

Morningside Community Council

Minutes of Ordinary Meeting 7:30 pm Wednesday 19 October 2022

Open Door Café, 240 Morningside Road

People present:

MCC office bearers-

Willie Black (WB) Chair, Carol Duncan (CD) Secretary

Members-

Caroline McKinley (CMcK), John Robson (JR)

Ex officio

Cllr Ben Parker (BP)

Cllr Marie-Clair Munro (MCM)

Attendees-

Tamsin Kilgour (I love Morningside), Iain Meiklejohn (chair of Friends of Midmar Paddock)

Phillida Sawbridge, Karen Hunt, Alastair Wright, Sheena Nimmo, Arne Strid, Ken Harvey(Keep Morningside Moving) Ms Kerr (journalist student), Sarah Hunt.

PC Neilson

PC Wong

Apologies:

Rebecca Diggle, Moira Gibson, Goff Cantley, Jennifer Scarce, Douglas Roxburgh and Theo Spanellis.

POLICE REPORT.

MCC received the quarterly SE Edinburgh quarterly report and it is agreed it would be circulated with the note of the meeting.

PC Neilson and PC Wong explained that along with another colleague, they covered the Morningside, Bruntsfield and Marchmont area. At present, their priorities in the area, are safety around schools and mobile foot patrols (both uniform and in plain clothes)

A resident asked how often patrols were. The officers explained they do patrol as often as they are able but they can be pulled to other tasks. As of Monday they will be carrying out Police tasks supporting Edinburgh Christmas Festival activities.

Another resident asked about a Pop-up Bobby. It was explained there is only one Pop-Up Bobby in Edinburgh and this is a council matter. Can the public buy one?

Another resident asked about the possibility of a camera van being used in the area to measure speeding on the local roads, but we were advised there is a long waiting list.

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING AND MATTERS ARISING.

The minutes were approved as a true record.

Cllr Ben Parker reported that Ian Tame (programme manager of the 20 Minute Neighbourhood team) plans to arrange a walkabout with MCC early November on Morningside Road to discuss possible 'quick wins' that the Council may be able to implement. CD reported Polly Purvis (local resident) has agreed to prepare a short report on the 'quick wins' and their specific locations.

Cllr BP agreed to request a member of the 20 minute neighbourhood team could attend a future MCC's meeting to explain a 20 minute neighbourhood and what this could mean for Morningside.

Cllr BP reported work to start on Braid road/ Braidburn Terrace and Braidburn Crescent around the 18th November. Cllr BP has requested drawings of the work but has not yet received any yet. He will forward drawings to MCC when he receives them.

Cllr BP reported the 6 month consultation on the Quiet Route ETRO will start in the New Year.

A response from the NHS planning consultants re REH was received and circulated with October minutes.

TRAVELLING SAFELY

WB explained this item has been on the agenda since Spaces For People began and has continued as an item because of MCC's Travel Survey.

There followed a discussion of how the traffic flows have changed since the start of the pandemic and as result of with the Quiet Route. Residents felt traffic speeds round the Braid estate and the junction with Cluny Gardens is busier. There was no specific MCC action but general agreement was that better signage would help remind vehicle users of traffic speeds.

In discussing the Quiet Route ETRO, it's hoped the ETRO will improve the appearances of the barriers.

A resident also reported the illegal removal of barrier on Braid Avenue. CD to contact Roads Team.

A resident previously requested traffic survey information on flows east/west and north/south in the Braid Estate and asked MCC to follow up this request. CD to contact the Roads Team.

There was then a discussion of the wider travel concerns that emerged from the Travel Survey but MCC's discussion was not conclusive. However, there was acknowledgement that we do have to have a vision of what do people want our spaces to be about.

PLANNING -MIDMAR PADDOCK

Ian Meiklejohn stated that the view of the Friends of Midmar Paddock is that the Paddock remains unbuilt upon.

Ian explained that there is a 12 week consultation period prior to every major planning application and this requires public consultation in several ways including meeting the community council.

The proposal includes 2 detached houses, an old persons home, allotments and café. It is not clear who would own and manage the different parts of the proposal.

The site is designated Open Space in the CEC's City Plan 2030 and there are several legal rights of way across the site. The Friends of Midmar Paddock successfully opposed a previous proposal by the present owners to redesignate the land for housing. The planning application went as far as a planning appeal, however it was not successful. The Friends' opposition was supported by a Scottish Government Reporter in 2016. Despite the arguments against the latest proposals, there is no guarantee that a further planning application based on the current proposals will not be successful.

TREASURER REPORT

Bank account is the same as last month-£3062

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Small independent shops arranging a late night Xmas opening on the 17 November. MCC agreed to pay printing costs of publicity printing. Cllrs suggested possibly switching on Xmas lights the same evening.

AOB

Cllr Munro mentioned the poor condition of the planting at the Clock and said that the Council is willing to provide new plants, if volunteers would plant them and maintain them. There was concern about plants being suitable for our drier summers. Tamsin will try to find out if there are volunteers willing to take on the maintenance.

DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING. Wednesday 16 November 2022 at 7.30pm