

MURRAYFIELD COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of Ordinary Meeting of Murrayfield Community Council (MCC)

Tuesday, 26 June 2026, 7.30 pm

Murrayfield Parish Church Centre

Present: J Bishop (JBi), J Cunliffe (JC), B Elliott (BE), B Knowles (BK), J Lamb (JL), D MacLennan (DM), S Macpherson (SM), H Ross (HR), M Rumney (MR), G Scott (GS), D Wright (DW), J Yellowlees (JY), City of Edinburgh Council (CEC) Cllr Alan Beal

In attendance: 1 members of the public

Apologies: E Anderson (EA), J Brown (JBr), D Dawson (DD), E Robertson (ER), Cllr Euan Davidson, Cllr Fiona Bennett

1. Welcome and Apologies

Apologies were received as above.

2. Minutes of 19 May 2026 matters arising

- (a) Bad parking had caused access problems at Westerlea Gardens during the Zach Bryan concert on 14 June. **Action: HR/JY** would consult the Temporary Traffic Regulation Order (TTRO) coning map and contact Scottish Rugby. **Action: JBi & Cllr Beal** would look at whether double yellow lines are needed. There are further events on 18 July (international rugby) 24-25 July and 28 August (concerts) and 12 August (football). **Action: MR** would ask Scottish Rugby if MCC could have event tickets to provide to locals who deserved them in some way. How and by whom that would be done was not discussed. The rattling Scottish Water manhole covers on Corstorphine Road near Ormidale Terrace were not to be repaired until the end of July because the road could not be closed until Gorgie Road was re-opened. Old emails had not revealed for how long the Murrayfield Goods Yard hoardings lease was renewed. **Action: HR** would ask the NW locality team.
- (b) The Minutes of 19 May 2026 were approved (proposed JY, seconded JBi) noting that item 3(c) should have referred to CityPlan 2040, not 2030.

3. Councillors' reports

Cllr Beal talked to items 4.(a), 4.(c), 4.(d). Also:

- (a) A report on the Lansdowne House application (25/06031/CON, 25/06029/LBC and 25/06035/FUL) has been returned to the CEC Development Management Subcommittee. It did not refer to a missing south elevation drawing.
- (b) The missing north pavement "no right turn" into Murrayfield Gardens sign did not meet lighting standards. The south pavement sign had been turned to face west, leaving no signs.
- (c) A fence had been removed by the CEC Access team to restore an Asserted Right of Way between West Court and Ravelston Woods. MCC had expressed interest in the right of way between Chapelhill Road and Crarae Avenue, which runs through St George's School, and a planned but not built gate on Easter Belmont Road.
- (d) Cllr Beal and MCC had received emails about parked cars on Coltbridge Terrace being damaged because it is narrow. The idea that making it less narrow would increase traffic speeds had been raised in the past. There was a wider issue of lack of permit parking in the Coltbridge, Henderland and Garscube areas, where more parking pressure will arise from a Roseburn Controlled Parking Zone (CPZ) and

- Lansdowne House. The Section 75 agreement about the latter says nothing about parking. **Action: HR** would try to get more input from Coltbridge Terrace neighbours.
- (e) The *Pride in Our City* team were due to spruce up CEC Ward 6 in July¹. **Action: all** to suggest ideas to Cllr Beal, perhaps with photos. Water of Leith bridges graffiti and the south side Corstorphine Road pavement area opposite Ormidale Terrace were mentioned. We can report over-hanging trees to CEC on their website.
 - (f) **Action: Cllr Beal** would chase details of a Russell Road site meeting. There were traffic speed surveys in place there.

