

Morningside Community Council
Minutes of Ordinary Meeting 7:30 pm Wednesday 17h May 2023
Open Door Café, 240 Morningside Road

People present:

MCC office bearers-

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

Members-

Jennifer Scarce(JS), Moira Gibson(MG), Rebecca Diggle, John Robson, Jill Powlett-Brown

Ex officio-

Cllr Ben Parker, Cllr Marie-Clair Munro

Attendees-

Tamsin Kilgour, Arne Strid, Ken Harvey, Polly Purvis, Abby White, Paul Bailey.

Apologies-

Theo Spannellis, Sarah Hunt, Alastair Wright, Cllr Neil Ross, Daniel Johnston MSP.

POLICE REPORT.

No Report this month.

Reminder that the Police are marking bikes on Saturday 10th June next to M&S from 10am.

An attendee reported a problem of noise from Motorbikes racing up Comiston Road and beyond. Cllr Marie-Clair Munro explained the Police are aware of this problem and explained they are racing round the city.

MINUTES AND MATTERS ARISING.

Minute was approved as a true record.

Canaan Lane. The Parent Councils are keen to restrict vehicle access because of children's safety going to and from School. Council officers are investigating the legal process and the options for road restrictions. It may involve an ETRO with a 6 month consultation. This is separate to the need for better signage on Canaan Lane.

Trinity Stones. JPB representing Morningside Heritage Association raised the issue of the stones from the historic Trinity College Kirk being found around several places in Morningside.

JPB explained the original church was dismantled to build Waverley Station and a 'Trinity network' has now been formed across Edinburgh to identify the remaining stones.

Particularly decorative stones from the kirk were built into the back wall of a local shop in the local 'Wild West' and MHA is keen they are cared for properly.

After a discussion, it was suggested that MHA cost the installation of a story board that can be located near the stones and then MHA could apply for a Community Grant.

ACTION: Cllr Parker to forward grant application and guidelines.

Planters at the Clock

David Kyle from the Council has agreed to clear the planter in the Autumn and this give MCC time to apply for a community grant for new plants and bulbs as well as substrate.

TRAVELLING SAFELY.

Quiet Route. The revised consultation is now open until November 2023. At the meeting there was a discussion of whether previous comments submitted to the Council would be still valid as minor changes to the drawings have to be made and then the proposals re-advertised.

TK raised concerns about the 'digital divide' on consultations and the need for additional ways of communicating, eg easy to read displays in the library.

Better signage on Braid Road was also requested.

Braidburn Terrace.

The one way restriction was already fully consulted and agreed as a permanent measure. It is not generally affected by the recent emergent legal issues. There are a couple of minor changes to allow for carriageway to become footways and these require a redetermination order. If there were objections to these, then there maybe a delay at these points in the carriageways.

PLANNING.

GC provided his monthly Planning Report and it is attached to this draft minute. The report includes an update on Morningside old Post Office site, the Scottish Government's consultation on local living and 20 minute neighbourhoods planning guidance and CEC's community Equal Rights of Appeal in planning applications.

FINANCE.

WB reported in £2730 in MCC's account this month but plant designer hasn't yet cashed in his cheque.

It was agreed that set a budget of £350 for printing 'Street Life' survey materials.

SECRETARY

Open Door needs votes for its lottery bid to fund a 'Transforming Lives with Music' project. Attendees supported sending a voting link to our email regulars, and to put on MCC Facebook and other Facebooks.

Consultation on the City Mobility Plan is open. The findings of the consultation will help inform future projects in the city.

Volunteers requested for the street survey starting on Saturday 10 June. In response 6 people agreed to help.

AOCB.

Warrender Baths are re-opening on the 23rd May.

Cllr Munro reported the no.38 bus is going back to its usual route through Shandon.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Wednesday 21 June at 7.30pm

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