

**SOUTHSIDE COMMUNITY COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF MEETING 8 OCTOBER 2015**

**1 INTRODUCTION BY COUNCILLOR JIM ORR.**

**Apologies** : Gloria Lo, Sarah Boyack, Joan Carter.

**Present** : David Benyon, Donald Burgess, Frances Gifford, Kaaren Haughton, Robert Hodgart, Dora Lola-Luz, Philip McDowell, TPS Siobhan McClung, Ross Murray, Nicholas Oddy, Barbara O'Loughlin, Tim Pogson, Svetlana Repanova and David Wood.

Councillors Burgess, Orr and Rose.

**2 APPOINTMENTS OF OFFICE BEARERS.**

The following having been moved and seconded were appointed on an interim basis until May 2016:

Interim Chairperson – Philip McDowell

*Moved by Nicholas Oddy, Seconded by Timothy Pogson*

Vice-Chairperson – Kaaren Haughton

*Moved by Timothy Pogson, Seconded by Nicholas Oddy*

Interim Treasurer – Svetlana Repanova

*Moved by David Benyon, Seconded by Philip McDowell*

As there were no nominations for the position of Interim Secretary, appointment of this position was continued to the next meeting of the Community Council. Correspondence would be directed through the chair in the meantime.

**3 SCHEME, CONSTITUTION AND STANDING ORDERS.**

Details were provided on the Scheme for community councils, model constitutions and model standing orders. The Community Council agreed to consider these documents with a view to adopting at a later date.

**4 FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS.**

Donald Burgess from the City of Edinburgh Council provided information on Community Council finances including

- Annual Council Grant
- Banking Arrangements
- Insurance
- Accommodation Subsidy

**5 MEMBERSHIP.**

There had been 11 nominations for the 12 elected member places on the Community Council so an election had not been required. There was provision for 6 nominated members (local interest groups) and 2 groups had been approved. The Causey Development Trust and Southside Association had registered as local interest groups.

## **6 NEIGHBOURHOOD PARTNERSHIP.**

Donald Burgess provided a brief introduction on the work of the South Central Neighbourhood Partnership.

It was agreed that Timothy Pogson would represent the Community Council on the South Central Neighbourhood Partnership. David Wood would take up the position of official substitute and would attend the next meeting on 7 December 2015.

## **7 FUTURE MEETING ARRANGEMENTS.**

The Community Council agreed to arrange a meeting for the 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of each month. Edinburgh University would provide availability of the Raeburn Room for proposed dates. The availability of alternative venues would also be researched, including:

- The Southsider Pub (upstairs room);
- The Braidwood Centre;
- The Nelson Hall; and
- Any other suitable venues.

## **8 ANY OTHER BUSINESS AND NEXT MEETING.**

The following items were proposed as agenda items for the next meeting:

- Communication
- Planning and Licensing
- Representation on the Edinburgh Association of Community Councils
- Appointment of Interim Secretary
- Future Meeting Venue
- Police Update
- Update on begging – Potentially invite Cathy Evans (Community Safety Manager – CEC)
- Potential social event in December

The group recorded their thanks to Councillor Orr for his efforts in re-establishing the Community Council.