

Minutes of the annual general meeting of Leith Central Community Council, held in Pilrig St Paul's church on Monday 18 May 2015 at 7:00pm

Actions and decisions are ***RED ITALIC UNDERLINED SMALLCAPS***. ***NEM CON*** means that no-one spoke or voted against a decision. URLs added by minutes secretary.

1 Introduction, attendance and apologies

1.1 Attendance

Marion Donaldson	LCCC	Cllr Lesley Hinds	Inverleith Ward (Labour)
Charlotte Encombe	LCCC secretary	Malcolm Chisholm MSP	Edinburgh Northern & Leith (Labour)
Anne Finlay	LCCC treasurer	Mrs W Brown	resident
Adrian Graham	LCCC	Jeremy Darot	resident
John Hein	LCCC chair	Jock Encombe	resident
Ross McEwan	LCCC	John Inglis	resident
Julian Siann	LCCC	Jeanette Matuszak	resident
Irene Sweeney	LCCC	Jim Mackenzie	resident
Harald Tobermann	LCCC vice-chair	William McBean	resident
Bruce Ryan	Minutes secretary	Jim Scanlon	Leith Links CC
Leah Lockhart	Greener Leith	Alan McIntosh	Broughton Spurtle
Cllr Angela Blacklock	Leith Walk ward (Labour)	Sgt Matt King	Police Scotland
Cllr Nick Gardner	Leith Walk ward (Labour)	PC Kevin Weaver	Police Scotland

1.2 Apologies

none

2 Minutes of the AGM of 19 May 2014

2.1 Approval

The minutes were approved with no changes (proposed C Encombe, seconded A Finlay, *nem con*). There were no matters arising.

3 Chairperson's annual report, and questions from the floor

The chair spoke about the Leith Neighbourhood partnership, where he represents LCCC. He recommended the NP community grants scheme (<http://bit.ly/1GmEAnd>) - applications for the next tranche must be received by 22 May. He also mentioned Leith Decides (<http://bit.ly/1vI66TJ>) and the neighbourhood environment projects that are funded by Leith NP.

4 Secretary's annual report, and questions from the floor

See the full text of the report in appendix 1.

The secretary thanked B Ryan for his work as minutes secretary and web-weaver, and M Donaldson and L Lockhart for their work with LCCC's Twitter account. She noted that LCCC works with Edinburgh councillors and the NP on issues such as planning, litter and Leith Walk/trams, that LCCC tries to steer by what locals want, and that LCCC has vacancies – all LCCC citizens are welcome.

5 Treasurer's submission of balance sheet and annual accounts (duly independently examined and certified correct), and questions from the floor

See balance sheet in appendix 2.

The treasurer reported that 2014-2015's major expenses included £550 for the minutes secretary/web-weaver and £179.70 for printing and stationery. LCCC's annual grant is almost £1000. There are two uncleared cheques totalling £110, leaving net assets of £1655.44

6 Demit of current office bearers/election of office bearers

There was only one nominee for each post, so the following were re-elected *nem con*:

Position	Nominee	Proposed	Seconded
Chair	John Hein	C Encombe	A Finlay
Vicechair	Herald Tobermann	M Donaldson	John Hein
Secretary	Charlotte Encombe	A Graham	John Hein
Treasurer	Anne Finlay	J Hein	C Encombe

7 Any other competent business

none

8 Date of next meeting

22 June. No meeting in July.

9 Talk by Andrew Grant on the Gretna Rail Disaster 22nd May 1915

Mr Grant gave a very informative and well-researched talk, in connection with the commemoration to be held at Saturday 23 May at Pilrig Cemetery

Appendix 1: text of Secretary's annual report

I would like to thank all members for their active support of Leith Central Community Council. Looking through our past Minutes we have dealt with many more issues than in the previous year. A particular thanks must go to Bruce Ryan, our Minutes Secretary, who keeps us all on the straight and narrow. Thanks to him our paper work and website are impeccable and up to date, and his extensive knowledge of hyperlocal democracy has helped to make us more confident in our conviction that we are making a positive difference in our community. I would also like to thank Leah Lockhart and Marion Donaldson for making sure that our activities are publicised as widely as possible to the local community, not least by breaking into the Twitter sphere. I would also like to thank our outgoing members for their support.

