

Morningside Community Council

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

Open Door, 240 Morningside Road

People present:

MCC office bearers-

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

Members-

Moira Gibson(MG),Caroline McKinley(CMcK)

Ex officio-

Cllr Marie-Clair Munro

Attendees-

Douglas Roger, Merchiston CC, Tamsin Kilgour, Arne Strid, Mark Kerr, Polly Purvis, Sheena Nimmo, Jill Powlett-Brown, Iain Meiklejohn, Lynda Carey, Sergeant Michael Dixon, PC Johnny Wong.

Apologies-

Rebecca Diggle, Daniel Johnson MSP, John Robson, Jennifer Scarce, Abby White,Sarah Hunt, Alastair Wright, Paul Bailey.

POLICE REPORT.

Sgt Dixon reported Morningside has had a spate of break-ins and attempted break-ins both to homes and business premises. He distributed a booklet with advice on home security. (a copy is attached to this email).

In response to MCC's concern about speeding in the area, Sgt Dixon explained the Police carry out enforcement in the area when they can.

With regard to safe parking around the schools, the Police have recently been spending time educating drivers.

Cllr Munro informed the meeting that there has been shoplifting and anti social behaviour by youths at M&S. Sgt Dixon responded by explaining that anyone seeing shoplifting by young people, should report it to the Police or Crimestoppers.

Sgt Dixon explained that when youths are identified, the Police add the details to the Vulnerable Persons Database which is shared with the Children's Reporter and Social Work.

Cllr Munro reported that youths are meeting in Astley Ainslie again.

The meeting then discussed preventing the stealing of cars that use electronic fobs, by using specific boxes and pouches.

MINUTES AND MATTERS ARISING.

Minutes agreed with minor corrections.

CD to send recent survey results to new manager at M&S.

PRESENTATION ON ADAPTATION IN CONSERVATION AREAS BY DOUGLAS ROGERS (FROM MARCHMONT and SCIENNES CC)

(The details of the presentation is available on our website and by email from the secretary at Morningside CC.)

As background, Douglas explained that Transport and Heating homes account for substantial carbon emissions in our lives. Climate change is already with us and Douglas has calculated that Edinburgh's average temperature has already increased 1°C in the past 3 years.(based on Edinburgh Airport measurements)

This presentation focuses how we insulate parts of our homes to reduce heat loss and our carbon footprint.

As incentives(carrots) to encourage home owners to reduce their carbon emissions, grants and loans are available from the Scottish Govt. via Home Energy Scotland for home owners. Additional assistance is also available for vulnerable persons and people in receipt of benefits.

The Scottish Govt has legislated (the stick) that letting property in Scotland requires a minimum EPC level C, but is this enough for affordable warmth.

Douglas advised on a fabric first approach and explained how different elements of the house have levels different heat loss and this is measured in 'u' values.

He suggested stopping draughts with good seals to doors and windows, replacement windows with double, even triple glazing and roof insulation (200mm plus). He also discussed possible wall insulation and forced heat exchange ventilation.

Planning requirements can restrict changes to the external appearance of property and this may limit carbon reduction measures that can be undertaken in conservation areas eg solar panels visible from the street may not be approved.

Douglas welcomes the assistance of others in identifying what is needed to take forward the fabric first approach.

TRAVELLING SAFELY.

The Council's consultation on the ETRO for the Quiet Route (meadows to greenbank) is open until 22 October. <https://consultationhub.edinburgh.gov.uk/sfc/greenbank-to-meadows/>

Residents found the recent drop-in sessions at the library helpful.

Cllr Munro assured the attendees that previous responses to the previous consultation would be taken into account.

PLANNING.

GC received a copy of the revised drawings for the Canny Mann's hotel extension and reported the revised elevation is lower than previously submitted. Mark Kerr advised that the planning application- 23/02585/CON -was submitted today.

FINANCE.

WB reported that the account currently has £1465 less payments for the hire space from Open Door.

SECRETARY.

Age Concern are looking for volunteers to join them in telephoning elderly and housebound people.

It was agreed that Moira Gibson will now be our engagement officer.

AOB.

An attendee confirmed that Cllr Ross is seeking a statutory notice to fix the dripping water above Greggs.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Wednesday 18th October 2023 at 7.30pm at the Open Door