

**Morningside Community Council**

**Minutes of Ordinary Meeting 7:30 pm Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> February 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), Theo Spannellis(TS), Jennifer Scarce(JS)**

**Ex officio-**

**Cllr Ben Parker.**

**Attendees-**

**Tamsin Kilgour ( I love Morningside), Alastair Wright, Arne Strid, Paul Bailey, Andy Lumsden, Alvine Swanson, John Wilson.**

**Apologies:**

**Ken Harvey, Rebecca Diggle, Moira Gibson, John Robson(JR) and Jill Powlett-Brown.**

**POLICE REPORT.**

No Report this month. Attendee informed the meeting that the Police have mentioned bike marking this spring and suggested that we ask for this to be done on Morningside road in May when we are doing a street survey. *ACTION:* Meeting agreed and CD to email Police.

Concerns raised about the fast speed of traffic coming down Braid road to the junction and a near miss of parent and child at the crossing. *ACTION:* CD to email Police raising our concern.

**MINUTES AND MATTERS ARISING.**

**20 minute neighbourhood.** The walkabout took place with Cllr Parker, the Council's 20 minute neighbourhood team as well as CMcK, JR and CD. It was a very positive engagement where broad views were shared. We explained that MCC hopes to do a people survey on the possibility of making the area in front of M&S more people friendly and greener. The 20 minute team will look for funding opportunities and follow up on several other ideas raised.

Concerns were raised about the confusion for pedestrians crossing the side roads and that marking zebra crossings would be a benefit. *ACTION:* CD to email Transport MSP. JS also discussed the state of the pavements, especially for less mobile people.

**ACTION: Everyone should report pavement problems on CEC website.**

**[https://webforms.edinburgh.gov.uk/site/portal/request/road\\_defect](https://webforms.edinburgh.gov.uk/site/portal/request/road_defect)**

**Blackford Pond** has returned to its former level, following the drain clearance.

## **TRAVELLING SAFELY.**

**Braid Road.** Cllr Parker sought clarification as to why the permanent contract has been delayed, when the final drawing will be available to the public and asked for details of the communication plans for residents.

He reported to MCC that

- 1.the contract tendering for the framework agreement was delayed however the contract should be awarded by the end of February and work start in mid March.
2. the drawing for public viewing on the Council's website in the active travel pages
3. the council will email everyone who has previously communicated with them and letter residents of Braidburn terrace and Greenbank church.

**Parking for care workers.***ACTION:* CD to contact Daniel Johnstone MSP .

**Traffic lights planned at Hillend.** CMcK attended Fairmilehead CC and informed MCC that Midlothian Ski Centre is being modernised and will include soft play, climbing wall and an 'alpine express' and more car parking. There will a more defined traffic junction on Biggar Road with traffic lights.

**Cannan Lane cycling.** TS reported poor condition of road between Woodburn Terrace and entrance to Astley Ainslie. *ACTION:* CD to report Canaan Lane road to CEC online.

## **PLANNING**

GC's planning report was circulated at the meeting and is attached to the minutes. At the meeting, there was discussion of the planning application *23/00359/FUL* for a new building proposed to extend the Canny Man's Hotel. A number of attendees raised concern about the new building's height compared to the listed 2 storey buildings on either side of the proposal. ( Canny Man public house and the Canny Man's existing boutique hotel)

GC asked that residents commenting to CEC Planning portal should copy in [planning@morningside.org.uk](mailto:planning@morningside.org.uk)

MCC officer bearers hope to discuss the Old Post office site with the developer.

## **FINANCE.**

WB reported £2910 in MCC's account this month.

## **SECRETARY**

CD report to the meeting is attached. *ACTION:* CD to meet John Frater to obtain a cost for a planting plan for the existing planters at the clock.

## **AOCB.**

WB raised concern about the 3 month TRO notification for no parking for 3 months at Craighouse Road/ Morningside Gardens area. *ACTION:* Cllr Parker to check.

## **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Wednesday 15 March at 7.30pm