

MURRAYFIELD COMMUNITY COUNCIL
Minutes of Ordinary Meeting of the Community Council
Tuesday, 13 January 2026, 7.30 pm
Online

Present: J Bishop (JBi), J Brown (JBr), J Cunliffe (JC), J Lamb (JL), D Dawson (DD), B Knowles (BK), D MacLennan (DM), J McDonaugh (JM), E Robertson (ER), M Rumney (MR), H Ross (HR), G Scott (GS), J Yellowlees (JY), Cllr Alan Beal

In attendance: 9 others.

Apologies: S Macpherson (SM), Cllr Euan Davidson, Cllr Fiona Bennett.

1. Welcome and Apologies

As above. Item 3.(a) was taken at the outset. Item 7.(a) was taken after 5.(e). We thanked all who arranged, came along, and/or donated to local Xmas events. £800 had been raised for *Tummies not Trash*.

2. 2026 Events

- (a) During a Murrayfield Community Council (MCC) visit on 12 Jan, the ice arena said they sought to use their venue for other things in the May-August season. They hoped to connect these events with main stadium concerts and were open to other ideas. MCC suggested a John Lennon plaque, Doors Open Day, and Threadinburgh.scot. This year there would be no FLY event. The Ice Hockey European Cup of Nations would be held on 5-7 February. **Action: JM** will maintain contact.
- (b) DD's working group had proposed two projects for Scottish Rugby funding: a suite of new park facilities with Friends of Roseburn Park (FoRP); and an app-guided trail along the Water of Leith from Balgreen to Wester Coates, with the Water of Leith Conservation Trust (WoLCT), for which DM had supplied an outline. **Action: DD/JM** would meet with Scottish Rugby to discuss.
- (c) No one had heard of plans for a Holyrood Election hustings. **Action: HR/JY** would look at the new constituency map and decide with whom we might discuss a hustings.

3. Parking

- (a) There was progress at last at the "garden" island of the junction of Balgreen Road and Glendevon Park. Parking on this during events had become a problem after the fence was removed. It was hoped that a new fence and double-yellow lines would prevent this. **Action: Cllr Beal** will attempt to direct officers to achieve this outcome first but could not commit to a deadline. He asked local neighbours to advise him of progress on the ground.
- (b) There was no further news about the proposed Controlled Parking Zone (CPZ) in Roseburn. There would be knock-on effects in Coltbridge, Murrayfield/Henderland and Saughtonhall.
- (c) Roseburn Cliff neighbours were divided on the merits of the Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) to reduce parking spaces in the street. There is now a scheme that allows carers to park in controlled areas.
- (d) It will take months to fix the gap between the double-red and double-yellow lines on Murrayfield Gardens. **Action: HR** would supply Cllr Beal with a list of neighbour complaints about this to date.
- (e) Parking tickets were being issued on the raised table junction of Roseburn Street and Roseburn Place.

4. Councillors' reports

- (a) Cllr Beal intended to speak to 3.(a), 5.(a), 5.(c) and 6.(a) on the agenda. He had yet to raise the question of Lothian Buses route-change consultation process. He noted that the Balgreen Road / Saughton Crescent works were making good progress. Works were also expected: on Ravelston Dykes to ease cyclist passage between the Roseburn Path exit and the road; to resurface Corstorphine Road from Balgreen Road to Western Corner. He had no update on the re-siting of the Coltbridge Avenue bin hub. **Action: Cllr Beal** would ask Cllr Davidson for an update on progress of the bin hub.

5. Minutes of 2 December 2025 meeting and matters arising

- (a) JBi reported from the Road Safety Group (RSG), as attached, but also: the RSG had received and commented on draft plans for the Ellersly/Kinellan pavement works just as the works had started, and lamented that this did not amount to useful dialogue, although MCC welcomed the start of the works; a new RSG member had supplied speed enforcement data for the area (attached).
- (b) There had been no recent response from the City Centre West East Link (CCWEL) project about reinstating signs showing no-right-turn into Murrayfield Gardens from Corstorphine Road. **Action: Cllr Beal** would pursue the matter.
- (c) The Craighleith Tunnel designs are still under road safety audit but works are should start between 16 March and 3 April.
- (d) Two speed surveys on Craighleith Crescent had produced doubtful results. **Action: JBi** will put these on an RSG agenda and would forward data to MR if a further view was needed. Cllr Beal was asked to support requests for survey kit and data checks.
- (e) There is a participatory budgeting project for locals to propose and decide the local use of Visitor Levy funds. **Action: HR** will invite the relevant Council Officer to our next meeting.
- (f) The minutes of 2 December 2025 were approved (JY/JM) subject to the following additions: under item 6.(a) Cllr Beal had referred to the Junction of Balgreen Road and Glendevon Park; under item 7 the minutes of 14 October 2025 had been approved (JY/JM).

