

Mayfield and Easthouses Community (MAECC) Minutes of meeting 03 August 2022 7pm - Meeting held in Mayfield Church

ATTENDEES

Judy Thomson, Robert Hogg, George Jackson, Craig Gallier, Stephen Liddell, Stuart McKenzie, Bryan Pottinger, Peter Smail, Michael Hogg, Michele Lindsay, Cal Haston, Marie Allan.

Apologies

Theresa Morrison, Tracylee Armit, Sharon Hill, Bryan Martin

1. Welcome and apologies

RH welcomed everyone to the meeting and noted apologies (documented above). The caravan situation was discussed and it was confirmed there is only one left. The minutes from the last meeting were approved by Craig Gallier and seconded by George Jackson.

2. Police Report

Michele Lindsay from Police in attendance, she went through the police report for the last two months. Robert raised issues with scooters and motorbikes. Peter mentioned gates at Gilhooley Wood. New Chief Superintendent Divisional Commander is Catriona Paton.

3. Community

There was an enquiry about harling in the Miller Scheme. Alan Ramage said they're doing Newtongrange and Gorebridge and will get to Mayfield afterwards.

RH told the meeting that MTRaP have written a letter in support of a new piece of equipment called the Pothole Pro and that will be sent to elected members shortly. It is hoped money can be found to secure it.

CH reported a website issue in that an archived version of the old website was still available and we needed to take steps to get that removed. CH confirmed that our old email address no longer works, after a short time or redirecting. Our new email address is enquiries@mayfieldandeahouses.cc

IIT update – no change. There is an issue with the Council not paying the architects. Stuart said a business manager was needed, this has been suggested by the Development Officer at the Council. We need to fund the entire project and money is a real issue, particularly with costs rising all the time. Only about half of the shops at Bogwood Court are open currently. Some the council can't rent out due to damp issues. There is a new café/snack shop. The CAT Team are at 12 Bogwood Court.

There is concern of the new funding model of the new Easthouses Primary School. There should be an investigation and a report.

4. Planning

Stephen Liddell gave a thorough presentation about a planning application in North Mayfield (Land North of Oak Place) including helpful visual aids and a list of the 18 conditions attached to it. After a discussion it was decided to forward the comments from the Community Council to both the Planning Department and to our Councillors.

5. Environmental

CG has noticed a badger sett (5 seen), could be two setts (couple found deceased). Need to let Council know about this. Peter suggested Ranger Service. CG will work out a 'What Three Words' reference for where they are.

6. Councillor's Report

Bryan would like Council meetings to go back to face-to-face in the chamber. Out meeting agreed that the projected cost for making the chamber 'hybrid-ready' of £250,000 was highly over estimated and seemed engineered by someone who did not want to do it. Meeting with Police is also online tomorrow but they have offered to host the meeting in person.

Stuart raised speeding issues.

Peter told the meeting that Easthouses Park path had been completed, apart from needing white lines painted. RH asked Councillors again about a potential path from Lothian Drive to the new Easthouses Primary School site.

7. Treasurer's Report

Only bank activity over June and July was 23p income which was a refund from the old internet hosting company with reference to the crossover period with the new hosting company. Current balance is £7592.20. Need to pay a cheque to MECA for the advert in the Gala Day programme (for £50).

8. AOB

A successful gala day back in June was acknowledged. JT raised the issue with the chemist/prescriptions again and Stuart asked for a report to be sent to Colin Beattie MSP.

RH thanked everyone for attending. There was no other business, and the meeting was closed.