

Morningside Community Council

Meeting held on the 20 November 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) Jennifer Scarce (JS)

Ex officio- Cllr Ben Parker, Cllr Marie-Clair Munro.

Attendees- Sgt. Mark Barry, Alastair Webb, Jane Brown, Arne Strid, Joanne Dovesi, Amanda Dovesi, Paul Bailey, Tamsin Kilgour, Bruce Henderson, Sheena Nimmo, Paul Bailey, Ken Harvey, Fiona Kelly, Nick Batson.

Apologies- Sarah Hunt, Bob McPherson, Kerr Fraser, Theo Spanellis, Polly Purvis, Cllr Neil Ross.

POLICE REPORT.

In the past quarter, Sgt Barry reported there were 366 incidents in the neighbourhood but 83% were from the Royal Ed. There were 24 thefts from shops and 9 were solved. Not all thefts were by young people, some were gangs. 1 housebreaking incident was reported, and nothing was stolen. 23 incidents of anti social behaviour were reported.

An 8 year old boy struck by a van driver at Morningside Drive. The van driver was turning into Morningside Drive from Comiston Road.

Police are continuing their 'Coffee with a Cop' on Friday mornings at Waitrose, whenever an officer is available. However the police are now entering the busy Festive period.

On the 4 December, the police will attend the evening shopping event and the Christmas Tree light switch on.

PLANNING- please refer to the planning report

MINUTES AND MATTERS ARISING.

Minutes agreed.

Home Energy Scotland invited to give a presentation at a future meeting, but a date has not yet been finalised.

Invitation sent to local groups to form a small steering group to deliver the Local Place Plan(LPP) for Morningside. ACCT and FMP plan to produce their own LPP, and both agree to collaborate with us. Actions: 1.Meeting to be arranged with members of the steering group to agree roles and ways forward. 2.Meet the headmaster at South Morningside PS and Cllr Parker to discuss involving the children. 3. Apply for a grant for publicity material and cost of employing a graphic designer.

The incident where the schoolboy was hit at the Morningside Drive/Comiston Road junction has renewed the focus on the School Travel Plan. The mother of the young boy has started a petition using the Council's community hub and there will be a presentation by parents at the Council's T&E Committee urging a renewal of the focus on the Safe Routes to School in the neighbourhood.

The issue of clear sightlines being blocked by the bins on the pavement at the entrance to Morningside Drive was also raised. CD asked if the bins can be moved to provide safer crossing at this junction. Cllr Munro explained that the T&E committee has agreed that the rules determining the location of the bins will be more flexible in future. Action: Cllr Parker and Cllr Munro to investigate if the bins on Morningside Drive junction can be moved clear of the junction.

JR raised safety issues at the junction of Canaan Lane and Woodburn Terrace both for cyclists and school children. Action: Cllr Parker and JR to discuss further.

Cllr Parker advised the Council support the idea of pedestrian crossings on the desire lines near vehicle junctions, although it deviates from current National Guidance. Link to council presentation- <https://www.edinburgh.gov.uk/downloads/file/24967/g5-crossings-at-or-near-junctions>

ETRO Meadows to Greenbank drawings expected by the year end. (They have been issued after the meeting so please search TRO/21/29B, TRO/21/29C, and TRO/21/29D)

CORRESPONDENCE

Xmas Tree switch on 5pm 4 December with choir organised by Morningside Music school followed by evening shopping event.

AOB.

Check Grit bins nearby and any problems report online to CEC.

Also if leaves blocking drains, report to waste@edinburgh.gov.uk

DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING.

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