



Wester Hailes Community Trust 2023 AGM Minutes
Thursday November 23rd, 2023, 5.30PM at the Healthy Living Centre

1	<p>Welcome and Apologies</p> <p>The quorum for a members meeting is 8 (eight) members entitled to vote under Clause 47, and must include a minimum of at least 50% (fifty percent) individual members, as defined in 13.3, present in person.</p> <p>Apologies from: Alan Gordon, Anne Wimberley, Chairperson Eoghan Howard, Fin Russel, Greig Robertson, Leah Black, Leah Marchbank, Neil Gardiner, and Rhona Matheson.</p> <p>Development worker HA noted that both Eoghan Howard (EH) (Chairperson) and Greig Robertson (GR) (Trustee) sent in apologies along with a letter of intent to remain board members. The Trust accepted these.</p> <p>As Chairperson EH was not in attendance, the board voted in favour of Vicechair David Jacobs chairing the meeting in his place.</p> <p>There were eleven members present. The meeting was therefore quorate.</p> <p>Allan McNaughton Caroline Richards David Jacobs Eunice Main Fabien Merville Fiona Glasgow Isaac Adejumo Maryanne Jacobs Mike Grant Stephen Jenkinson Sylwia Bogusz</p> <p>There were an additional 8 non-members in attendance bringing the total number of attendees to 19. There were three new applications for membership at the end of the AGM.</p>	
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2	<p>Minutes of Previous AGM</p> <p>Development worker Hayley Adam (HA) circulated copies of the 2022 AGM minutes. She also stated that minutes were sent out following the meeting last year. Caroline Richards (CR) confirmed accuracy of the minutes. Eunice Main (EM) seconded this.</p>	
3	<p>Membership</p> <p>HA stated that there had been no new applications for membership since the last board meeting. However, as aforementioned, the Trust would go on to receive three new applications for membership at the end of the AGM. This brings the Trust's total number of members to 57.</p>	
4	<p>Election & Re-election of Trustees</p> <p>HA explained that at each AGM Trustees are required to step down from their role. They are then eligible to re-elect themselves for their role should they wish to continue holding it. As per protocol, all 7 Trustees in attendance stepped down and then put themselves forward again. In addition to this, HA reiterated that both EH and GR had submitted letters stating that, despite their absence, they would like to be put forward for re-election. HA explained that two Trustees, Stacey MacGregor and Craig Tyrie, had not put themselves forward for re-election. This was due to the fact that they are both in the process of finding new representatives from their organisations to take over their roles on the board. HA explained that there were therefore 3 spaces available for new members to elect themselves to be a Trustee. Allan McNaughton (AM) put himself forward. HA explained that the only issue with this is that AM technically lives outwith the Wester Hailes boundary. At last year's AGM the constitution was altered to address this. It now states that members must live in <i>or adjacent to</i> the Wester Hailes boundaries. This was to acknowledge and include locals who play an active role in the community, but only live a menial distance outside of the technical boundaries. HA asked the Trust how they felt about this. CR said that AM is an active and involved individual who is on the board of multiple local organisations and who is passionate about Wester Hailes. Based on this, she felt that he would make an excellent addition to the board. Other members agreed, including substitute chairperson David Jacobs (DJ). DJ put the appointment of AM to the members and all members voted in favour. HA welcomed AM to the board. CR explained that the elections for the remaining trustee's would be officially voted on by trustees at the next board meeting.</p>	

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Finance Report

HA presented the 2022 finances to the Trust. On the powerpoint she provided an itemised list of the Trust's annual spending, in addition to the total income, outgoing, and cash in bank at the end of the 2022 year.

Figures were as follows:

2022 Income: £58,520 (Grant from the CEC for the LPP)

2022 Outgoing: £49,087

Cash in bank at the 2022 year end: £19,048.08

HA went on to present the Trust's spendings thus far for the 2023 year.

2023 Income to Date: £13,200

This income consisted of:

1. £9,900 from the National Lottery Awards for All fund in support of a development worker and LPP project implementation.
2. £2,000 from Community Land Scotland as a thank you for co-creating and participating in the *Learning from Local Place Plans* events.
3. £1,000 from the Baillie Gifford Community fund
4. £300 from the Democracy Matters fund

Outgoings to date: £16,065.07

HA provided an itemised list of the Trust's annual spending thus far. The vast majority was for HA's community development worker role.