4. Reports

- (a) *Engagement*. HR referred to the report attached. Details of newly welcomed MCC members DW, BE and EA were on the website². We had sought views on the number 13 bus and passed these to the review. **Action: HR** would send these to Cllr Beal. There had been contact about parking and traffic as in 3.(d).
- (b) *Treasurer*. JL now has the paperwork to have our accounts examined before sending to CEC. He did not yet have bank account access.
- (c) *Planning Group*. See also 3.(a). We had discussed but not acted on a new application at 21 Murrayfield Avenue (26/02074/FUL & 26/02075/LBC) because it was a domestic application. The City Plan 2040 *Call for Ideas* would be online from 6 July. **Action: HR** would list areas that we could address, to include: sites that might be at risk of development even if they did not appear to be; the chipping-away of conservation area character by lack of enforcement (homes and shops); the lack of right to contest tree works (though this might be out of scope); and more tree planting. **Action: HR** would re-send the current place profiles to help identify sites and areas.
- (d) *Road Safety Group*. JBi reported as attached and added that: the *Erskine Stewart Melville* meeting had taken place; the Craighleith Tunnel must be “commissioned” before being opened; there had been a delay to Vehicle Activated Signs on Campbell Avenue. **Action: Cllr Beal** will pursue the Murrayfield Road re-surface which is the highest re-surface priority in CEC Ward 6. The issue of uncontrolled crossings would not be solved by CEC’s welcome “request a crossing”³ service but by cheaper, simpler, marked crossings that express the often-ignored highway code. We had written to our MSP about those. There had been no progress on the Ravelston Dykes to Roseburn Path dropped curb.
- (e) *Donaldson Community Association*. GS reported as attached. Neighbours remain worried about the noise of people outside the Meininger Hotel at major events.
- (f) *Friends of Roseburn Park*. BK reported as attached. MCC agreed with FoRP that there must be better sites for an adult gym and teen area than the old play park and the area by the cricket nets. The date for an MCC meeting with Scottish Rugby about community projects was yet to be set.
- (g) *Saughtonhall Community Association (SCA)*. MR reported as attached. He hoped the accessibility features of the SCA hall would both reduce works VAT and attract new kinds of groups and thus income streams.
- (h) *Wester Coates Amenity Society*. In EA’s absence DM said there was nothing to report.
- (i) *Police*. HR referred to a police report as attached.

5. AOCB

1 <https://www.edinburgh.gov.uk/litter-flytipping/pride-city>

2 <https://murrayfieldcc.org.uk/who>

3 <https://www.edinburgh.gov.uk/road-safety/request-pedestrian-crossing>

- (a) **Action: JY** would attend the Edinburgh Association of Community Councils meeting on 25 June. **Action: JY** would ask for more detail about rumours Vodafone interest in the junction of Glendevon Park and Balgreen Road.
- (b) The waiting rules on Roseburn Terrace needed to be enforced. The “bus lane ending” sign on the southbound Balgreen Road opposite the entrance to Saughton Park still faced the wrong way.

The above are **subject to approval** at meeting of 25 August 2026.

Next meetings: 25 August & 6 October at 7.30 pm (Murrayfield Parish Church Centre Upper Room).

Murrayfield Community Council
Engagement Report for meeting of **23 June 2026**

Liaison

- 28-05-2026: Edinburgh Association of Community Councils
- 09-06-2026: Support Bus Services review
- 10-06-2026: West Edinburgh Neighbourhood Network (written submission)

Newsletter Circulation

- 23-06-2026 Agenda: 167

All sources contact or discussion since last report:

- Need for traffic and parking restrictions Coltbridge Terrace
- Praise for Pinkhill to Murrayfield Road resurfacing contractor
- Parking and school drop offs/pick ups
- Residential fire safety following opening of vape shop
- “Raid on 26th May that saw c50k cigarettes seized from premises in the murrayfield area”
- Pedestrian safety on Ravelston Terrace
- Smashed windows – Roseburn Street *cul de sac*
- Roseburn Terrace weeds

Website “unique visitors” (30 days to 20 June 2026)

- 585

Facebook Data (28 days to 20 June 2026)

- Followers: 348
- Views: 8177
- Engagement: 997

Hamish Ross
21 June 2026

Murrayfield Community Council, Tuesday 23rd June

Report of Road Safety Group

The group last met on 20th May.

1. **Schools:** Two RSG members have now been invited to assist ESMS with its School Travel Plan. Any meeting would need to take place before 25 June, end of the current term.
2. **Craighleith:** Apart from some reflective stickers and a light within the tunnel the work is complete. However, the tunnel is yet to open for want of completion of work on the Vehicle Activated Speed signs, as of the date of this report.
3. **Ellersly Rd/Kinellan Rd:** 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, replacement of double yellow lines and finishing of the road surface at the Murrayfield Rd junction.

MCC, along with other CCs, have been invited to submit requests for additional pedestrian crossings that do not meet current criteria. ER/KR are clearly one of such requests.

4. **Road Safety Group Objectives** - the RSG reviewed its objectives at its meeting on 11th March.
 - **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. At its May meeting MCC agreed to invite our new MSP to discuss crossings in particular.
 - **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
 - **Review of ER/KR work when complete:** seeking copies of Road Safety Audits and speed monitoring.

John Bishop

13th June, 2026

Donaldson Community Association

Update for MCC 23 June 2026

Committee membership

- In the absence of a Chairperson, 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 and we hope to have an update in the coming months.

