

Morningside Community Council

DRAFT Minutes of Ordinary Meeting 7:30 pm Wednesday 16 August 2023

Open Door, 240 Morningside Road

People present:

MCC office bearers-

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

Members-

Moira Gibson(MG), Theo Spannellis(TS),Caroline McKinley(CMcK)

Ex officio-

Cllr Neil Ross

Attendees-

Tamsin Kilgour, Arne Strid, Aline Haggart, Arne Strid, Paul Bailey, Alastair Wright, Mark Kerr, Pascal, Ken Harvey.

Apologies-

Rebecca Diggle, Daniel Johnson MSP, John Robson, Jill Powlett-Brown, Jennifer Scarce, Abby White.

POLICE REPORT.

A quarterly Police report was sent to MCC. It is noted that the Police have purchased a 'Pop up Bob'.

The issue of speeding traffic was raised. Cllr Ross reported that the Council found the average speed on Midmar Drive was 26mph. It is a 20mph road.

Concern was also raised about the delays caused by roadworks.

MINUTES AND MATTERS ARISING.

Minutes agreed.

STREET LIFE Survey Analysis

MCC carried out the survey of local users following concerns raised about pedestrians crossing Morningside Park and earlier discussions of possible re-imagining of the place around M&S, Superdrug and the bus stop. The area was identified previously by the Council as an area that could be more liveable and greener.

CMcK gave a well received power point presentation on the analysis of MCC's Street Survey.

The survey involved both interviewing people and handing out leaflets with a QR code to people using the space.

412 people responded. The survey indicated:

71% supported the idea of a safer crossing on Morningside Park and

69% supported the idea of making the place greener and friendlier.

59% considered a designated parking space at the side of M&S is important.

The survey also identified that although most people walked/cycled or bused to Morningside it is noticeable that the people who drove to Morningside, were mostly from Buckstone/Fairmilehead area.

MCC Secretary has forwarded the Street Life survey analysis to Ian Tame and local councillors. Cllr Ross reported Daisy Narayanan had received the survey.

MCC can only aim to influence local decisions about the area nevertheless, it is hoped some consideration will be given to the views of local people in MCC's surveys.

Action: MCC to email M&S the survey results and ask about removing the graffiti above the shops.

TRAVELLING SAFELY.

Canaan Lane. Temporary Road restrictions during schools travelling time are not yet in place. It is anticipated an TRO will be in place after the October Break.

ETRO Quiet Route. Cllr Ross reported the consultation will take place in September. There will also be a drop in session at the library. A Survey leaflet will be circulated to residents on the Quiet Route area.

At MCC's June meeting, it was agreed that MCC should ask the Council for a more holistic approach to the Quiet Route and in an effort to clarify this point CD circulated a sketch of the Braid estate indicating the Quiet Route and the places/nodes where people have identified specific problems.

The places are:

- 1 Canaan Lane/Morningside Road
2. Cluny Gardens /Comiston Road/Balcarres Street junction
3. Cluny Drive/Midmar Drive/Midmar Avenue
4. Braid Hills Road/Comiston Road
5. Braid road/Braidburn Terrace/Midmar Drive junction

In addition, MCC felt that traffic calming is required on Midmar Drive and Hermitage Drive, better signage of the Quiet Route would be helpful and the appearance of road restrictions should be improved and regular traffic measurement around the area is desired.

PLANNING.

Mark Kerr informed the meeting that the Canny Mann's architects (Lee Boyd) will be submitting a further plan for the proposed hotel extension. The planners recommended reducing the height of the proposed building and Mark Kerr advised that the revised design now reflect this. A copy of the revised elevations was passed to GC.

GC reported that MCC needs to consider its view on developing Local Place Plans These are intended to be community driven plans that Planners may consider in assessing future planning applications.

Action: MCC should contact our neighbouring community councils to discuss possibly sharing the development of local Place Plan for our neighbourhoods.

FINANCE.

WB reported that the account currently has around £1400.

SECRETARY.

The secretary reported the **Scottish Government Visitor Levy(Scotland) bill** consultation is open until 15th September. There is a short video and the public are invited to rate and comment on specific issues. Here is a link:

<https://engage.parliament.scot/group/29673>

The council has set out its policy for licensing short term lets in the city.

There is now a review of community council boundary areas and this will delay MCC elections until May 24.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Wednesday 21st September 2023 at 7.30pm at the Open Door