At the time of the AGM, the Trust's cash in the bank amounted to £14,478.33 - £6,779.33 of which are ring fenced funds.

HA acknowledged that this balance is significantly lower than last years, but that she has applied to, and will continue applying to, numerous funds to address this.

To date HA has applied for £118,000 from the NLF Community Led Fund to continue employing a development worker and to continue to implement the Local Place Plan projects.

In addition to this she has applied for £1,000 from the Stagecoach Community fund, the Tesco Communities Fund, and has supported a joint funding bid for £250,000 from the NL Heritage fund in collaboration with

	<p>the Fountainbridge Canalside Community Trust. In addition to this, HA is intending to apply to larger funds in the coming months including the EVOC Regenerative Futures Fund, the CEC's Place Based Investment Fund, the University of Edinburgh Communities Fund, and the Scottish Land Fund in support of obtaining the garage site for LPP Project 24, (Canal Site Community Hub).</p> <p>Mention of the Scottish Land Fund prompted lots of discussion from attendees. HA explained that the land fund would provide the Trust with the funds to complete a Community Asset Transfer for the site. Attendees asked what a Community Asset Transfer consists of, and HA explained that a Community Asset Transfer is when the community buys the land from the council and therefore owns it on behalf of the community. Currently, the site is on a 99 year council led lease which is leased out to the current garage site occupants. If the community expresses that the site could better be used for differing purposes, as is proposed in the LPP and the Project 24 proposals, then the council, in theory, must sell the land to the community in support of these wishes. HA further explained that the Scottish Land Trust would not only be able to assist with the initial funds to obtain the site, but with the expertise required to navigate such tricky bureaucratic circumstances.</p> <p>Attendee Neil pointed out that it seems late to be discussing the Trust's 2022 accounts and CR explained that this is because of the way that the Trust's finances are structured - year end for the accounts is the end of the calendar year but they are then re-submitted to OSCR by the end of September, three months in advance of the upcoming calendar year.</p> <p>DJ put the approval of the 2022 accounts and the reappointment of Colin Gibson, the Trust's accountant, to the board. All members voted in favour of both the 2022 accounts and their approval as well as the reappointment of accountant Colin Gibson.</p>	
6	<p>Chairperson's Report</p> <p>DJ acknowledged that his late appointment as substitute chairperson meant that he had not prepared any report. Albeit, he made a brief statement summarising the past year. He stated that it had been an exciting year, not only because of the completion of the place plan, but because of the Trust's growth as a result of such.</p> <p>HA opened the discussion up to the rest of attendees, inviting them to reflect on the year. Caroline Richards expressed her thanks for EH's continued dedication to the Trust, despite his personal circumstances within the past year. She went on to further thank DJ for stepping up and acting as chair at multiple meetings, and for always doing an excellent job</p>	

	<p>when such was the case. CR also thanked Hayley for her community development work and the amount that she has accomplished in the past year. Moreover, CR expressed her gratitude for the current state of the board - in the past year it's strengthened significantly and it is great to now regularly see well attended meetings with meaningful contributions. EM echoed CR's sentiments, stating that within the last year she's felt that the board has only gone from strength to strength. Mike Grant (MG) seconded these statements, stressing just how big of a deal this year's registration of the Local Place Plan is. The amount of power it provides to the community has never been seen before. DJ echoed this, adding that communities all across Scotland are watching how we will deliver the LPP. HA acknowledged the pressure of this, but also pointed out the excitement and the incentive to ensure that we deliver these projects for the community. Maryanne Jacobs (MJ) expanded on this, stating that the LPP is an amazing incentive for residents to get excited about its projects and their community.</p>	
7	<p>Community Development Report</p> <p>HA provided attendees with a report of the community development that she's carried out in the first year of her post. She began with the statistics that since the last AGM there has been 8 board meetings, 13 new members, 4 new trustees, and 10 community events that the Trust has attended and/or facilitated. This was followed by a powerpoint which summarized HA's community development to date.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Consistently maintained the Trust's finances, membership, socials, and correspondences with local organisations including nation wide organisations and charities, the CEC, and the Scottish Government - Finalised and submitted the Wester Hailes Local Place Plan to the City of Edinburgh Council following last year's AGM - in March they responded with requested amendments - these were addressed and resubmitted in February - Created LPP Project Progress & Delivery Document - Established the Westside Plaza Community Information Board in accordance with LPP Project 34 (Virtual/Community Notice Board) and 21 (Coordinated Management of Community Facilities and Services) - Established monthly community events calendars in accordance with LPP Project 21 (Coordinated Management of Community Facilities and Services) - continue to coordinate with local organisations in the creation of the calendar and to distribute them both online and across Wester Hailes 	