6. Planning and Licensing

- (a) JC reported as attached, in which MCC further objected to the illuminated screen at 1b Russell Road (Tesco) (25/05546/LBC), objected to the shop sign at 101-103 Saughtonhall Drive (25/06275/ADV), and objected to the Lansdowne House development on 11-15 Coltbridge Terrace (25/06035 FUL / CON / LBC). It was unclear if there would be a hearing about Lansdowne House in the face of the large number of comments submitted. **Action: JC/JB** to forward details of objections to Cllr Beal's inbox.
- (b) DM reported no change to his advice of the previous meeting about the 6 Hampton Terrace House of Multiple Occupation.

7. Reports

- (a) HR referred to the Engagement & Inclusion report (attached). No one at the meeting wanted to become an admin for the suspended *Roseburn and Murrayfield Blether* Facebook group.
- (b) JM reported accounts for November and December as attached.
- (c) JY relayed a police report as attached.

- (d) GS reported for Donaldson Community Association (DCA) as attached and invited us to the AGM on 30 April.
 - (e) MR reported for Saughtonhall Community Association (SCA) that an extension was being requested for the Hall works. He hoped there would be MCC members at the AGM on 2 February, which would include resolutions to end SCA, the unincorporated association, and adopt of the constitution of SCA, the Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation (SCIO).
 - (f) BK reported for Friends of Roseburn Park (FoRP) as attached.
8. Any Other Business
- (a) JY hoped to attend the Edinburgh Association of Community Councils on 29 January, which would include a report on the survey of August 2025 into the Community Council elections of that year.
 - (b) The outgoing Scottish Transport Secretary's had remarked that the Scottish Government would not fund a new north-south Edinburgh tram line and that the City Council should look to the Southeast Scotland Transport Partnership's SESTransit project.
 - (c) The Community Council's AGM could take place at the earliest on 19 May 2026 (TBD).
 - (d) Community Councillors were asked to advise HR if they could not attend the 7 April 2026 meeting because it was near to Easter.

The above are **subject to approval** at meeting of 24 February 2026.

Next meetings : 24 February (online), 7 April & 19 May (Murrayfield Church Centre)

Road Safety Group report for CC meeting 13 January 2026

- There remains uncertainty about plans for the pavement improvement and crossing for Ellersly Road . Work was to be started in January, with scheduled resurfacing. but no recent communication from CEC;
- The work in Balgreen Road has progressed including a raised table and crossing points at the Glendevon Park junction: we are keeping an eye on 2026 developments
- Craigleith Tunnel work awaits a start date: speed monitoring on Craigleith Crescent has been undertaken
- On Murrayfield Road speed monitoring in 2025 has ben completed: however, comparison with monitoring activity in 2019 is not possible due to changes in the location.
- The Road Safety Group meets Police Scotland on 14th January to discuss 20 mph enforcement, speed monitoring, critierial for road safety intervention, changes to the Highway Code as it affects pedestrians and work with local schools.

John Bishop
7 Jan 2026



Freedom of Information Response

Our reference: FOI 25-2768

Responded to: 26 September 2025

Your recent request for information is replicated below, together with our response.

Kindly provide the following data for each of the calendar years 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025 to date.

For each individual postcode district EH1 through EH 17 data elements show:.

Number of Fixed Penalty Notices issued to motorists for exceeding the 20 mph limit.

For the period 1st January 2022 to 9th September 2025, I can confirm that there were 19 FPNs issued for exceeding the 20-mph limit within the district EH1- EH17.

For a breakdown of these per year and postcode please see the table below.

Postcode	2022	2023	2024	2025
EH3	2	0	0	0
EH4	2	1	0	0
EH6	3	2	0	0
EH7	2	0	2	0
EH10	0	0	0	1
EH12	2	0	0	0
EH16	0	0	0	2

Number of speed checks and campaigns carried out to monitor or enforce compliance with the 20-mph limit. Give clarifying remarks as appropriate.

