

EDINBURGH ASSOCIATION OF COMMUNITY COUNCILS

c/o The Secretary, 2b Redford Gardens, Edinburgh EH13 0AR

Annual General Meeting

25th November 2017 - 10am - 12 noon

Business Centre, City Chambers, Edinburgh EH1

AGENDA

1. Welcome & Apologies
2. Minutes of the AGM 2016 & matters arising
3. Reports & Accounts
4. Election of Office Bearers
5. Representative to the Edinburgh Partnership
6. Presentation by Paul Lawrence - Executive Director of Place
7. Locality Governance and Locality Improvement Plans
8. Taking EACC forward and proposed meeting dates for 2018
9. AOCB
10. Closing remarks.
11. Next meeting – Thursday 22nd February 2018

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Minutes of the 2016 Annual General Meeting

26th November 2016, Business Centre, Edinburgh City Chambers

Present:

Eric Dobbie*	Gilmerton/Inch	Daniel Cairns.....	Merchiston
David Bewsey*	Colinton	Jim Napier*	Firrhill
Allister McKillop*	Currie CC	Arne Strid	Morningside
Judy Wightman*	Ratho & District	Jens Eilders	Morningside
Hal Osler*	Stockbridge/Inverleith	Svetlana Repanova*	Southside
Warren Hope*	Corstorphine	Robert Hodgart.....	Southside
Michael Traill*	Leith Links	Lewis Press*	Newtown/Broughton
Andrew Brough	Tollcross	Abu Meron	Leith Links
Robert Hodgart	Southside	Tim Parker*	Trinity
Tony Harris	Grange/Prestonfield	Jim Henry*	Liberton & District
Irene Hood	Grange/Prestonfield	Ian Clement	Merchiston
Roger Colkett	Tollcross	Dennis Williams*	Fairmilehead
Robin Morris*	Merchiston	Andy Lippok.....	Fairmilehead
Ian Gilmore*	Marchmont & Sciennes	Lynn Murphy	Craiglockhart
Martyn White*	Granton & District	John Corbett.....	Craiglockhart
Richard Stott	Cramond&Barton	Rik Morley	Wester Hailes
Geoff Pearson	Northfield & Willowbrae	Nick Weech.....	Northfield & Willowbrae
David Houston.....	Colinton	Khayrun Shah	Gilmerton & Inch

In Attendance Cllr Maureen Child, (CEC), Andrew Kerr (CEC), Jo McStay (CEC), Andy Nicol (CEC), Michele Mulvaney (CEC) & Saty Kaur (CEC), Bruce Ryan (Observer)

Apologies: Mary Donoghue (Hutchison & Chesser)

1. The Chair, Eric Dobbie, welcomed everyone to the meeting including Chief Executive Andrew Kerr, Jo McStay, Senior Manager Strategy & Insight, Andy Nicol Governance and Democratic Services. The Chair went on to say that some aspects had gone well since the continuation of the 2014 AGM but some action points are still needed to be moved forward.
2. **Minutes of the 2015 AGM were approved.** Proposed, Arne Strid, seconded Tim Parker.
3. **Treasurer's Report**
Judy Wightman presented the accounts. Robin Morris (Merchiston CC) pointed out that the accounts were incorrect and therefore could not be approved. Both the Treasurer and Chair apologised for the mistake and the true accounts would be presented as soon as this matter could be resolved. TP asked if the examiner should be re-appointed. This matter would be carried forward to a Special General Meeting held at the beginning of the first meeting in the New Year.

4. Election of Office Bearers.

Eric Dobbie (Gilmerton & Inch), Allister McKillop (Currie), Judy Wightman (Ratho & District) and David Bewsey (Colinton) were elected unopposed.

Representative to the Edinburgh Partnership: Hal Osler was elected unopposed.

The Office Bearers for 2017 are:

Chair Eric Dobbie
Vice-Chair Allister McKillop
Secretary David Bewsey
Treasurer Judy Wightman
Edinburgh Partnership Hal Osler

5. Presentation on the Edinburgh City Vision 2050 by Andrew Kerr, Chief Executive CEC

The Chair asked Andrew Kerr to present to the meeting on the 2050 City Vision. A video was shown which will be available at <http://edinburgh.org/2050-edinburgh-city-vision>

The Chief Executive answered a number of questions. It was suggested that any further questions should be emailed to the Secretary to be passed on to the Chief Executive or other office bearer.

The Chair thanked Andrew Kerr for attending the meeting, presenting the 2050 City Vision and answering questions.

6. Locality Matters – Round table break-out sessions

The session looked at issues various CCs have with their NPs within their Locality. This was to be reported at the next meeting.

7. Future Meetings

Tim Parker suggested there be more meetings to discuss the key matters affecting community councils. Papers should be sent to both Secretary and nominated members. There was also a suggestion for more Q&A sessions. The Secretary said he would seek to arrange a calendar of meetings.