- Created a WHCT newsletter for members of the Trust in accordance with Project 21 and 35 (Capacity Building of the WHCT) - newsletter is circulated monthly
- Worked with Community Enterprise to create an Accelerate Report in support of LPP Project 18 (Canal Bridge) and 24 (Community Hub Canal Site)
- Presented the final Wester Hailes Local Place Plan to the CEC
- Submitted bid and successfully secured £10,000 from the National Lottery Awards for All fund to assist the Trust's community development and LPP Project Implementation.
- Coordinated a network of community warm spaces in accordance with Project 6 (Food Strategy), Project 21 (Coordinated Management), Project 30 (Open Access Indoor Spaces), + arranged local organisation co-funding bid to support the CWC being open on Sundays.
- Co-ordinated active travel meetings with COMO, SCORE, Bridge 8 + SWECO and the CEC in accordance with Project 16 (Local Centre), Project 19 (Re-Parking), Project 21, and proposals for a mobility hub.
- Re-established dialogue with Wester Hailes CEC representatives Jen Blacklaw and Rebecca Smith - continue to hold monthly meetings in accordance with Project 3 (CEC Management)
- Co-created and presented Learning from Local Place Plans, a two day event in collaboration with WHALE Arts, Kinning Park, UrbanPioneers, and Community Land Scotland, sharing community perspectives on creating Local Place Plans. As a thank you for our participation, the Trust received a £2,000 donation from Community Land Scotland.
- In May the Wester Hailes Local Place Plan was approved by the City of Edinburgh Council, making it the first registered Local Place Plan in Scotland!
- Presented the WHLPP to Joe Fitzpatrick, Planning Minister for the the Scottish Government
- Began collaborating with the Fountainbridge Canalside Community Trust - discussed future events and ways to come together as communities located along the Union Canal in accordance with Project 12 (Neighbourhood Connection Improvements, and Project 13 (Canal Improvements)
- Worked consistently with Rebecca Smith of the CEC to implement canal improvements in Wester Hailes - accomplished this through attending Union Canal strategy engagement events, circulating surveys to receive community input, providing the Trust's input to the CEC, leading community canal improvements walks, and connecting with the Friends of Hailes Quarry Park and other canalside organisations like Bridge8, SCORE Scotland, etc.

- Created a new WHCT website featuring LPP projects, recent updates/blog posts, the community events calendar, and the new Meet the Members initiative in accordance with Project 21 (Coordinated Management of Community Facilities and Services), Project 34 (Community Notice Board), and Project 35 (Capacity building of the WHCT)
- Obtained the Wester Hailes Regeneration Framework - created a comparative document comparing the LPP and the Regeneration Framework, addressing their parallels, overlaps, and ensuring that the LPP takes priority, etc.
- Received £1,000 from the Baillie Gifford Community Fund along with 1,000 credits for printing purposes
- Met with the CEC 20 Minute Neighbourhood Team - ultimately identified Path Improvements (Project 11), and a Mobility Hub (Project 19, Re-Parking) as projects they could take forward.
- Arranged meeting with MSP Gordon MacDonald - had the opportunity to meet and discuss the WHLPP with the Housing Minister Paul McLennan.
- Coordinated and attended meetings with the Scottish Government Regeneration Team to provide local input on LPPs and how they can be improved for communities.
- WHCT learns that Murrayburn and Hailesland will receive millions for greenspace/pathway improvements via the CEC and in accordance with LPP Projects 4 (Open and Greenspace Management Strategy), 11 (Path Routes), 12 (Neighbourhood Connection Improvements), and 14 (Greenspace Improvements)
- Had a stall at the Edinburgh Canal Festival in accordance with LPP Projects 9 (Work and Local Economy Strategy), 12 (Neighbourhood Connection Improvements), 13 (Canal Improvements), and 35 (Capacity Building of the WHCT)
- Contacted SOSCH (South of Scotland Community Housing) for guidance on taking forward LPP Project 18 (Canal Bridge) and Project 24 (Canal Site Community Hub) - held multiple meetings in accordance with this, including with Prospect for local expertise - next point of action is to reach out to Paul Lawrence and see the state of the site in the CEC's eyes
- Had a stall at the Community Wellbeing Collective/Edinburgh Art Festival Carnavalé in accordance with Project 35 (Capacity Building of the WHCT)
- Completed the 2022 Accounts and Report, submitted them to OSCR
- Identified networks for WHCT to join - Joined DTAS, EVOC, and SCVO - exploring Community Land Scotland + SURF
- Consistently submitted project updates for the NL Awards for All funding that the Trust received

