

**Mayfield and Easthouses Community Council
(MAECC) Minutes of Meeting
07 April 2021 7pm – Meeting held via Zoom**

The minutes were approved at the Community Council meeting held on 5th May 2021 by Judy Thomson and seconded by Stephen Liddell

Attendees: R. Hogg (Chair), Judy Thomson (Treasurer), Laura Wahlberg (Secretary), Ann Frame, Debbie Millar, Michael Hogg, Cllr Peter Smail, Theresa Morrison, Craig Gallier, Katie Brash, Sharon Hill, Stephen Liddell, Stuart McLean, Tracy-Lee Armit.

Apologies: George Jackson, John Hackett.

1. Welcome and apologies

RH (Chair) welcomed everyone to the meeting and noted apologies (documented above).

2. Minutes of Previous Meeting

The March 2021 minutes were discussed and approved by Stephen Liddell and seconded by Theresa Morrison.

3. Police Report

The police report for March 2021 has been received and was read aloud by the Chair. This will be published on the Facebook site.

The ongoing issue of off road motorcycles was raised by Michael Hogg and discussed among the group – this is a problem that affects many residents in the community due to the noise nuisance and damage to land (often drivers amok in farmers field).

4. Correspondence

No correspondence of note this month.

5. Planning

A resident from Saint Luke's Way has brought the safety issue of speeding vehicles to the Community Council. The resident spoke for many residents who are now scared to let their children out in the street. Cllr Smail asked Debbie to contact Lindsay Haddow, Road Safety Officer at Midlothian Council who might be able to help with traffic calming measures, copying in the CBO and Cllr Smail.

Danielle Frame from Fancy Footwork Dance Classes is looking to occupy Easthouses Pavilion via lease for a dance class. Anne Frane (Danielle's mother) has approached the council Mark Kenmore who has said they are going to put the lease out for bids. Cllr Smail was asked to make contact with Mark Kenmore and Derek Oliver to discuss this and feedback.

Stuart McLean, Easthouses Community Club attended the community council to seek help in improving the condition of the main Easthouses Pavilion which they use for a local football club. The club has contacted Midlothian Council numerous times to repair the leak in the roof and the security alarm to no avail. Cllr Peter Smail has been asked to look into this.

South Mayfield Pre Planning Application

In 2003 three sites Newtongrange East, Lingerwood, South Mayfield were allocated for housing via the local plan. In 2008 Dykeneuk was added. This would result in an estimated 800 new homes taking up 168 hectares that is roughly three quarters of the size of the current Mayfield area. To date 70 houses have been built in East Newtongrange and 60 in South Mayfield (Persimmons). In March 2021 Springfield plc submitted a pre-application consultation to Midlothian Council. They are now applying for a screening option so as not to submit an environmental impact assessment (as they state there will be no environmental impact...). A public exhibition will be held on 28th April online between 4pm and 7pm. The Community Council is working with Gorebridge and Newtongrange Community Councils in relation to this application.

6. Councillor Report

Cllr Peter Smaill provided a brief report on local issues, including work in the Easthouses area, overflowing waste bins, Campwood styles repair and fault with lights in Bogwood Road.

The community council were disappointed that Councillor Stuart McKenzie was not present at the meeting and did not provide apologies, having now been in office for two weeks.

7. Community Report

In It Together Update: Masterplan now in Draft form and will be available to the In It Together Group by mid-April. The masterplan will be brought to the next community council meeting.

8. Environmental Report

Resident in Blackcot Road raised an issue of lack of bins for the common stair. Asked to contact Ian Lawson at Midlothian Council and copy in Peter Smaill and Robert Hogg.

Discussion took place in relation to Wildflower removal at Easthouses and Mayfield Parks.

9. Treasurer's report

End of year balance of £7587.16.

10. A.O.B.

The Chair thanked everyone for attending. The next meeting will take place on Wednesday 5 May 2021, via Zoom.