

**Morningside Community Council**

**DRAFT Minutes of Ordinary Meeting 7:30 pm Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> January 2024**

**At Open Door, 240 Morningside Road**

**People present:**

**MCC office bearers-**

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

**Members-**

**Caroline Mckinley, Theo Spanellis, Moira Gibson, Kerr Fraser.**

**Ex officio-**

**Cllr Munro.**

**Attendees-**

**Arne Strid, Tamsin Kilgour,Paul Bailey, Sarah Hunt, Ken Harvey, Sean Kane, Angela Richmond, Iain Meiklejohn and an attendee.**

**Apologies-**

**Cllr Parker, Jennifer Scarce.**

**POLICE REPORT.**

No report available as the police have been busy with the Festive activities. CD to invite the Police to our next meeting and report speeding in Morningside Drive and Hermitage Drive.

**MINUTES AND MATTERS ARISING.**

Minutes agreed.

No update on the progress of the local bus trackers. Also no update from Cllr Munro re damaged surfaces to pavements at the SE corner at the traffic lights and near Mia Kitchen. (Already reported on Council website.

**PLANNING.**

An attendee enquired about Cluny Church Centre. GC reported there is a planning application to convert the Centre to 10 flats.

GC suggested starting to develop a Local Place Plan at the next MCC meeting. A Local Place Plan is an opportunity for communities to create their own place or proposal for development and land use within their community. MG suggested obtaining a large plan of the area to aid the discussion. GC to obtain a large plan.

**TRAVELLING SAFELY.**

An attendee raised concern that the temporary lights near Greenbank church are causing delays and personally felt that the Council should reopen Braid Road.

CD reported the Council had been active in keeping the school and the community council informed on the progress at Greenbank Crescent/Comiston Road/ Greenbank Drive roadworks and MCC posted information on the noticeboard near the school and outside Waitrose.

## **TREASURER**

WB reported approx £600 in MCC's account, after having paid the meeting room rental until the end of March.

## **SECRETARY.**

CD reported receiving an extensive list of consultations open at both the Council and the Scottish Government. Please contact the secretary for a copy.

## **AOB.**

An attendee reported the new bins outside Greggs are facing the wrong way, so as to use them people have to step into the road. Cllr Munro to contact Waste.

MHA has applied June last year to the Community Grant Fund for £4 to £5K for assistance in the care of Holy Trinity stones in Morningside, but costs have now increased considerably.

CD reported that MCC is also waiting on a decision on its application for a Community Grant to replant the planters at the Clock. CD to contact the relevant officer.

Paul Bailey reported that Friends of Braidburn Valley Park have been re-planting near the Greenbank gate.

GC reported the Friends of Braid Hills have been busy planting trees as part of the 1 million trees project.

An attendee raised the issue of graffiti at the cycle shop and the former Jo Jo pizza shop. Cllr Munro advised graffiti is only removed from council property. CD asked if there was any Council plan to identify the Tags.

An attendee reported the need to repaint the "bus stop" road markings in Morningside Drive. However, another attendee advised it has now been repainted.

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING: Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> February at 7.30pm.**