

Morningside Community Council

Minutes of Ordinary Meeting 7:30 pm Wednesday 18th January 2023

Open Door Café, 240 Morningside Road

People present:

MCC office bearers-

Willie Black (WB) Chair, Carol Duncan (CD) Secretary, Goff Cantley (GC) Planning.

Members-

Caroline McKinley(CMck), Jill Powlet-Brown (JPB), John Robson(JR).

Ex officio-

Cllr Ben Parker, Daniel Johnson MSP.

Attendees-

Tamsin Kilgour (I love Morningside), Iain Meiklejohn (chair of Friends of Midmar Paddock)

Alastair Wright, Arne Strid, Deborah Jarrett,Paul Bailey, Alison Watherston,Fiona Gomez, Dylan Maclean.

Apologies:

Ken Harvey, Rebecca Diggle, Jennifer Scarce, Moira Gibson and Theo Spanellis.

POLICE REPORT.

WB reported MCC received a recent email from Sgt Robertson. WB highlighted Police concerns about break-ins with the purpose of stealing car keys and the Local Priorities for the Division. More details are attached with this minute.

Cllr Parker advised there will be a regular programme of measuring traffic speeds. Speeds over 25mph in 20mph streets are recorded over a 7 day period. MCC had previously identified Morningside Drive, Midmar Drive and comiston road. Attendees also suggested Hermitage Drive, Balcarres Street and Craighouse Drive.

MCC hoped there will be a programme of actions as a consequence.

MINUTES AND MATTERS ARISING.

The minutes were agreed as accurate. However, it was raised that to avoid misunderstandings in future, everyone should exercise caution and wait until the minutes are circulated, before discussing the meeting on social media platforms.

20 minute neighbourhood. Agreed CMck, JR and CD to participate on a walkabout with Cllr Parker and 20 minute neighbourhood team.

Dylan Maclean explained that he is doing his dissertation on 20 minute neighbourhoods and he hopes to undertake an online survey of Morningside neighbourhood to identify its needs and demands. MCC is very interested in Dylan's project outcomes.

'Pop Up Bobs' are requested from the Council and MCC is on the waiting list.

Speeding Surveys. Attendees suggested Hermitage Drive, Craighouse Road, Morningside Drive, Balcarres Street, Midmar Drive as places where there is speeding.

ACTION: Cllr Parker to establish where Council will measure speeds.

TRAVELLING SAFELY.

Braid Road. The contract for the permanent work is out to tender and the Consultation on the ETRO is open until May 2023. At the meeting attendees commented on the modifications that have recently been undertaken and their impact on the neighbouring roads and junctions.

ACTION: It was agreed that Cllr Parker should try to obtain a final plan for the Braid Road/Braidburn Terrace /Hermitage Drive junction before MCC can suggest practical improvements.

Newbattle Terrace road work. While it is acknowledged that the work undertaken is well considered and an improvement, MCC is not aware why the investment was undertaken.

Canaan Lane. An attendee asked if the contactor's permit to keep the road closed has over run. It has been blocked for so long and it is believed the school survey would like to keep it closed.

ACTION: Cllr Parker is find out when the permit is due to expire.

Park and Ride at Fairmilehead? In relation to the volume of traffic moving through Morningside, MCC enquired if there is any willingness to develop a Park and Ride site near Fairmilehead. Daniel Johnstone advised that there is reserved land in Midlothian.

ACTION: Daniel Johnstone MSP to contact Midlothian Council and ask if there are any progress on the potential Park and Ride plan.

Parking for Care workers. An attendee raised concern about care workers not being able to park for free while working.

ACTION: Daniel Johnstone to follow this up.

PLANNING

GC reported that no concerns have been raised with MCC about planning applications at the moment.

Attendee asked about flooding of Blackford Pond onto Cluny Gardens.

ACTION: GC to contact Scottish Natural Heritage.

FINANCE.

WB reported £2980 in MCC account. This month £250 paid for meeting room (for 5 months) and £180 paid for Scottish Tech Army's web management.

SECRETARY

Secretary's report attached.

AOCB.

Morningside Play Park.

An attendee raised concern about the poor quality of the finish on the equipment.

ACTION: CD to email Alan Grevers.

Street Lighting.

An attendee reported a street light nearby is out.

ACTION: JR to report to the Council on attendee's behalf.

Speed surveys

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

15 February 2023 at 7.30pm at Open Door