Building Works

- The new student flats at Haymarket Yards, which partly look onto Devon Place, were completed last year. Representatives from the DCA committee will now focus on connecting with the building management firm, Student Prestige Living, should any issues arise.
- DCA met with the management of the MEININGER Hotel (formerly Osborne House) where we addressed community concerns regarding parking, noise and deliveries
- On parking, the hotel expects most guests to arrive without cars, its website clearly states that no on-site parking is available, and staff have committed not to suggest the surrounding area as a weekend parking option
- On noise, the hotel emphasised that it primarily caters to school groups and families and is not intended as a “party hotel”; while a bar during larger events has not been ruled out. The hotel has yet to receive its full operating licence and the management assured us that any excessive noise will be promptly addressed, noting that the building’s windows do not open so internal noise will not carry outside.
- On deliveries, all regular suppliers – including refuse, food, drink and laundry services – have been instructed not to use Stanhope / Devon Place for access, and will instead enter and exit via Wester Coates to Devon Place, reversing directly into the hotel’s loading bay.
- We found the manager to be very responsive and willing to work with the community to be a good neighbour, and we agreed to meet regularly to review any issues

Planning Applications / Licensing

The following applications are being kept under review by DCA ;

- Permission to allow the Student Accommodation to be used for short term lets from 1st June to 31st August annually.

Donaldson Community Association

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- Permission still to be submitted for proposals to extend the footprint of the FourPoints by Sheraton hotel at Haymarket.

Local Issues

- Concerns raised by local residents about a spate of attempted/successful car break-ins. DCA will raise with local police reps and keep under review.

Weeding group

- DCA are hugely grateful to the pool of local volunteers who weed 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, 19 May 2026

Report from Friends of Roseburn Park to Murrayfield Community Council meeting of 23rd June 2026.

1. Benches

Park Service have agreed to take over maintenance of donated bench as it is similar to existing benches in the Park. Also Service has agreed to install the bench. A new bench for the Park will be installed at the same time.

2. Teen Area/Adult Gym

Agreement in principle that these projects should be located in the Park. But differences of opinion on where these should be located. Friends are seeking to resolve this issue. A decision from SRU on funding is expected in mid-July and thereafter Friends will be bidding to use funds from the Tourist Visitor Levy.

3. Plant Recycling Scheme

To establish a site in the Park where anyone in the community can recycle surplus garden plants for use by residents in their gardens.

4. New Cycle Parking Stands

A site has been agreed with Parks Service for siting of bikes at the western end of the Park.

5. Extra Litter Bins

A request by Friends for extra bins to reduce the amount of litter in the Park particularly after events at the Stadium or from busy days in the Park. Alternative is replacement of existing bins with larger bins.

6. Embankment Planting

Shrub planting has taken place recently on one of the embankments. So thanks to volunteers who helped.

Barbara Knowles for FoRP
21/07/26

Saughtonhall Community Association SCIO report
Murrayfield Community Council Meeting 23 June 2026

The Saughtonhall Community Association SCIO building works started on 1st June on time. The old toilet blocks have been demolished and foundations for the new areas started. We were very pleased to receive the remainder of the Place-based Investment Program £100,000 grant from the council which is now in our bank account and solves our immediate cash flow concerns. We are also pursuing how much of the work can be zero-rated for VAT purposes (provision of disabled access facilities) and are optimistic we can save a five-figure sum off the total.

There will be no summer fete this year but we did hold a successful plant sale earlier in June.

The hall will be closed through September, but the grounds remain open.

Moray Rumney on behalf of Saughtonhall Community Association SCIO
23 June 2026



Northwest Monthly Community Meeting
MURRAYFIELD & CORSTORPHINE WARD
16th May 2026 – 21st June 2026

Housebreakings:

- 1 x report of breaking into a shed
- 1 x report of housebreaking with intent to steal (dwelling)
- 1 x report of being within the curtilage of a property with intent to steal.

Vehicle Theft/crime:

- 5 x theft of motor vehicle
- 1 x theft from vehicle
- 5 x attempt theft from vehicle
- 2 x attempt theft of motor vehicle

Antisocial Behaviour:

Multiple report of youths on Suron bikes

Bogus Caller/Fraud:

- 1 x reports of fraud

Other incidents of note:

An incident at Balgreen road was reported whereby a vehicle drove into the bridge. A crime report was raised in relation to this incident.

Zach Bryan concert at Murrayfield was a successful event from a policing point of view with only 3x associated crime reports.

Our community policing team, along with trading standards, attended two premises within the area following a complaint. 57,000 illicit cigarettes and 25.5 kg of hand rolling tobacco were seized.

There has been a small rise in vehicle crime in the area and in the adjacent areas, as such I have included some vehicle crime safety advice. I would ask that you encourage members to be vigilant and report any suspicious activity. We have also dedicated additional resources towards tackling vehicle crime.

Advice

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

[Latest Scams - Trading Standards Scotland](#)

Please feedback in regard toto myself via my e-mail.

Kind Regards,

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