



LIBERTON ASSOCIATION

Annual General Meeting
18th October 2025
Anderson Hall
Liberton Kirk

Minutes:

In attendance;

- Committee - Joan Foulner, David Cavanagh, Martin Reynolds, Rodger Stirling, Dorothy Burns-Brown, Rosy Carmichael, Alex Hammond-Chambers, Debbie Barclay, Chris Barclay, John Doohan.
- Members of the Liberton Association (approx. 45)
- Lezley Marion Cameron (Depute Provost, Housing, Homelessness & Fair Work Convenor. Labour Party Councillor Liberton/Gilmerton)
- Speaker. Mary Monro - Author

Apologies; Ian Murray MP, Daniel Johnston MP, David Lamb, Margaret Collingwood, Kirstie Taylor, Aly Findlay, Karen Trail, Andrew Wishart, Jackie Corrothers

1. Welcome

Alex Hammond-Chambers (President) opened the meeting, welcomed those present and explained the agenda

2. Apologies (as above)

3. Minutes of last meeting

Dorothy Burns-Brown (Secretary) discussed some outstanding issues since the last AGM in October 2024 which were going to be addressed fully later in the meeting

4. President's report

Alex Hammond-Chambers reported the ongoing work of the Association. He referred to the Constitution to reiterate the role of the Association to allow us as a community to handle any issues of broad concern regarding the local infrastructure, potential planning applications and the preservation of our greenbelt areas. He thanked the membership for their continued support which is invaluable.

5. Treasurer's Report

Debbie Barclay (Treasurer) provided detail regarding the report (see addendum). Debbie reminded those present that the fees are £5 per person. Debbie also asked those present if they had any ideas for the use of the funds to please contact any of the committee

6. Subscription

It was agreed by those present by vote that the subscriptions could be remain at £5 per person.

7. Election of Office Bearers

There were no new applications for the Office bearer roles. It was proposed, seconded and accepted that the current Office Bearers, President Alex Hammond-Chambers, Treasurer Debbie Barclay and Secretary Dorothy Burns-Brown should remain in office for another year.

8. Election of Honorary independent Examiner

Alex Hammond-Chambers proposed David Lamb S.S.C as the above, thanked him for his services in the past and for agreeing to continue in this role. The proposal was accepted by those present.

9. Constitution

The current Constitution was accepted by those present.

10. Secretary's Report

The Secretary reported that the Committee had met regularly during the last year approximately every 6 weeks with some extra ordinary meetings to address current issues.

The Committee continues to review the planning applications and local issues which are observed and reported and liaise with the council and the relevant bodies to address these issues.

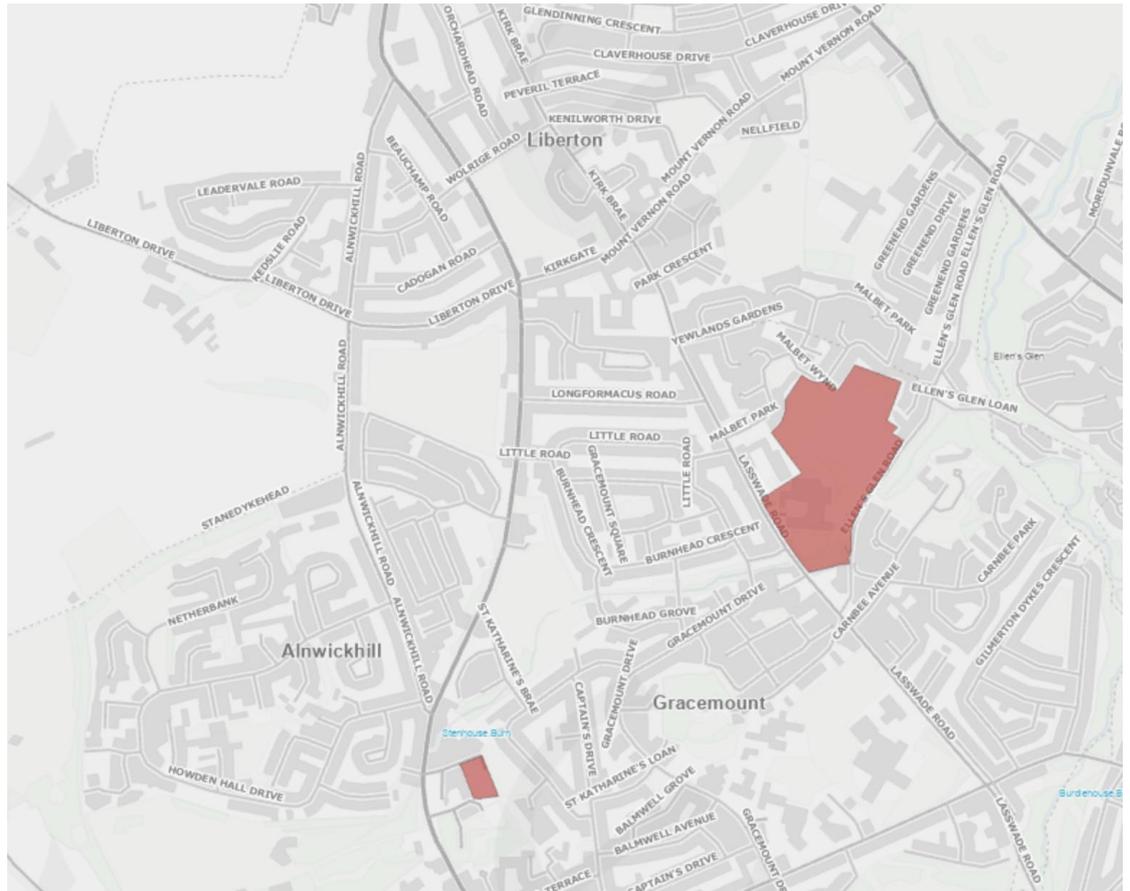
The Association has continued to communicate with members through news bulletins, emails, postal letters and our media platforms such as Facebook, the Liberton Association website (<https://libertonassociation.co.uk/>) & X (formerly Twitter). The Secretary asked the members to please let her know if they had changed their email address or other details.