- Coordinated co-funding to acquire outdoor furniture for the HLC Cafe space in accordance with Project 21 (Coordinated Management of Facilities and Services), and Project 31 (Open Access Outdoor Spaces)
- Organised and facilitated the community boat trip along the Union Canal in collaboration with FCCT and in accordance with Projects 12 (Neighbourhood Connection Improvements), 13 (Canal Improvements), 18 (Canal Bridge), and 24 (Canal Hub). Paired this with interactive programming that gathered input for Project 18 and 24, and also worked with FCCT to facilitate boat trips for other local orgs.
- Successfully set up online banking with the Royal Bank of Scotland
- Had a stall at the Wester Hailes Healthy Living Centre 10th Anniversary Celebrations in accordance with Project 19 (Re-parking), and Project 35 (Capacity Building of the WHCT)
- Circulated path improvements survey to identify locations for paths to be improved in Wester Hailes - passed on this information to the CEC and Living Streets - continue to work with them to implement these changes in accordance with Projects 11 (Path Routes) and 12 (Neighbourhood Connection Improvements)
- Visited Porty Community Energy in collaboration with SCORE Scotland to get insight on and learn from their mobility hub - using these takeaways + collaborations with SW20 and Cargo Bike Movement to inform the future mobility hub in Wester Hailes - pairing this with prior engagement, the CEC's SWECO consultation, and COMO expertise. In accordance with Project 19 (Re-Parking).
- Held a meeting/site visit with Scotrail re station/neighbourhood connection improvements - likelihood to receive funding for these changes + improved signage & the incorporation of community art - in accordance with Projects 5 (Arts and Culture Strategy), 11 (Path Routes), 12 (Neighbourhood Connection Improvements), and 14 (Greenspace Improvements).
- Prompted CEC to establish an online LPP register - WHLPP is now the sole LPP on it!
- Re-established ties with the Wester Hailes Land & Property Trust in accordance with LPP Project 21
- Facilitated meeting/planning with the CWC, Starcatchers, WHALE, and Tasting Change to co-create an afternoon/evening of Festive Celebrations in Wester Hailes - this is happening on December 16th!

The final activity that HA mentioned, the festive celebrations, prompted the question as to what the outcome of HA's efforts to get the council to put up Christmas lights was. HA explained that despite her best attempts,

including contacting the WHCT CEC reps, going to the CEC offices in Wester Hailes, and discussing the matter with the Westside Plaza, there are going to be no council led Christmas lights in Wester Hailes this year. HA said that the reasoning she was given for this is that when the CEC had provided Christmas lights in Wester Hailes in years past, they had been vandalised. Because of this, the council decided that they would no longer provide them. HA explained that when she was told this, she pushed back and asked who exactly gets to make that decision - certainly many lights across Edinburgh get vandalised, but why is it that Wester Hailes is the only neighbourhood that gets punished? FG expressed her own frustrations with this - she gave the example of Balerno - a neighbourhood not far away which has Christmas lights. FG explained the symbolism of this - it would mean so much to locals to pass the plaza on the bus, or pass through to the shopping centre and see everything all lit up - it would provide that sense of collective care and cheer. MJ echoed this - she said that the council's logic is flawed. They're unfairly allowing the antisocial behaviour of a handful of people to take away from the enjoyment of many. MJ pointed out that any antisocial behaviour that goes on outside of the plaza happens in the daytime anyways - Christmas lights outside of the plaza wouldn't attract anymore negative attention - if anything it would have the opposite effect and discourage antisocial behaviour. MJ said that it's unnecessary discrimination from the council and FG agreed. Susannah Leake, the head librarian of the Wester Hailes library, pointed out that they've been working with the Community Policing Team recently and that they've been brilliant. FG said that herself and councillor Stephen Jenkinson would email the CEC to express their frustration and disapproval of their decision to withdraw Christmas lights from Wester Hailes. HA said she would follow this up with an email on behalf of the Trust, as would MJ on behalf of the Community Wellbeing Collective. HA explained that it's because of this lack of action on the part of the CEC that herself, the CWC, WHALE Arts, and Starcatchers want to ensure there's festive celebrations in Wester Hailes with the event on December 16th. Even without lights, there will be ornament decorating, candles, carol singing, a community meal, and hot chocolate. Sylwia Bogusz (SB) suggested that the WHCT advertise the event with all of the local schools - HA said that was a great idea and that she'd do just that.

