquire whether the Edinburgh

Community Councils could help link with MCC activity on 20 mph and other interests.

- **Explore the development of “low cost” pedestrian crossings:** publicise use of crossings on private property and in Europe. Contact Councillor Ross who has been investigating crossings;
- **Improving our “story”:** highlighting the work of RSG, focussing on crossings and the possible development of volunteer support to help people cross using the notion of pedestrian priority at junctions
- **Scottish Parliamentary elections:** address candidates for West Edinburgh at MCC hustings (if they are organising such) and prepare written questions to the candidates
- **School Travel Plans for ESMS:** as above,
- **Review of ER/KR work when complete:** seeking copies of Road Safety Audits and speed monitoring.

John Bishop

15h May, 2026

Donaldson Community Association

Update for MCC 19 May 2026

AGM

- Our AGM was held on 30th April and was fairly well attended by local residents. We were grateful to hear from John Yellowlees for MCC and David Hewitson for West End Community Council. We also heard from Jo Mowat, who was the only one of our 4 invited councillors to attend the AGM, and from PC Michael Bent and his colleague. Our speaker was Sarah Hutchison, CEO of the food poverty charity, “Empty Kitchens, Full Hearts”. Our updated constitution and committee membership were both approved and the evening ended with connecting over some wine and delicious home made cheese biscuits !

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 will now focus on connecting with the building management firm, Student Prestige Living, should any issues arise.
- Work on the former Osborne House now has a target completion date of the end of May. 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.

Donaldson Community Association

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Planning Applications / Licensing

The following applications are being reviewed by DCA ;

- Permission to allow the Student Accommodation to be used for short term lets from 1st June to 31st August annually.
- Permission still to be submitted for proposals to extend the footprint of the FourPoints by Sheraton hotel at Haymarket.

Local Issues

- Concerns raised at AGM, and by local residents, about potential for noise / disruption caused by residents of / visitors to the new Meininger hotel. DCA will keep this under review.

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 resumed for 2026 in April and will meet monthly, targeting a different area each time.

Gill Scott

For Donaldson Community Association, 14 May 2026

Report from Friends of Roseburn Park to Murrayfield Community Council meeting of 19th May 2026.

1. Graffiti at park entrance was removed by the Council within 2 days after having been reported using the council website.
2. FoRP had flowers delivered to Jim's funeral as a token of our gratitude. John Yellowlees has suggested that the outdoor gym Friends are seeking to install be known as Jim's Gym!
3. Revised prices for the outdoor gym and teen area have been sought, as the Iran war has pushed up metal and delivery costs.
4. FoRP will accompany Dave Dawson when he meets SRU on 29th May. We are still asking the Council Parks Department if they can contribute - the SRU want to know this - but in spite of asking repeatedly since 20th December, we still have no answer. Can Cllr Alan Beal help?
5. FoRP have 4 new committee members. Pete Gregson has taken over the role of chair until the AGM in October.

Barbara Knowles for FoRP

13/05/26

Saughtonhall Community Association Report
for MCC 19 May 2026

There is not much to add to previous report.

The hall will be closing on 1st June or approximately 4 months. Will advise nearer the time when we will reopen.

We have now over 30 members joining the new SCIO so we can now transfer the assets and shut town the old organization.

It is now possible to join online at: <https://www.saughtonhallcommunity.com/join-us>

Moray Rumney for SCA
13 May 2026