Road safety remains a national priority for police Scotland and is a local policing priority here within E Division. Our primary focus is casualty reduction and there are a number of tactical options at our disposal to help reduce the number of people killed and seriously injured on our roads. Speed enforcement is perhaps the most readily identifiable tactic among the public and is undertaken by Road Policing officers, Community officers and through safety camera deployment, both fixed and mobile.

The Police Scotland Standard Operating Procedure in respect of speed enforcement has been published online and can be found using the following link. This sets out clear direction and operational instruction for officers and staff involved in speed enforcement.

<https://www.scotland.police.uk/access-to-information/policies-and-procedures/standard-operating-procedures/standard-operating-procedures-p-s/>

Road Policing officers carry a handheld speed detection device routinely whilst on patrol. In addition to this, the patrol vehicles are fitted with a calibrated speedometer which allows for offence detection whilst moving. Carrying out speed enforcement is a core and dynamic function and as such, the locations, times and duration of this activity is not specifically recorded

B) Other enforcement actions carried out, if any,

Edinburgh benefits from a network of fixed Safety Cameras and mobile Safety Camera Unit van deployments.

If you require any further assistance, please contact us quoting the reference above.

You can request a review of this response within the next 40 working days by [email](#) or by letter (Information Management - FOI, Police Scotland, Clyde Gateway, 2 French Street, Dalarnock, G40 4EH). Requests must include the reason for your dissatisfaction.

If you remain dissatisfied following our review response, you can appeal to the Office of the Scottish Information Commissioner (OSIC) within 6 months - [online](#), by [email](#) or by letter (OSIC, Kinburn Castle, Doubledykes Road, St Andrews, KY16 9DS).

Following an OSIC appeal, you can appeal to the Court of Session on a point of law only.

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This response will be added to our [Disclosure Log](#) in seven days' time.

Every effort has been taken to ensure our response is as accessible as possible. If you require this response to be provided in an alternative format, please let us know.

Planning Report for Murrayfield Community Council Meeting 13 January 2026

3 Murrayfield Place – MCC was not involved but I can confirm that change of use from Class 1A (shop) to Class 3 (café) with restricted cooking facilities was granted to Francacia & Co (decision issued 08/12/2025).

MCC objected to the listed building consent application (retrospective) for the illuminated screen at Tesco, IB Russell Road; the advertisement application was refused.

MCC objected to the illuminated fascia sign at 101-103 Saughtonhall Drive. The fascia has been installed.

The Community Council has made submissions objecting to the proposed conversion and change of use with associated demolition and new build at Lansdowne House, 11-15 Coltbridge Terrace. We did not comment on the proposed use but considered the whole scheme an overdevelopment of the site.

Planning Convenor 13/01/2026

Murrayfield Community Council
Engagement Report for meeting of **13 January 2026**

Liaison

- 12-01-2026: Murrayfield Ice Arena
- 27-11-2025: Edinburgh Assoc. Community Councils

Newsletter Circulation

- 19-12-2025 Newsletter: 140
- 13-01-2026 Agenda: 147

New website/email contact from individuals since last report

- can't attend on Tuesdays
- update on HMO licensing 6 Hampton Terrace (24 Nov 2025)
- seeking info on Xmas events and newsletter
- request for double-yellows on Belmont Terrace as well
- journalist looking for stories about Voi bikes
- individual re: traffic on Saughtonhall Drive
- individual re: community building
- questioning St George's School's previous adherence to planning rules

Website anonymous survey responses since the last report

None

Facebook topics

- desire for residents' permits in Roseburn (18 Nov 2025)
- attempted break-in to a car
- resident not able to drive through soft closures at end of Autumn International
- Police Scotland/Neighbourhood Watch community alert scheme
- impending controlled parking zones in Roseburn (26 Nov 2025)
- what happened to the postbox on Western Corner
- 5 black-clad motor-cyclists (previously associated with burglary and damage)
- City of Edinburgh Council warning notices on cars parked on raised table

NOTE: the *Roseburn & Murrayfield Village Blether* Facebook group, source of much of the above, is currently suspended and might be discontinued.