11. David Cavanagh & Rodger Stirling gave an update on local planning and facilities.

- Northfield House Hotel – David Cavanagh and Councillor Cameron explained the current building is nearing completion. The use of the building, previously approved for student flats may change. The Edinburgh City Council has agreed to buy the building and once

completed an application for change of use will be submitted. The change of use application will be to provide homes for the homeless. Edinburgh City Council will be responsible for the management of the building with 24-hour reception staff on site.

- Liberton Hospital – the hospital is continuing to operate. There is a consultation group currently meeting to discuss the future, The Liberton Association is represented on the group by Margaret Collingwood. There are currently no dates for closure.
- Liberton High School is due for completion in May 2026. It is planned that pupils and staff will move in August 2026 for the new school year.
- Braids Nursing Home- the nursing home has been bought by Crown Care Ltd., based in Newcastle. It is possible that they intend to refurbish/renovate the building and continue use it as a Nursing/care Home, however there are no dates for work to begin yet. There have been 18 reports of break-ins to the building, and the LA has been in touch with the new owners and those responsible for security. Barriers around the building have been erected and the ground floor windows have been boarded up. Security and police are now aware of residents' concerns via LA committee members, who now have email and phone contact details.
- 2030-2040 Edinburgh City Place Plans - Edinburgh's City Plan 2030 was finally approved by the Scottish Government in late 2024, some 3 years late (<https://historicalcity.eu/wp-content/uploads/2024/08/City-strategy-Edinburgh.pdf>) The details of the plan can be viewed at <https://plannededinburgh.com/2024/11/07/city-plan-2030-now-adopted/>. The only major housing proposal in the 2030 Plan is the SNBTS/Liberton Hospital site, which is progressing very slowly. No other major housebuilding sites are proposed. (see map)
- City Plan 2040 is at a very early stage of development, and details of its timetable can be found at <https://www.edinburgh.gov.uk/downloads/file/35821/city-plan-2040-development-plan-scheme>



- Frogston Road East application for Planning Permission in Principle (PPP) was withdrawn on 22nd January 2025, after refusal by the CEC Development Management subcommittee. See <https://democracy.edinburgh.gov.uk/documents/s79141/6.2%20-%2024-01525-PPP%20Land%20200%20Metres%20South%20of%204%20Mortonhall%20Park%20Gardens.pdf> for details.
- Liberton Brae/Kirk Brae Junction – ongoing dialogue with City of Edinburgh Council about this junction. Numerous issues, including pavement parking at pinch points, lack of full pedestrian crossing light sequences. The crossing is number 33 on the council list of priorities. Councillor Cameron has agreed to review the situation.
- Liberton Tower - The lease for the Tower has now been granted to a local resident. It is anticipated that repairs and refurbishment will take place but there are no dates currently
- Alnwickhill pavement update – It has now been established that the path belongs the Liberton and Craigmillar Trust, however they have

not agreed to repair the path. If anyone has problems using the path, please contact the agents for the Liberton and Craigmillar Trust, the LA secretary will have their contact details available for you.

- Liberton Park football changing rooms – despite extensive efforts by Rosy Carmichael and Rodger Stirling arranging meetings with the concerned parties there is still no resolution to the cleaning and refurbishment of the metal sheds for football teams. Councillor Cameron has agreed to review.
- Hedges on Liberton Drive have now been cut back following a request to the council and the persons responsible for leasing the adjacent land.
- Crash Barriers on Liberton Brae- require maintenance, Rodger Stirling has informed the Edinburgh City Council, and the barriers are on the list for repair.
- Field at Liberton Drive/Alnwickhill Drive – David Cavanagh explained the background to the recent gate repairs on the field. Due to a complaint/safety concern from a local resident, Cruden Homes (owners of the field) sent a maintenance team to secure the gate on Liberton Drive. Unknown persons have since damaged and snipped the wire fence next to the gate to create a new opening to the field.
- The Association has now organised and taken part in ‘Litter Picks’ and Graffiti cleaning in the local area. Please watch out for future dates via email, or on the Facebook page and the Website if anyone would like to join in.
- David took the opportunity to thank Rosy Carmichael for her work planting and maintaining the beautiful flowers around the Chemist on the corner of Liberton Drive.

12. Invited Speaker – Local resident Mary Monro, author of ‘Stranger in My Heart’, gave us a wonderful talk about her book which is a fascinating story of her journey exploring her father’s life, from the battle of Hong Kong in 1941 to being a prisoner of war, his escape across China, efforts to liberate the PoWs he’d left behind and then fighting in the blood and sweat soaked jungles of Burma in 1944.

The talk was very well received with many questions about her own and her father’s journey. We are very grateful to Mary for accepting our invitation.

13. John Doohan spoke about the possibility of a Gala Day being held in Liberton. John visited Kirkliston in June 2025 and was impressed with their Gala Day.

He wondered if we could do the same? It would create a wonderful community event. Please direct any interest to John Doohan.
liberton.association@gmail.com

14. AOB – none to report
15. The President opened the meeting for Q&A. There were no further questions.
16. The president closed the meeting and thanked all those present for attending and participating.