Below is a breakdown of our attendance:

first name	last name		May 14	Jun 14	Aug 14	Sep 14	Oct 14	Nov 14	Dec 14	Jan 15	Feb 15	Mar 15	Apr 15
Samuel	Barron	elected/co-opted members	A				P						
Marion	Donaldson		P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Charlotte	Encombe		P	P	A	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Anne	Finlay		P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	A	P
Adrian	Graham				P	P	P	P	P	A	P	P	P
Pamela	Grant		A										
John	Hein		P	A	P	P	P	P	A	P	A	A	A
David	Jacobsen									P	P	P	P
Ross	McEwan		P		P	P		P		A	P	P	P
Julian	Siann		P	P	P	P	P	P	A	P			P
Irene	Sweeney		P	P	A	P	P	A	P		P	P	P
Harald	Tobermann		P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Alex	Wilson		P	P	P	A		A					
Sophie	Brown	FoPP		P									A
Keith	Hales	LBA	A										
Leah	Lockhart	Green er Leith			P	P	P	A	A		P	A	
number of members present			9	8	9	10	10	8	8	5	11	7	9

= not a member A = ☐ Sent apology P = Attended

Looking forward, there are spaces for more council members and as ever we are looking for more people to join us.

Planning

A significant amount of time is spent on planning matters. Our job is to meet with the developers, scrutinise projects and ask questions. If required we submit formal comments to the planning department. Due to the large number of gap sites, developer activity is brisk. Not only will there will be three more student housing developments in Leith, Shrub Hill is in the process of being developed as is the Post Office Sorting Office site and we will have our hands full with the development of the St James' Centre.

Renovation of Leith Walk.

The renovation of Leith Walk continues to also take up a large amount of time, not least since the re-development of the St James Centre has caused new - if not necessarily concrete – proposals for a tram down Leith Walk. This is one of the reasons why the top of the Walk is still untouched, something that frustrates our representatives on the Leith Walk Stakeholder meetings greatly. As we keep pointing out, Leith Walk has been affected by tram works for nearly 9 years. This is far too long and we are determined to keep nagging the council to properly renovate Leith Walk as soon as possible, tram or no tram.

Other items on the agenda have been varied to say the least. Anyone can attend our meetings and have their say – increasingly people do. Among others we discussed parking in Gordon Street and Manderson Street, proposed price-rises for Edinburgh allotments, 20mph zones, alcohol and drugs issues, feedback on trade waste pilot scheme and Shrub Place pavement-blocking. It is not so much that we were necessarily able to resolve particular issues, it is more that through the discussion everyone present gained a better understanding of the complexities of living in Leith, Scotland's most densely populated area.

Any Other Business

In anticipation of the referendum on Independence we held a debate which some 120 locals attended.

I would like to take this opportunity to invite everyone present here to our meetings as it is only with the active support of people like yourselves that this Community Council is able to make your voice heard.

Charlotte Encombe, Secretary, Leith Central Community Council

Appendix 2: Leith Central Community Council accounts to 31 March 2015**Income and Expenditure Account 1 April 2014 - 31 March 2015**

	Notes	2014-15 £
INCOME		
Administration Grant (CEC)		989.06
Other income		0
		<u>989.06</u>
EXPENDITURE		
Grants given		0.00
Affiliation fees		60.00
Training & Conferences		0.00
Minutes Secretary		550.00
Website		26.90
Room Hire- McDonald Rd Library		0.00
Printing and Stationery		179.70
		<u>816.60</u>
SURPLUS		<u>172.46</u>

Balance Sheet on 31 March 2015

	Notes	2014-15 £
CURRENT ASSETS		
Cash at bank		1482.98
Petty Cash		172.46
		<u>1655.44</u>
CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Uncleared cheques		110.00
Unpaid bills		0.00
		<u>110.00</u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>1655.44</u>
Represented by		
General Funds		
Surplus/Deficit for year		

Signed:

(Treasurer)

(Chairperson)

Date:

Independent Review

I have examined the above statement of accounts of Leith Central Community Council for the year ended 31st March 2015. I certify that these statements reflect the income and expenditure of Leith Central Community Council for the year ended 31st March 2015. I certify that these statements reflect the income and accordance with the books and records of the Treasurer.

Signed:

(Accounts Examiner)

Date: