

Morningside Community Council

Minutes of Ordinary Meeting 7:30 pm Wednesday 15th March 2023

Open Door Café, 240 Morningside Road

People present:

MCC office bearers-

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

Members-

Caroline McKinley(CMck), Theo Spannellis(TS), Jennifer Scarce(JS), Maciej Malasuk (MM), Moira Gibson(MG)

Ex officio-

Cllr Marie- Clair Munro

Attendees-

Tamsin Kilgour (I love Morningside), Alastair Wright, Arne Strid, Ken Harvey (Keep Morningside Moving), Charlotte De Vages, isla McKenzie, Amy Pavri, Katie Carmen, Kelsey Walker, Alison Brown, Mark Kerr, Moira Stewart.

Apologies-

Rebecca Diggie(RD), John Robson(JR), Jill Powlett-Brown and Paul Bailey.

POLICE REPORT.

No Report this month.

CD reported last month's concerns to the Police about pedestrians crossing braid road using the temporary crossing and speed of vehicles travelling north towards the crossing. Police are already aware and monitoring the area.

Reports of stones and eggs being thrown around Greenbank Avenue. WB advised neighbours should report incident to the Police while happening on 999 or later phone Police on 101 and seek an incident number.

Speeding concerns on Morningside Drive and Midmar Drive raised. Agreed MCC should buy a pop-up Bob, if not forthcoming from the Council.

MINUTES AND MATTERS ARISING.

Minute was approved as a true record. Concern was again raised about the assumptions being read into the draft minutes of our meetings, and their misuse on facebook. MCC agreed the minutes will be clearly marked 'Draft' and asked everyone to avoid miscommunications.

In response to the note of our February meeting, that reported a positive walkabout with Cllr Parker and Ian Tame, from the 20 minute neighbourhood team, and confirming MCC wishes to explore possibilities to make the space in front of M&S 'more people friendly and greener', Cllr Munro expressed her concern for the loss of 2 parking spaces that can be used by disabled drivers. Cllr Munro also informed the meeting that she talked to members of the public in and around M&S, including the local manager. She felt the local manager is concerned about possible loss of trade if there was a loss of parking.

An attendee said there were 9 free parking spaces at the side of M&S.

CD explained the reasons for exploring the use of the space.

1. The problems for pedestrians crossing Morningside Park safely.
2. The lack of space around the busy bus stop.
3. The results of MCC Travel Survey that asked what would encourage people to shop on Morningside road more were: less traffic, somewhere to sit and chat, and trees.

ACTION: It was agreed MCC will carry out a street survey at the end of May to find out people's views on the space.

Canaan Lane poor road condition near the entrance to Astley Ainslie was reported online.

TRAVELLING SAFELY.

Braid Road.

Plans are not yet published for the junction at Braid Road, Braidburn Crescent.

Cllr Munro reported she met with Alan Dunlop, who is managing the permanent works, and with local residents.

With the recent 2 way opening of a section of Braid road and the ETRO Quiet Connection for active travel, attendees reported more vehicles are now travelling around the Braid estate. Cllr Munro explained she plans to walk the ETRO Quiet Connection route with 3 senior officers, including Daisy Narayanan and Gavin Brown.

MCC secretary received an email from Rhurigh McMeddes, senior roads officer, advising that 3 options for the Quiet Route are being prepared and a survey will be issued to residents on the Quiet connection route. Attendee asked that options are sent to MCC and posted at the library.

ACTION: CD to request copy of the 3 options of the Quiet Route and if they can be displayed in the library.

PLANNING

WB reported office bearers met with Archie Maclean, the owner of the Old Post Office. He has acquired the site and is considering alternatives for the site. He suggested a boutique hotel with a bar and restaurant- similar to the Raeburn Hotel in Stockbridge. The officer bearers explained that the public's objection to the current planning permission for the block of flats was that the development was too high, it was likely to cause damage to the trees and the importance of the location was not recognised. Archie Maclean is considering the viability of lower level development.

Mark Kerr, from the Canny Man's, spoke on behalf of the planning application to build a hotel development at the Canny Man's. WB explained the objections to the proposal were mainly about the height of the development. It was much higher than the listed buildings on the same side of the street- (Canny Mann pub and their property).

FINANCE.

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

SECRETARY

Cllr Parker advised the 3 month TRO for no parking at Craighouse Road/Morningside Gardens means no parking for small sections at a time, while the contractor works.

The Annual Scout jumble sale at Greenbank church is on the 15th April.

CD met with John Frater(Plantforms) to obtain a cost for a planting plan for the planters at the Clock. The planting scheme would help address the difficulties of maintaining attractive , sustainable planting suitable for our changing climate.

Consultation on parking permits for carers is open until the 16th April:

<https://www.edinburgh.gov.uk/essentialuserparkingpermit#:~:text=Consultation,on%20Sunday%2016%20April%202023.>

TRO for Canaan Lane closure runs until the 14 April.

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DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Wednesday 20 April at 7.30pm