

Minute of Meeting held on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> May 2022

At The Open Door, 240 Morningside Road.

## **Present:**

Office Bearers: Willie Black (WB), Carol Duncan (CD)

Councillors: Cllr Ben Parker, Cllr Neil Ross

Members: Jennifer Scarce, Caroline McKinley, Maciek Malaszuk

Attendees: Ali Wright, Geoff Murray, Tamsin Kilgour, Sheena Nimmo, Jill Powlett-Brown, Cathie MacLennan, John Percival, Moira Gibson, Theo Spanellis, Rebecca Diggle

## **Apologies:**

Goff Cantley, John Robson, Douglas Roxburgh Cllr Marie Clair Munro, Cllr Mandy Watt.

## **1. Police Report**

No Police officers were present, but the community council were pleased to hear that the Police have carried out speed checks in the area. CD to send out the Police quarterly report.

## **2. Minutes of last meeting and matters arising**

It was agreed that the minutes of the last meeting were an accurate record.

### **MCC Website**

- CD and CMcK are meeting with the Scottish Tech Army on 19/05 to discuss the next steps with MCC website.

### **Air quality sensors**

- A SEPA sensor is now installed outside South Morningside Primary School. Cllr Ross to enquire about results.

### **Community grant**

- MCC has received a Council CGF to cover the costs of the planters and travel survey printing.

### **Planters**

- Until the Council carry out the changes to the pavement corners at Braid Crescent/Braid road, the ordering of the planters has to be delayed. Cllr Parker to contact the Roads Team.

### **Pot holes**

- Residents expressed ongoing concern about the condition of some of the local roads. Specific potholes can be reported on line to Edinburgh Council

## **3. Travelling safely, including Street Survey**

### **Street Survey**

- CMcK, JR and CD did person to person street surveys and handed out leaflets at the weekend. Also 16 shops took leaflets and posters. We have had over 600 responses so far.

### **Braidburn Terrace**

- Cllr Ross informed MCC that the start date for work to Braidburn Terrace has been delayed as issues have arisen with existing coal tar.

### **Buses**

- TK reported that bus timetables are increasing again from the 5<sup>th</sup> June.

## 4. Planning

GC JR and MM reported that a revised planning application for Headstart Nursery, 63-68 Morningside Drive, has been submitted. The new proposal is for 7 flats, replacing the previously approved plans for 3 townhouses. GC advised that we should encourage individual objections and MCC agreed that a precedent has already been set as planning permission for both the demolition and the previous plans were granted previously.

No change in the situation at Midmar Paddock.

## 5. Financial Position

- WB reported that £5,534 held in MCC account. This is due in part to the grant for the costs of the planters and the survey.

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## 6. Correspondence

- The Scottish government has a live consultation to assess if the Community Empowerment Act. ( part 9) has achieved its aim of improving the availability of allotments and the benefits of allotments.
- Scottish Health Research Register – SHARE is inviting people, who are interested in helping Health research, to register at [www.registerforshare.org](http://www.registerforshare.org)
- Common space survey link sent to MCC to gather views on the proposal for the Flow Country to be nominated as for UNESCO world heritage status.
- [https://flowcountry.commonplace.is/?utm\\_campaign=NewCommonplaces09\\_05\\_2022&utm\\_source=cp-email&utm\\_medium=email](https://flowcountry.commonplace.is/?utm_campaign=NewCommonplaces09_05_2022&utm_source=cp-email&utm_medium=email)
- Astley Ainsley Community Trust meeting to be held on 25<sup>th</sup> May 7:30 on Zoom. AACT members urged to attend.

## 7. AOCB

### Update on City of Edinburgh Council

- Cllr Parker reported that the first full council meeting is to be held on 19/05, however the councillors have not yet reached the stage of working out a powersharing agreement.
- Cllr Parker also informed MCC that the email format for first time elected councillors. If you wish to email a first time elected councillor it is as follows:  
cllr.firstname.surname@edinburgh.gov.uk e.g. [cldr.ben.parker@edinburgh.gov.uk](mailto:cldr.ben.parker@edinburgh.gov.uk)
- If you wish to contact a re-elected councillor, their email remains the same.

### Edinburgh Association of Community Councils

- MCC agreed to donate £100 to help fund EACC.

### Event on Friday and Saturday (20 & 21 May) at the canal.

- Flotilla leaving Friday 12 at Lochrin basin – arriving 1:30pm Harrison Park.
- Also a Canal festival is on 18<sup>th</sup> June.

### Morningside Heritage Association

- 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary next Tuesday (24<sup>th</sup> May).

### Street cleaning

- AW reported a lack of drain cleaning has caused flooding at Blackford.
- Cllr Ross agreed to request an officer to attend a future MCC meeting to come along to discuss drain and street cleaning.

## 10. Date of the next meeting.

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> June 2022, 7:30pm, The Open Door (basement room), hybrid.

For a Zoom link, please contact the secretary on

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