

EDINBURGH ASSOCIATION OF COMMUNITY COUNCILS

Minutes of the 2018 Annual General Meeting

22nd November 2018, Business Centre, Edinburgh City Chambers

Present:

Eric Dobbie*	Gilmerton/Inch	Ian Clement.....	Merchiston
David Bewsey*	Colinton	Tom Graveson*	Merchiston
Allister McKillop*	Currie	Mary Donoghue	Hutchison & Chesser
Judy Wightman*	Ratho & District	Arne Strid*	Morningside
Kenny Wright	Drum Brae	Robert Hodgart.....	Southside
Andrew Brough	Tollcross	John Clark*	Craigmillar
Roger Colkett*	Tollcross	Ian Williamson*	Cramond & Barnton
Tony Harris*	Grange/Prestonfield	Patricia Eason.....	Cramond & Barnton
Michael Cockburn	Craigleith/Blackhall	Warren Hope*	Corstorphine
Norman Tinlin*	Fairmilehead	Tim Parker*	Trinity
Brain Gilmour*	Marchmont & Sciennes	Jim Scanlon	Leith Links
Mike Wignall	Gilmerton/Inch	John Tibbit*	Leith Links
Nigel Clark	Stockbridge	Lesley Gibson-Eaglesham* ..	Gilmeron/Inch

*Denotes CC Representative

Also present: Hannah Ross (CEC) & Steve Jackson (Tram Project Leader)

Apologies: Saty Kaur (Tollcross), Martyn Whyte* (Granton & District CC) & Dave Pickering (Drylaw Telford CC)

1. The Chair, Eric Dobbie welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced Hannah Ross, CEC Lead Officer for the Tram Project and Steve Jackson.

2. The Edinburgh Tram Project

Hannah Ross described the proposed extension of the Tram from York Place to Newhaven and described the processes involved in looking at the project viability and the issues that had been look at in light of the first phase of the project

A number of questions were asked including alternative options, such as trolley buses. HR suggested there was a greater reason today to proceed with the extension than initially and many lessons had been learned from the first phase. Concerns were also made about gathering all stakeholders together to get optimal value. Asked about integrated ticketing HR said it wasn't an option for now but this may come in future. When it was mentioned that an option was for the Tram to go out to Newcraighall, JC said it was the first he'd heard about that. JW suggested the possible extension to Newbridge was a good idea and the Council had already acquired the land.

The Chair summed up by expressing concerns over the commercial aspect of the project and suggested it was just a vanity project. He also thanked Hannah and Steve for coming along to present to the meeting.

3. **Minutes of the 2017 AGM were approved.** Proposed, Arne Strid, Sec.Tim Parker.

4. **Reports:** These were noted.

5. Treasurer's Report

Judy Wightman presented the accounts. These were approved. Prop Tim Parker: Second: Tony Harris. Christine Cameron was approved as examiner.

6. **Election of Office Bearers.** As stated in the October 2018 Minutes, the nominations were as follows:

Chair: Eric Dobbie (Gilmerton & Inch)	Elected
Vice-Chair: Allister McKillop (Currie) and John Tibbitt (Leith Links)	
Secretary: David Bewsey (Colinton)	Elected
Treasurer: Judy Wightman (Ratho & District)	Elected
Representative to the Edinburgh Partnership (EP): Saty Kaur (Tollcross)	Elected

There was an election for Vice-Chair monitored by CEC Elections Officer, Chris Highmore.

Result: Allister McKillop - 10 votes, John Tibbitt - 12 Votes

John Tibbitt (Leith Links) was therefore duly elected as Vice-Chair

Patricia Eason was selected to represent EACC at the Scottish Older Persons Association (SOPA).

7. Reports

Chair: The Chair presented his report. A question was asked about the feasibility of a 3 year plan. EB suggested this would need to be discussed at a future meeting in time to be considered before the next triennial Community Council elections and in time for the 2019 Annual General Meeting.

Secretary: The Secretary's report was taken as read. DB suggested there were areas to look at in terms of subjects for meetings which were relevant to all Community Councils at a city-wide level.

Health & Social Care: IC's report was taken as read and he updated the meeting on recent actions on the H&SC front.

Accounts: JW presented her report. NT asked about the cost of the domain name. DB reported that this was included in the annual maintenance cost. He added that the original domain name *edinburghcommunitycouncils.org*, had now been recovered for a 1 year renewal cost of £12.95. DB, who hosts the website, indicated that a review of the hosting would take place in 2019.

8. AOCB

TP suggested that EACC should ask CEC not to launch consultations in the summer months when most community councils did not meet.

ACTION: Secretary

9. Closing remarks

The Chair thanked everyone who attended followed by an invitation to join in a social discussion and buffet.

The meeting closed at 8:15pm

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