Website "unique visitors" (30 days to 09 Jan 2026)

- 568

Facebook Data (28 days to 09 Jan 2026)

- Followers: 240
- Views: 2740
- Engagement: 85

Hamish Ross 09 January 2026

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Treasurer's Monthly Report

November 2025

OPENING BALANCE	01 November 2025	£2,440.57
Income		
	Total Receipts	£0.00
Expenditure		
Bank Charges Aug/Sept 2025	24/11/2025	£4.75
	Total Expense	£4.75
CLOSING BALANCE	30 November 2025	£2,435.82

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

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2025-26 Year To Date Treasurer's Report

November 2025

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			
January			
February			
March			
	£865.90	£390.04	£2,435.82
Surplus/(Deficit) YTD	£475.86		

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Treasurer's Monthly Report

December 2025

OPENING BALANCE	01 December 2025	£2,435.82
Income		
	Total Receipts	£0.00
Expenditure		
Zoom Fees (Decemeber)	12/12/2025	16.79
Bank Charges Aug/Sept 2025	23/12/2025	£5.25
	Total Expense	£22.04
CLOSING BALANCE	31 December 2025	£2,413.78

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February			
March			
	£865.90	£412.08	£2,413.78
Surplus/(Deficit) YTD	£453.82		

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Northwest Monthly Community Meeting
Murrayfield Community Council
2nd December 2025 – 8th January 2026

Housebreakings:

- 2 x Report of Theft by Housebreaking to a residential property
- 1 x Report of an Attempt Housebreaking with Intent to a non-dwelling property (Garage)

Vehicle Theft/Crime:

- 4 x reports of Theft of Motor Vehicles

Anti-social Behavior:

- 1 x report of youths throwing glass & eggs at passing vehicles
- 1 x report of youths throwing eggs at a residential property
- 1 x report of youths playing loud music in a public area and climbing on bus shelters
- 5 x reports of youths on a surons/dirt bikes in public area's/path's
- 2x reports of fireworks being set off in a public area

Other incidents of note:

- 1 x report of fraud
- 2 x reports of public areas being vandalized with spray paint
- 2 x reports of suspicious persons being within stairwells/public areas
- 1 x report of suspicious males being seen possibly stealing a motorbike in a public park (awaiting further details)

Please note a coffee with a cop has been arranged at the Rosebean Café within Roseburn Park for Friday 27th February 2026 between the hours of 10am-12pm.

Local Policing Structure.
Chief Inspector – Ranald MacDonald
Inspector Alan Healy
Sergeant Sandra Watt
Community officers PC Susan Fulton & Michael Bent

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Advice section

[Edinburgh Trusted Trader | Edinburgh Trading Standards](#)

www.neighbourhoodwatchscotland.co.uk

[Property Security 12372_23_pm.pdf \(spnet.local\)](#)

[Bike security leaflet 2023 National low res.pdf \(spnet.local\)](#)

[SCAM Booklet \(2\) 1158_19_pm.indd](#)

Please feedback any questions to myself via my e-mail.

Kind Regards,

PC Susan Fulton & Michael Bent

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EdinburghCPTNorthWest@scotland.pnn.police.uk

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Donaldson Community Association

Update for MCC 13 Jan 2026

1. Committee membership

- We are delighted that the role of treasurer has been taken on, replacing our previous treasurer, who was a valuable member of DCA for many years.

2. Building Works

- The committee continues to liaise closely with representatives from the various building works affecting their area - exclusively at the west end of Devon place, specifically student housing and the refurbishment of Osborne House into a hotel.
- As reported at the last meeting of MCC, road repairs to the cobbles in our area have commenced, however there is concern that it is not yet of an acceptable standard at this stage. DCA reps will continue their discussions with the relevant contractors to get to a satisfactory solution.
- All building works are due to be completed in April 2026. DCA reps will pick up with the new operators early this year to build a relationship.

3. Planning Applications / Licensing

- No new matters to report

4. 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 March 2026.

5. AGM

- The date for the AGM is 30th April 2026, in The Bible Society, 7 Hampton Terrace, to which all in the local area, as well as representatives from MCC, are warmly invited.

Gill Scott

For Donaldson Community Association, 6th January 2026

Friends of Roseburn Park Report to MCC Jan 2026

1. Continuing to progress projects within the Park such as Outdoor Adult Gym and extra shelter beside the café.
2. Investigating tree lopping in the Park. Issues about who did it and why.
3. Scoping out additional proposals with representatives from the Primary School that could be suitable for development.
4. Progressing ideas/projects that could be funded by SRU's proposed Community Fund.

Barbara Knowles
10 Jan 2026