

**Morningside Community Council**

**Minutes of Ordinary Meeting 7:30 pm Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> April 2023**

**Open Door Café, 240 Morningside Road**

**People present:**

**MCC office bearers-**

**Willie Black(WB),chair, Goff Cantley(GC),planning, Carol Duncan(CD),secretary**

**Members-**

**Theo Spannellis(TS), Jennifer Scarce(JS), Moira Gibson(MG), John Robson (JR)**

**Ex officio-**

**Cllr Neil Ross, Cllr Marie- Clair Munro.**

**Attendees-**

**PC Neil Mackay, Tamsin Kilgour ( I love Morningside), Alastair Wright, Paul Bailey, Ian Meiklejohn, Sarah Hunt.**

**Apologies-**

**Rebecca Diggle, Jill Powlett-Brown, Ken Harvey.**

**POLICE REPORT.**

PC Mackay reported a significant increase in bike theft around South Edinburgh and the Southside. He reported a 19 year old has been caught for bike theft and 1 high value bike was recovered. A bike marking event has been arranged with the Community Council for the 10<sup>th</sup> June.

The Police have been doing high visibility visits with Trading Standards to shops in the Morningside and Cameron Toll area to remind shopkeepers not to sell vaping items and tobacco to kids.

During the Easter holidays the Police were busy with operation Dextra, dealing with Anti Social behaviour, including egg throwing in Morningside, and carrying out patrols on buses.

The Officer also reported that a driver was charged for speeding on Balcarres Street. The graffiti at M&S was raised and we were advised M&S hopes to remove it.

Cllr Ross informed the meeting that the Council's new budget includes funding for tackling graffiti.

**MINUTES AND MATTERS ARISING.**

Minute was approved as a true record.

MCC obtained Pop-UP Bob for 2 weeks from the Council and he visited various streets around Morningside. Thanks to everyone who helped to move pop-up Bob around the area and to the Police for their support.

Canaan Lane is reopening and the local schools are concerned about the safety of the children going back and forth to the schools. Cllr Parker, supported by all our local Councillors, put forward a motion to retain the closure of the Lane until the schools travel survey is finalised and permanent alternatives are proposed and put in place. This was agreed by the Council's T&E committee.  
Cllr Ross has also contacted Derek Roden about better signage for the Canaan Lane. The cycle lane is now open.

A draft of the proposed placemaking survey was circulated for discussion.  
A number of suggestions were made.

1. The introduction should make reference to a local shopkeeper initially contacting MCC about how dangerous it is for elderly people crossing Morningside Park to M&S and the bus stop.
2. Q4: amend idea to taxi stand close to M&S and Superdrug.
3. Q1: move to later.
4. In general the survey was too long.

ACTION: Comments to be passed to CMK.

Local resident raised concern about water running from the tenement above Greys and the Dry Cleaners.

Action: Cllr Ross to enquire if a statutory notice could be issued.

## **TRAVELLING SAFELY.**

No plan for the capital works at Braidburn Terrace and the junctions yet received.  
The term contractor has now been employed.

The consultation on the ETRO Greenbank to the Meadows is open until 20<sup>th</sup> May.

An attendee asked if there was any progress on making permanent the widening of the pavement across from Waitrose. Cllr Ross advised this was linked to the 20 minute neighbourhood team.

## **PLANNING**

GC has sent an email confirming MCC's general support for the extensive masterplan for the Royal Edinburgh Hospital site. Public transport to the site remains a problem and a bridge link to Balcarres Street could help. 450 car parking spaces doesn't fit with the new planning regulations.

Old Post Office site.

ACTION: CD to email the developer

## **FINANCE.**

WB reported account stands at £2730 and this doesnot include the payment to Plantforms for £860.

## **SECRETARY**

CD reported she has emailed Janice Peters about the possibility of re planting of the clock but she is not sure about the availability of her staff. She will contact David Kyles.

Consultation on Conservation and Adaptation of older properties is open until the 10<sup>th</sup> June. The Council wants to hear from people living in listed buildings or conservation areas about the challenges of adapting their homes for a sustainable future.

<https://consultationhub.edinburgh.gov.uk/sfc/conservation-adaptation2023/>

Traffic Calming Measures Info from Cllr Parker about the Transport and Environment Committee decision:

'The use of physical traffic calming measures (including speed bumps) will generally only now be considered where there is either a significant history of speed related collisions or where average vehicle speeds remain excessively high following the use of other speed reduction measures.'

## **AOCB.**

Nile Grove will be closed 7th May as the residents are having a street party.

## **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> May 2023 at 7.30pm at the Open Door( basement meeting room)