

Morningside Community Council

Meeting held on 19 March 2025 at The Open Door, 420 Morningside Road.

DRAFT note of the meeting.

People present:

MCC office bearers-

Planning officer: Goff Cantley (GC)

Secretary: Carol Duncan(CD)

Engagement Officer: Moira Gibson(MG)

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

Ex officio-

Nominated Rep: Kerr Fraser,MHA

Attendees- Niall Murphy, Alastair Webb, Jane Brown, Arne Strid,Tamsin Kilgour, Paul Bailey, Polly Purvis, L Condry,Margaret Dowling, Sheena Nimmo, Ken Harvey, Callum McLeavy, Adam Harrison.

Apologies- Wille Black, Bruce Henderson, Alastair Milne, Iain Meiklejohn.

Unfortunately, MCC chair, Willie Black is not present tonight and Caroline Mckinley acted as chair.

PRESENTATION BY HOME ENERGY SCOTLAND- Niall Murphy.

Please see the attached presentation. Niall is from the the South East of Scotland Team.

Energy Saving Advice and information on grants and loans are always available on tel: 0808 808 2282. Grants and loans are available for insulation as well as renewables. Specialist technical advice is also available .

There are 3 areas of benefit of Energy Efficiency in the home: financial, comfort and environmental benefit.

Energy Efficiency is important as the trend for energy bills is increasing, as well as the need to reduce our gas consumption.

POLICE REPORT.

No Police Report. Concerns were raised about the vandalism to some shop windows and possible break ins in the areas.

Action: CD to contact the Police.

MINUTES AND MATTERS ARISING.

Minutes agreed.

CD reported that Cllr Munro contacted the relevant Council officer and established that the Council do not use mirrors as they can be misleading at road junctions.

CD emailed the local councillors to thank them for the support for last year's MCC bid to the Local Traffic improvement project fund for widening the pavement across from Waitrose. CD also requested the councillors support to include the resurfacing of the raised table at Steel's Place as part of this project. Cllr Watt has responded positively to advise that Steel's place will be included.

An attendee again raised concern that there was no attendance by one of our local councillors at tonight's meeting, as their assistance and advice is important at MCC meetings. CD contacted the local councillors as a reminder of the rota and how much we value their assistance.

PLANNING-

GC informed the meeting that there is a live Consultation on the planning guidance for student accomodation.

<https://consultationhub.edinburgh.gov.uk/sfc/non-stat-guidance-student-accom/>

GC also advised that the Planning officers have recommended that planning permission is approved for the hotel development on the Old Post office site. The planning committee is expected to approve this next Wednesday.

LOCAL PLACE PLAN- The group is meeting monthly with the aim of producing a draft plan by June 2025. Some interesting results from the recent surveys. 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

Not known as WB not available for an update.

CORRESPONDENCE

CD advised MCC now has 13 members, so MCC operation and work can be shared more evenly.

Revised plans for the Quiet Connection from the Meadows to Grennbank have been received tonight. It was agreed that those interested should request the 17mb set of drawings to contact the secretary who can forward. The ETRO consultation should be published by the Council shortly. An attendee requested that a roads engineer attend the meeting to explain the proposal.

AOB

Kerr Fraser reported that the Morningside Heritage Association, will be at the Library on Sat 29th March 1pm to 3pm and there will be an exhibition of Old Edinburgh photos.

An excellent presentation was held in the Waiting Room pub by the Heriot Watt MSC transport students on their idea for a tram-train on the suburban line. Feasibility study on the possibilities is hoped for.

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