

Morningside Community Council

Meeting held on the 19th February 2025 at The Open Door, 420 Morningside Road.

DRAFT note of the meeting.

People present:

MCC office bearers-

Chair: Willie Black (WB)

Planning officer: Goff Cantley (GC)

Secretary: Carol Duncan(CD)

Engagement Officer: Moira Gibson(MG)

Members- Caroline McKinley(CMcK) John Robson (JR) Jennifer Scarce (JR)

Ex officio- Cllr Ben Parker, Cllr Marie-Claire Munro.

Nominated Rep: Kerr Fraser,MHA

Attendees- Alastair Webb, Jane Brown, Arne Strid, Tamsin Kilgour, Iain Meiklejohn, Paul Bailey, Polly Purvis, Cate Waters, Robyn McGregor, Shaun McGeachan, Scott Robertson, Andrew Read.

Apologies- Ken Harvey.

POLICE REPORT.

Attendees complained about vehicles speeding on Hermitage Drive and Midmar Drive. The junction of Cluny Drive and Midmar Drive is still considered a problematic blind junction and the meeting discussed mirrors and the ownership of the land.

ACTION: Cllr Munro to check on the possible use of mirrors.

CD to contact Police about on-going speeding reports.

MINUTES AND MATTERS ARISING.

Minutes agreed.

Niall Murphy from Home Energy Scotland has agreed to do a presentation at MCC's meeting on the 19th March on the type of energy saving grants available to homeowners.

CD was pleased to advise that, following last year's road improvement bid, CEC has proposed that the pavement from the 'Merlin' to Cluny Place is to be permanently widened. JR suggested that the pavement on both sides of the road should be equal, but MCC accept this Roads proposal will be a huge improvement for pedestrians. During this discussion concerns were again raised about the need to resurface the raised table on Steel's Place. GC asked the road engineer if it was possible to include Steel's Place, but this was refused. **ACTION:** MCC to email our local councillors both supporting the proposal and requesting the inclusion of Steel's Place in the contract.

CD contacted local councillor as a reminder of the rota and how much we value their assistance.

PLANNING-

Consultation hub on Planning guidance is open until the 3rd April 2025.

[Edinburgh Design Guidance](#) - Guidance for design and placemaking in new developments. This is to make sure we have places that work well and create good places to live.

[Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas Guidance](#) - Guidance to support works to a listed building or within a conservation area. This is to make sure we look after our historic buildings and places.

[Guidance for Householders](#) - Guidance for development undertaken by individual householders. This includes work to existing houses and gardens.

GC advised BT have launched another bid for lit outdoor advertising across the city. They are called 'street hubs' and are a proposal to replace 'derelict' phone boxes with advertising hubs that provide free wifi and mobile phone charging. We need to be concerned about the impact these will have on the character of places. Meeting to be held in the Council.

LOCAL PLACE PLAN-

Polly Purvis, the secretary of the sub group, reported that the group is meeting monthly with the aim of producing a draft plan by June 2025. Currently the group is undertaking several initial local consultations- street surveys and meeting young learners at several schools. We've agreed joint visits to St Peter's PS and Canaan Lane PS with a member of AACT. We are still applying for some funding for the next stage of the work, as our application to the community fund was not successful.

FINANCE

WB reported that we have £1472 in the bank, but mainly funds for new planters.

UPDATE from FRIENDS OF BRAIDBURN VALLEY PARK(FBVP)

Paul Bailey, the chair of FBVP, gave an update on the activities of the Council and the Friends group at the Park. The TCV (conservation volunteer group) have successfully built a willow fence to reduce the bank erosion of the burn. The Edinburgh Uni. student group- "dirty weekenders' have been busy tidying up the Park. Paul would love to see the open theatre used as a venue and to that end, he wrote to the Fringe Society, who explained what is required for a group to stage a production there. The AGM is to be held this Sunday at 2pm in Greenbank church.

CORRESPONDENCE

CD reminded the meeting that nomination of community council members is open until the 27th February and encouraged everyone to download and complete their nomination form.

No update on the Braid estate active travel plans.

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