On the topic of festive celebrations, AM mentioned that ReUnion Canal Boats will have three of their boats dry docked in Wester Hailes next week. He said that, if the Trust was interested, he could ask Rachel from the FCCT if they could put Christmas lights on the boats and sail them along the canal. HA said that this was a great idea, and that she appreciated the suggestion, but that she thinks it's too short notice to do so. FG also reminded AM that the Trust doesn't have the money to pay for this at the moment.

New member Neil suggested that, for next year, the Trust invest in a 'green tree' - one of those ones that are powered by cycling and when someone cycles a stationary bike the tree lights up. HA and CR said this was a great idea and that they would definitely consider it for next year. HA acknowledged that she thought beginning planning for Christmas in August would be sufficient, but that, due to the council's bureaucracy etc., she will start even earlier next year.

HA went on to explain that all of this development work has translated into progress being started on 25 of the 36 projects proposed by the WHLPP - these projects are:

- (3) CEC Housing Management Strategy
- (4) Open & Greenspace Management Strategy
- (5) Arts and Cultures Strategy
- (6) Food Strategy
- (9) Work and Local Economy Strategy
- (11) Path Routes
- (12) Neighbourhood Connection Improvements
- (13) Canal Improvements
- (14) Greenspace Improvements
- (15) Housing
- (16) Local Centre
- (17) WHEC/High School
- (18) Canal Footbridge
- (19) Re-Parking
- (21) Coordinated Management of Community Facilities and Services
- (24) Central Community Hub (Canal Site)
- (25) Greenway Community Hub
- (26) WHALE Arts
- (28) Food Pantry
- (29) Greenspace Community Factoring Service
- (30) Open Access Indoor Spaces
- (31) Open Access Outdoor Spaces
- (34) Virtual Community Hub and Notice Boards
- (35) Capacity Building of the Wester Hailes Community Trust
- (36) Reestablish Community Council

The WHCT is the lead stakeholder on 20 of these projects - WHCT is the lead stakeholder of 24 projects in total.

Following identifying all of the development work that she's accomplished, HA outlined her approach to this development:

1. Projects identified at last year's AGM

2. Projects that naturally came about through development work
3. Projects led by local stakeholders/the CEC
4. Projects where opportunities presented themselves

Following this, HA outlined what she plans to do in the upcoming year. This includes:

- Continuing to build up the capacity of the Trust + implementing the LPP projects through physical improvements and involvement - make the progress *visible* and linked to as many community events as possible.
- Funding, funding, funding! Work to ensure that the Trust has the funds to continue implementing LPP projects as well as employ a development worker and host community events
- Once funding is secured, finally host an LPP event - as a thank you to residents for all of their input and dedicated time - and also as a way to encourage positive publicity and any opportunities that could come from such
- Continue the current momentum of keystone projects such as: the Canal Site Community Hub, the Canal Bridge, the Mobility Hub, Canal Improvements, Path Improvements, Open Access Indoor Spaces, etc.
- Continuing consistent collaboration with the Scottish Government and CEC - put the onus on them to implement LPP projects that fall out with the Trust's capacity. Ensure consistent and thorough community engagement when they do help with implementing projects.
- Develop a Community Assets Working Group + Community Regeneration Framework Working Group

At the end of HA's development report she flipped the question on its head and asked attendees what *they'd* like to see the Trust focus on in the upcoming year, as well as how she as a development worker could improve. MG reiterated the vital role that the Trust plays as a coordinator of community facilities, services, and programming, and said that he would like the Trust to continue this and expand upon it even further.

