

7:30pm, Wednesday 20th April 2022

At The Open Door (downstairs), 240 Morningside Road.

People Present:

Office Bearers

Chair and Treasurer -Willie Black (WB)

Secretary – Carol Duncan (CD)

Engagement- Douglas Roxburgh(DR)

Members

Jennifer Scarce (JS)

Councillor

Neil Ross

Attendees

Arne Strid, Ali Wright, Tamsin Kilgour, John Percival, Marie-Clare Munro, Cathie MacLennan, Aileen Haggart, Geoff Murray

Apologies

Rebecca Diggle, Ken Harvey, Goff Cantley, Maciek Malaszuk, John Robson, Caroline McKinley, Theo Spanellis, Jill Powlett-Brown.

1. Police Report

- **Quarterly Report.** The Police sent MCC a quarterly Police Report and this will be circulated with the minutes. CD highlighted that the Police report mentioned that patrols are continuing in Astley Ainslie hospital grounds and surrounding areas, including the Meadows and Warrender Park. Officers will engage with any persons suspected of being involved in ASB and any reports of criminality will be investigated. Please report any incidents to the police to allow us to focus our patrols in the relevant areas.
- **Braid Road.** Cllr Ross raised concern about the dangerous blind summit on the southern section of Braid Road.

2. Minutes of last meeting and matters arising

- MCC agree that the minutes of last meeting were accurate.
- **MCC website.** WB CD and C McK met to discuss the website. CMck is using the Odo account of the Scottish Tech Army(STA) to develop a draft new website. However we had a number of queries and so CMck contacted STA.
- **Meeting format.** WB recommended that we should continue with hybrid meetings both in person and online.
- **Travel survey.** A draft of the travel survey was sent to Merchiston Community Council and Living Streets. Living streets has made a number of useful suggestions. The survey was then discussed at the meeting and generally agreed but with the addition of a question about what would attract people to visit more. Volunteers required for the street survey in the middle of May.
- TK informed the meeting the South Morningside Primary School are also doing a travel survey about safe routes to school. TK to forward a link to MCC secretary

3. Travelling safely

- **Air Quality Sensors.** Cllr Ross had a response from CEC environmental health about the availability of air quality sensors from SEPA for schools. He will advise South Morningside Primary School that they can approach SEPA to have these installed outside the school.

4. Planning

- **Planning Report.** GC's planning report was circulated prior to the meeting.
- **Midmar paddock.** Although no planning application has been submitted for Midmar Paddock, Friends of Midmar Paddock(FOMP) intend to prepare for this eventuality and have estimated that they require £6,000 for legal advice, planning advice and an ecology expert. FOMP are fund raising for this amount.

5. Financial Position

WB reported a balance of £2,300.

6. Correspondence

- **Short Term Lets.** The Council's consultation on the licensing policy for short term lets and whether it should adopt discretionary powers is open until the 10th of June. Link below.
<https://consultationhub.edinburgh.gov.uk/sfc/short-term-lets-2022/>
- **Planning Enquiry.** GC has replied to a recent neighbour enquiry about a planning application that has been approved for 5 Plewlands Gardens last year. GC advised that legal advice can be considered and the Council does have a complaints process, however GC's experience is that little can be done to prevent the development going ahead despite the possible shortcomings of the original application.
- **The Whitehouse and Grange Bowling Club** is celebrating its 150 years and is holding a summer fair and Open Day on 28th May. Some of their Morningside sponsors will be there and Luca's will have their vintage 1923 Rolls Royce in attendance serving ice cream.
- **Community Grant.** CD informed the meeting that MCC has received a CEC community grant for planters at the junction of Braid Road and Braid Crescent and 1 planter in Morningside Cemetery as well as printing costs for our travel survey. Local residents will maintain the planting. AW requested details of the planters from CD.

7. AOCB

Greenspace condition. AH explained the Guides planted the bulbs in the greenspace at Hermitage Terrace and is concerned about the current condition of the space. CD to pass on Mike Shields contact details to AH.

- **Morningside Play Park.** Cllr Ross reported that the Council has awarded a contract for replacing the play equipment at Morningside Play Park. A start date has not yet been agreed.
- **Potholes.** Frustrations raised by an attendee about potholes not being fixed on Morningside Terrace after 3 years of waiting for repairs. Attendee advised to report locations of potholes on the Council's website.
- **Bins.** Another attendee reported the bins outside his house have not been emptied for 4-5 weeks, and also is awaiting a letter about the new parking restrictions on his street. CD to report communal bins problem on the Council website on behalf of attendee.

Date of the next meeting.

18th May 2022 7:30pm at the Open Door

For a Zoom link, please contact the secretary on Secretary@morningside.org.uk

