

**Morningside Community Council**

**Minutes of Ordinary Meeting 7:30 pm Wednesday 20 July 2022**

**Open Door( basement room) and Zoom**

**1. Present**

Office Bearers

Chair and Treasurer -Willie Black (WB)

Secretary – Carol Duncan (CD)

Engagement - Moira Gibson (MG)

Members

Jennifer Scarce (JS), Theo Spanellis (TS) Caroline Mckinley(CMcK)John Robson(JR)

Attendees

Arne Strid, Tamsin Kilgour, John Percival.

Fraser Littlejohn(FL) and Lisa Proudfoot(LP) from Montagu Evans

**2. Apologies**

Jill Powlett-Brown, Rebecca Diggle, Ali Wright, Goff Cantley.

**3. Police Report**

The Police quarterly report was circulated.

**4. Royal Edinburgh Hospital update.**

FL and LP ( Montagu Evans) are planning consultants to the NHS. The Royal Edinburgh Hospital (REH) is their focus and any questions tht cant be andswered tonight will be answered by our September meeting.

Planning approval for the REH masterplan was obtained in 2014 and now requires to be updated and an extension of the original planning approval sought. The pandemic has impacted on the development of the masterplan. It is intended that the revised application will be submitted in August/September.

In future the services delivered from REH will be care of the elderly, brain injury and acute psychiatric care. Young people services will move to the RIE at Little France.

The new application will retain earlier consents for the phasing and establishing an ambulance centre. However there will be some update of the masterplan and the new Planning Act will require an update on the environmental impact assessment.

A number of questions were then asked by attendees.

- AS asked if a local Health Hub will be included in the new plan, as previous discussions (before the previous application) felt that easy access to public transport maybe a problem. FL will enquire.
- Can we be provided with details of the through path for cycling? FL will arrange.
- Will the new buildings be designed to minimise their carbon footprint both in building design and maintenance? FL responded that the NHS has existing policies regarding the lifecycle and sustainability of buildings.

- WB asked if the Kennedy building will be demolished. FL explained the building is owned by the University of Edinburgh and is part of an ongoing discussion. FL will seek further clarification.
- TK is concerned about the need to increase the bed number capacity and meeting changes of population. TK would like clarity.
- Lastly MCC would like a sense of what is the future of the Astley Ainslie site. FL explained that they are only instructed for the REH site however he will seek guidance.

## 5. Minutes of Previous Meeting and Matters Arising

Minutes of the previous meeting were agreed.

- **Planters.** Planter delivered and built in the cemetery.
- Braid Crescent planters delivered to Inch nursery to be filled with soil. Meeting held with everyone to agree location.
- **Website.** CMk WB and CD to meet to finalise MCC website then to be assisted by STA to go onto the web.

## 6. Travelling Safely

- We agreed to discuss the Travel Survey at our next meeting. Cllr Parker has expressed interest in attending.
- JR had a positive response to his email requesting a bike storage unit being installed at Belhaven Terrace.

## 7. Planning

Friends of Midmar Paddock are holding an emergency meeting tonight to discuss concerns about a possible future planning application for the Paddock.

## 8. Financial position

WB reported the bank balance is between £2300 - £2400

## 9. Correspondence

Secretary's update circulated prior to the meeting.

We agreed to invite someone from the Scottish Communities Climate Action Network to attend a future meeting.

## 10. AOB

- The Extension of the B2 Priority Parking Zone is due to go live on the 5 September 22. Permits are available from the last week in August. More details including detailed street plans on: <https://www.edinburgh.gov.uk/parking/b2-priority-parking-area?documentId=13292&categoryId=20275>
- Agreed we should seek a speaker to explain the 20 minute neighbourhood.

## 11. Date of next meeting

Wednesday 21 September 2022 at 7.30pm

The meeting will be hybrid and accessible both through Zoom and at our live meeting downstairs at Open Door.