CR said that she'd like to see the continuation of a strong board.

MJ said that she'd like to see more of HA's same development work at the pace that she's been doing it at.

	<p>MJ and FG seconded HA's intent to focus on the Trust leading more community events in the coming year - they said they'd like to see a lot more of this.</p>	
<p>8</p>	<p>Democracy Matters Discussion</p> <p>Next, HA reminded attendees that this year's AGM was sponsored by the Scottish Government Democracy Matters Fund which provided the Trust with £300 in exchange for the Trust conducting a discussion on local democracy. Specifically, how local democracy can be improved in communities across Scotland, and how communities and the Scottish Government can work more effectively together to achieve this.</p> <p>To start off the discussion, HA asked the Trust what powers the community felt they could be given to improve local democracy. MG suggested that all communities across Scotland have a local resident representative present at all council meetings - and any appropriate Scottish Government meetings - alongside the local councillors - this would bridge the gap between locals and officials and ensure that community voices are not only expressed on behalf of others, but by the actual residents themselves. This once again prompted the idea of re-establishing the Wester Hailes Community Council as they would somewhat provide this kind of role.</p> <p>MG reiterated the vital role that the Trust plays in coordinating and sharing community information, and that he would like to see a way for local communities to expand on this even further. He emphasised how vital it's been having the councillors on the board of the Trust to contribute to this process, both in providing information and updates, and in circulating them with the community. FG seconded this, saying how valuable it's been to be a part of the Trust and to receive all of the information that she does from it. MG continued by saying that he'd like to see the local community and councillors/ higher levels of government work together to not only coordinate this local information, but to encourage locals to actually access the available services and to partake in all of the amazing programming and events that are going on. This is also a great way to address WHLPP projects like youth and adult engagement strategies - initiatives like the Prospect Community housing litter pic are a great way to get out and get involved in the community, but also to meet other local residents.</p> <p>HA said that, in terms of the coordination of community information, she would try to optimise the current Community Events Calendar that she puts together - MJ acknowledged that the CWC and other local organisations could also be better with providing Hayley information as</p>	

opposed to her having to chase people up for it. HA said that she would appreciate this.

SB suggested that the Trust put together quarterly specials of the calendar. For example, a calendar that specifically focuses on programming for young people. HA said this was a great idea and that she'd consider ways of doing this. Attendees agreed.

On the topic of young people in Wester Hailes, HA moved on to the next question and asked which demographics the Trust feels should be better represented in the community, and in the Trust's activities? Everyone agreed that there is not enough being done for young people, particularly teens, in Wester Hailes. MG said that the organisations that do provide youth programming don't discuss such with one another - they are very disjointed pockets. To improve this the Trust needs to intervene by coordinating this on their behalf. Lynn Elliott pointed out that the local churches have programming for teens. MJ begged the question as to how many teens actually attend this. MJ went on to point out the lack of understanding in the current programming for teens - in the past the approach has been to simply scare them away from sex and drugs, but what teens really need is a sense of freedom in a supportive space. MG agreed and reminded us that, at one point, this was a suggested use of space for Project 24, the Canal Site Community hub - a warm, supervised space that was open 24/7, where teens could simply go to hang out, charge their phones etc - sometimes what teens really need is accessible spaces, not programming. SL said that so often that is what teens go to the library for. Claire Thomson (CT) said that it's precisely that fine line between structure, safety, and freedom that teens want and need - for a while there teens were informally gathering at Hailes Quarry park for bonfire nights where they'd roast marshmallows and simply hang out - it was brilliant. Eunice Main echoed that the lack of programming for teens is a serious issue and that it needs to be improved upon. She suggested that there be a community information station for teens in the plaza. CR chimed in adding that the issue with the youth agencies as they are now is that these smaller groups simply lack capacity - it's difficult to do extra programming when they simply don't have the funds or the employees to do so. CR said that the role the Trust should take on is asking how we can reach out to these small grassroots groups. She also said that we need to think about how we can make this environment - as in the Trust and our meetings - more youth friendly. We aren't going to get teens involved in their local community and/or local democracy if it's boring. Could the key to achieving this be to encourage teens to lead these initiatives and spaces themselves?