ACTION: Secretary

The meeting closed at 12 noon

Draft minutes at 10 November 2017

Edinburgh Association of Community Councils **Accounts for the year ending 31 March 2017**

Statement of Receipts & Payments

	2017 £	2016 £
Receipts		
Edinburgh Partnership Support Grant paid via CEC - note 2	0.00	1,900.00
Total Income	0.00	1,900.00
Payments		
Meeting - 28.4.16 Balance due (2016 - Deposit)	72.50	25.00
	72.50	25.00
Administrative Expenses:-		
Computer, back up drive, associated software	609.45	0.00
Web site costs including Domain name costs	125.00	284.00
Secretarial Expenses (incl printing and copying)	71.06	0.00
Sundries	44.80	0.00
	850.31	284.00
Total Payments	922.81	309.00
Surplus /(Deficit) for the year	(922.81)	1,591.00

Statement of Balances as at 31 March

	2017 £	2016 £
Funds Reconciliation		
Cash at Bank at 1 April year start	2,291.89	700.89
Surplus/(Deficit) for the year	-922.81	1,591.00
Cash at Bank at 31 st March year end	1,369.08	2,291.89

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Accounts for the year ending 31 March 2017

Notes to the Accounts

1. These accounts have been prepared on the Receipts and Payments basis.
2. The support Grant of £1,600.00 from the Edinburgh Partnership paid in 2016 was made up as follows

Year ended 31 March 2014	900
Year ended 31 March 2015	500
Year ended 31 March 2016	500
	1900

Signed on behalf of the Edinburgh Association of Community Councils by:

Judith Wightman
EACC Treasurer

Date: 8 October 2017

Independent Examiner's Statement

I have examined the preceding accounts. My examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the Association and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosure in the accounts and seeks explanations concerning such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention which gives me reasonable cause to believe that proper accounting records have not been kept, nor to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Christine Cameron BA, CITA

Date: 9 October 2017

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Chairman's Report

This year, which has yet again passed so quickly, has brought its own challenges and interesting scenarios. The ongoing development of localities, delays in central administration and lack of clarity regarding Neighbourhood Partnerships have led to uncertainty and difficulty in receiving clear and concise information to distribute to you. EACC is mindful of its responsibilities to its members and I am grateful for the support and advice received from my fellow elected colleagues and the members who faithfully attend and contribute to the group

Following last year's report we planned to cover licensing, environment, transport and also planning. I am pleased to report that all these subjects were covered as per the following:

- 9th Feb 17 Nick Croft (CEC) – Locality Working
- 23rd Mar 17 Penny Richardson (Stockbridge & Inverleith) – Licensing
- 25th May 17 Wendy Henderson (CEC) – Hate Crime on Public Transport & Stuart Lowrie (Public Transport CEC)
- 14th Sept 17 Ordinary meeting, no speaker
- 12th Oct 17 Ben Wilson & Alistair Harvey CEC, Planning: Housing Land Audit and Delivery Programmes

Nick Croft again has provided great support to EACC and I can with regret announce that he is leaving the council, so we will be losing a staunch ally. I would also like to highlight the session led by Ben Wilson, supported by Alistair Harvey. Planning in many respects has been the "Nemesis" of CCs but the session on planning was widely accepted as one of the most useful and refreshing for a while. Much of this new approach is on the EACC website.

Regarding the utilisation and development of social media and the web site, we recognise that this is an area that needs more work. We welcome input, suggestions and ideas, perhaps the reforming of a communications group, to help attract more and younger members to attend. I said last year that we require you, as the members we represent, to continually push forward new ways of working that improves our effectiveness in influencing the City of Edinburgh Council. This may mean presenting reports and papers to future meetings for full consideration and resourcing.

As many of you are aware grave concern has been raised regarding the issues over the Neighbourhood Partnership situation and you will note from the Secretary's report

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that we are taking this very seriously as local democracy is in our view being or could be being eroded and we must be vigilant.

It would be remiss of me if I did not take this opportunity to thank David for his tireless (and often taken for granted) commitment to his secretarial duties, please continue to support him. Also to Allister and Judy who give up precious time for us as a team to meet at regular intervals to discuss the preparation of meetings. Sometimes it may not look like that!! We are only human and will make mistakes and not be able to "do everything". I also have to say a big thanks on your behalf to Hal Osler who stepped down following her election as a Councillor back in May.

Finally to you all thank you for still being part of a journey. I said last year and the year before that this is a work in progress, and so it is. Situations constantly change and so must we in the words of Henry Ford ---- "coming together is a start, staying together is progress but working together is success"

Eric Dobbie, EACC Chair

Secretary's Report

This year has thrown up a number of issues as well as some very positive forward moves.

Meetings were held in February, March, May, September and October and we saw an increase in attendance by community councils. We still need to engage with more community councils. This is a matter for discussion and perhaps the formation of a sub-group to look at how best to attract more community councils to be involved with the EACC.

City of Edinburgh Council elections saw a much delayed administration formed which has meant considerable delays taking forward the Locality initiatives. Despite not having a new formal Governance model, the Partnerships were disbanded early in the summer leaving communities without a clear upward structure to the Council. This matter has, at the time of writing, not been resolved. The Council failed to receive approval at the Culture and Communities Committee for the Locality Outcomes Improvement Plan. This document contains sparse mention of community councils. This raised a motion at the October meeting of EACC to write to the Council Leader. A response has now been received and is available as part of the full papers. Recently, it came to the notice of the Office Bearers that the Partnerships have been reinstated *pro-tem*. We continue to seek clarity on the situation going forward.

This year I have attended two Edinburgh Partnership (EP) meetings. I feel this is an area where EACC, as an adviser to the EP, needs to have greater input, a subject that requires further discussion. The latest Agenda is now on the website.

Lastly a big thanks to Ross Murray (CEC) for his help and support.

David Bewsey, EACC Secretary