

**Morningside Community Council**

**Meeting held on the 16 October 2024 at The Open Door, 240 Morningside Road.**

**DRAFT note of the meeting.**

**People present:**

**MCC office bearers-**

**Chair: Willie Black (WB)**

**Planning officer: Goff Cantley (GC)**

**Secretary: Carol Duncan(CD)**

**Engagement Officer: Moira Gibson(MG)**

**Members- Caroline McKinley( CMcK) John Robson (JR)**

**Nominated member: Kerr Fraser.**

**Ex officio- Cllr Ben Parker.**

**Attendees- Alastair Webb, Polly Purvis, Jane Brown, Kenneth Easson, Arne Strid, Joanne Dovesi, Amanda Dovesi, Paul Bailey, Tamsin Kilgour, Bruce Henderson, Helen Sang, Howard Royston, Lynne Barty.**

**Apologies- Sarah Hunt, Jenifer Scarce, Sheena Nimmo.**

**POLICE REPORT.** No report. No concerns raised.

**PLANNING- Presentation on Local Place Plans By Council Planning Officers- Stephen Lovejoy and Ross Irvine.**

WB introduced the officers to the meeting and thanked the representatives from the Morningside community groups that attended. ( representatives attending were from Astley Ainslie Community Trust, Friends of the Hermitage, Friends of Midmar Paddock, Friends of Braidburn Valley, Friends of the Braid Hills, Morningside Heritage Association and 'I Love Morningside'.)

The powerpoint presentation was delivered to the meeting and is attached to the minute. If anyone requires a paper copy please contact the MCC secretary.

Some points taken from the presentation were as follows:

1. The Local Place Plan(LPP) will contribute to the development of the City Plan 2040 and may start to impact on developments before that date. The Place Plan can be a short document but it must have a map of the area that it reflects. The Place Plan has to be submitted by August 2025.
2. The LPP has to reflect its local people, place and context. Collaboration between groups rather than lots of separate LPPs for the same area is preferred. Evidence gathering, identifying places to protect, identifying sites for development, involving children and young people in the process,

identifying things missing in the community and considering climate resilience are all part of developing the community vision for the place.

3. The LLP has to be people centred with evidence gathering, and have a focus on delivery of infrastructure in the future. ( that can contribute to meeting the City wide needs )

4. The planners suggested the West Kilbride LPP as an example of a LPP. They also recommended looking at the policies and infrastructure of the recently approved City Plan 2030.

5. The LPP will sit beside the planners' future call for ideas.

After the presentation attendees asked further questions and discussed what next. The following valuable suggestions were made.

1. Form a small short life group to coordinate and take forward the plan.
2. Caroline Mckinley suggested developing an initial consultation plan and offered to manage a single Morningside survey.
3. To find out local census data. Cllr Parker agreed to make enquiries.
4. To share existing survey info. and identify a wider engagement/survey.
5. To engage kids in ways that can demonstrate their ideas and involvement.

## **MINUTES AND MATTERS ARISING.**

The minutes were agreed with the amendments – amend the terminology to a 'Dog Park' and note the name correction to 'Eric Liddell Community'.

**ACTION:** Secretary to invite Home Energy Scotland to a future meeting.

No response yet from the senior road engineer as to when the ETRO plans will be available and when the consultation may take place.

Cllr Munro's advised the marking of the road parking spaces on Morningside Drive will be reinstated shortly. Cllr Munro's secretary also provided lists of the roads to be improved in 2024/2025 but none of the roads identified by MCC attendees were on the lists. Cllr Munro's secretary has asked for Falcon Road West, Steel's Place and Comiston Place to be inspected.

## **PLANNING**

**Morningside Old Post office: Planning application 24/04802/FUL** has been lodged for the hotel and restaurant development. Having met the community council and listened to concerns raised about the previous plans and made a number of adjustments, Morningside Community Council agreed that they will support the planning application. Nevertheless, MCC appreciates that individuals may wish object, but MCC has to reflect a broad community view. **ACTION:** GC to respond to the planning application on behalf of MCC.

**Cluny Centre, 15 Braid Road: Planning application 24/02345/FUL and 24/02346/LBC** has been approved for its conversion to 10 flats.

**Hermitage House, Hermitage of Braid:** The City Council is looking at its buildings which require a lot to maintain and Hermitage House is one such building but being Gade A listed and held in the common good, its options are limited. The friends of the hermitage have asked for ideas to be shared with the Council. Ideas please to [planning@morningside.org.uk](mailto:planning@morningside.org.uk) or [enquiries@fohb.org](mailto:enquiries@fohb.org)

## **TRAVELLING SAFELY.**

JR concerned about the condition of Canaan lane and particularly at the corner with Woodburn Terrace. Cllr Parker to make enquiries.

## **TREASURER.**

WB reported approximately £300 in MCC bank account and plans to apply for a CC grant.

## **CORRESPONDENCE.**

Morningside and Bruntsfield Traders are planning a late night shopping event and requested MCC to assist with switching on of the Christmas Tree lights at 5 pm on the 4<sup>th</sup> December. ACTION: Cllr Parker to make enquiries and CD to pass events form to Anne Ness of Morningside Traders.

Short Term Lets consultation for Community Councils is planned for 21 October for any member interested.

Reminder that Blocked drains should be reported on the council website.

- If it is a build up of leaves please report to [waste@edinburgh.gov.uk](mailto:waste@edinburgh.gov.uk) with a location and ideally with a photo.
- If it is a blocked 'gully' please report on <https://www.edinburgh.gov.uk/report-problem-road/report-gully-problem>
- If it is sewage, please report to Scottish Water

## **AOB.**

The Swan carcass at Blackford Pond has been removed.

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING: Wednesday 20 November 7.30pm at The Open Door.**