Moving on, HA next asked attendees how the Trust/local organisations can make sure that they're effectively keeping the community up to date

with their activity, as well as answering their questions. CT suggested that the Trust start posting to the Next Door neighbourhood app. MJ suggested that the Trust join Wester Hailes Facebook Groups. Lynn Elliot asked how the Trust currently advertises themselves and HA explained that they circulate the community events calendar in Wester Hailes and online, post on socials, post on their website, post member recruitment flyers around the neighbourhood, and send out the monthly newsletter. HA said that it's recently been suggested that the Trust publicise when our next meeting is so that residents can come along and get a sense of what the Trust does should they wish to. CR said that this is something that the Trust's done in the past, and that it's brilliant as, very often, people pop along once and then end up coming to every meeting after that.

This lead HA to the next question - are community events a good way to get local people to look at what work is being done in the community, and to decide what should happen next? In other words, are community events effective? FG and MJ immediately said that community events are the most effective way of engaging with the community, by far - this is how you truly connect, and also how you hear from locals that wouldn't typically come along to board meetings and more formal meetings as such. AM suggested that there be a Wester Hailes Community Festival - CR and HA agreed that this was a good idea. MJ emphasised that it's more important now than ever for the Trust to get out and about and involved in community events, and at the helm of hosting them - people are still coming out of the isolation of lock down days and there's still an element of fear - we need to counteract this by getting that community energy and spirit out there! Going back to the coordination of community events and information, it was suggested that the Trust put out a festive mailer which summarises all of the festive events/programming going on in Wester Hailes over the holidays. MG reiterated the importance of this role that the Trust plays, and said that we should really be looking at orgs that aren't contributing to the Trust with info about their organisations and as - why? FG and SJ said that they'd be more than happy to follow up with any organisations that don't respond to the Trust as a way to put a bit more pressure on them. LE suggested that a good news story be added to the community events calendar each month - this could be a good outcome, takeaway, or picture of an event that took place the month prior - this would not only show the positive impact of community events, but tie one month of activities into the other. HA and CR said that this was a great idea, and HA said that she could also add this to the Trust's newsletter. Going back to the topic of events, everyone agreed that they should be a main focus of the Trust in the coming year. AM suggested that the Trust hold a community event for St Andrews day. MJ suggested that we think more abstractly - how about seasonal celebrations for the different solstices - this way they are not culturally specific and *everyone*

	<p>can partake. HA said she'd write up a list of potential holidays/occasions that the Trust could lead events for - this way they can plan in advance.</p>	
9	<p>Any Other Business + Attendee Feedback</p> <p>HA thanked everyone for partaking in the Democracy Matters discussions and for attending the AGM. She also emphasised that everyone was more than welcome to come up to her after the meeting to discuss any ideas that they may have, but aren't comfortable with sharing in front of everyone - or to email her them after the fact.</p>	
10	<p>Participatory Project Exercise</p> <p>HA reminded attendees to partake in the participatory Local Place Plan project exercise by identifying which specific LPP projects they would like to see the Trust prioritise in the coming year. For any members that didn't get the chance to do this, please feel free to email HA at Info@Westerhailesct.org.uk with any and all suggestions.</p> <p>Again - many thanks for attending and for all of your brilliant feedback and involvement, both at the AGM and as always!</p>	

Current Trustees:

#	Name	Membership Type	Executive Position	Organisation Represented
1	Eoghan Howard	Individual	Chairperson	
2	David Jacobs	Individual	Vice Chairperson	
3	Eunice Main	Individual	Treasurer	
4	Maryanne Jacobs	Individual		
5	Issac Adejumo	Individual		
6	Sylwia Bogusz	Individual		
7	Fiona Glasgow	Individual		
8	Mike Grant	Individual		
9	Alan Gordon	Corporate		Wester Hailes Growing Communities (WHGC)
10	Caroline Richards	Corporate		Prospect Housing
11	Allan McNaughton	Individual		

Honorary Attendee: Stephen Jenkinson

Potential Trustees:

#	Name	Membership Type	Executive Position	Organisation Represented
1	Fin Russel	Associate		WHALE Arts
2	Ran Majumder	Associate		The Health Agency