

Minutes

The City of Edinburgh Council (Special Meeting)

Edinburgh, Thursday 27 June 2024

Present:

LORD PROVOST

The Right Honourable Robert Aldridge

COUNCILLORS

Scott Arthur
Danny Aston
Jule Bandel
Alan C Beal
Fiona Bennett
Chas Booth
Graeme Bruce
Steve Burgess
Jack Caldwell
Lezley Marion Cameron
Kate Campbell
Christopher Cowdy
James Dalgleish
Euan R Davidson
Cammy Day
Sanne Dijkstra-Downie
Denis Dixon
Stuart Dobbin
Phil Duggart
Katrina Faccenda
Pauline Flannery
Catherine Fullerton
Fiona Glasgow
Margaret A Graham
Joan Griffiths
Dan Heap
Euan Hyslop
Stephen P Jenkinson
Tim Jones
David Key

Simita Kumar
Kevin Lang
Lesley Macinnes
Martha Mattos Coelho
Finlay McFarlane
Ross McKenzie
Amy McNeese-Mechan
Jane E Meagher
Claire Miller
Max Mitchell
Jo Mowat
Alys Mumford
Marie-Clair Munro
Vicky Nicolson
Adam Nols-McVey
Kayleigh O'Neill
Hal Osler
Ben Parker
Tim Pogson
Susan Rae
Neil J Ross
Jason Rust
Alex Staniforth
Edward J Thornley
Val Walker
Mandy H Watt
Iain Whyte
Norman J Work
Louise Young
Lewis J Younie

1 Deputation – Liberton and District Community Council

The deputation asked the Council to consider:

- retaining the name of Liberton and District Community Council as they felt it indicated the inclusion of new estates, and considered the proposed name of Liberton, Gracemount and Inch Community Council to be exclusive rather than inclusive as it added only two of the areas within the community council area.
- additional time to present an alternative proposal during the final four week consultation period on revised boundaries as both Liberton and District and Gilmerton and Inch Community Councils felt that the current proposals would not deliver an equitable population balance.
- changing the registration procedure for the appointment of nominated representatives, as they felt it deterred local interest groups, and suggested the removal of the requirement that groups should be constituted for over a year, that they must re-register before each election, and that they must be of benefit to the wider public beyond their members.

2 Review of Scheme for Community Councils and their Boundaries

Details were provided on the outcome of the first statutory consultation period of ten weeks for the Review of the Scheme and Boundaries for Community Councils and endorsement sought for an eight-week consultation period to comply with legislation.

Motion

Council:

- 1) Notes that a ten-week consultation in line with the statutory process had concluded.
- 2) Approves the draft Scheme (Appendix 1) and Boundaries (Appendix 4). Notes that the four-week consultation proposed in recommendation 1.2 bridges the summer holidays, when previous experience has shown reduced engagement with consultations, and therefore agrees a six-week consultation from 10th July 2024.
- 3) To delegate authority to the Executive Director of Corporate Services to make final design, layout and minor typographical changes to the draft scheme.
- 4) Agrees to proceed with Option One.

- 5) Agrees to provisionally rename the proposed Gyle Community Council as Corstorphine Gyle Community Council.
- 6) Agrees to provisionally rename the proposed East and West Craigs Community Council as Corstorphine East and West Craigs Community Council.
- 7) Agrees to provisionally retain the name Liberton and District Community Council.
- 8) Agrees that the final decision on naming should be taken by the newly elected community councils and the City of Edinburgh Council advised accordingly.
- 9) To request that Groups consider allocating money to community councils to purchase hybrid meeting equipment in the 25/26 budget.
- 10) Agrees that a report will be provided to the Culture and Communities committee within three cycles outlining progress and challenges encountered on the Next Steps of this report, in particular the workstreams outlined at 5.7 and 5.9.

- moved by Councillor Walker, seconded by Councillor Graham

Amendment

Council:

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- 2) Approves the draft Scheme (Appendix 1) and Boundaries (Appendix 4). Notes that the four-week consultation proposed in recommendation 1.2 bridges the summer holidays, when previous experience has shown reduced engagement with consultations, and therefore agrees a six-week consultation from 10th July 2024.
- 3) To delegate authority to the Executive Director of Corporate Services to make final design, layout and minor typographical changes to the draft scheme.
- 4) Agrees to proceed with Option Two.
- 5) Agrees to provisionally rename the proposed Gyle Community Council as Corstorphine Gyle Community Council.
- 6) Agrees to provisionally rename the proposed East and West Craigs Community Council as Corstorphine East and West Craigs Community Council.

- 7) Agrees to provisionally retain the name Liberton and District Community Council.
- 8) Agrees that the final decision on naming should be taken by the newly elected community councils and the City of Edinburgh Council advised accordingly.
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- moved by Councillor Staniforth, seconded by Councillor Bandel

Voting

The voting was as follows:

For the motion	-	50 votes
For the amendment	-	10 votes
Abstentions	-	1

(For the motion: Lord Provost, Councillors Arthur, Aston, Beal, Bennett, Bruce, Caldwell, Lezley Marion Cameron, Campbell, Cowdy, Dalgleish, Davidson, Day, Dijkstra-Downie, Dixon, Dobbin, Duggart, Faccenda, Flannery, Fullerton, Glasgow, Graham, Griffiths, Hyslop, Jenkinson, Jones, Key, Kumar, Lang, Macinnes, Mattos Coelho, McFarlane, McNeese-Meechan, Meagher, Mitchell, Mowat, Munro, Nicolson, Nols-McVey, Osler, Pogson, Ross, Rust, Thornley, Walker, Watt, Whyte, Work, Young and Younie.)

For the Amendment: Councillors Bandel, Booth, Burgess, Heap, Miller, Mumford, O'Neill, Parker, Rae and Staniforth.

Abstentions Councillor McKenzie.)

Decision

To approve the motion by Councillor Walker.

(References – Act of Council No1 of 8 February 2024: report by the Executive Director of Corporate Services, submitted.)