

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

## ATTENDEES

Robert Hogg (Chair), Theresa Morrison, Sharon Hill, George Jackson, Craig Gallier, Dougie Thomson, Stephen Liddell, Michael Hogg, Arthur Blackhurst, Paul McCallion, William Kivlin, Susan Ryan, Michelle Lindsay, Bryan Pottinger, Peter Smail, Stuart McKenzie

## Apologies

Judy Thomson, Tracylee Armit, Brian Martin, Cal Haston

### 1. Welcome and apologies

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

RH asked if anything was arising from the last meeting minutes. He highlighted that at last the yellow lines are installed in Easthouses which appears to be making a difference and thanked everyone for pushing this forward. Cllr Pottinger said that the recent police campaign has been successful with speed limits. RH advised that when the new school is built there will be a 20 speed limit enforced. RH was happy to say that Remembrance Sunday went well and there was a really good turnout by the community. Also the fireworks were a huge success. Cal has informed us he is working on getting a projector for the community council, hopefully after the year where we will then have better equipment.

MH asked if the community council will have an input into the naming of the new streets, RH replied he will discuss with the Lord Provost. Cllr Smail said that the Lord Provost speaks to the Councillors and that anyone can actually make a suggestion regarding street names. Cllr Pottinger suggested that perhaps we could get the local schools involved and hold a competition.

The minutes from the last meeting were approved by George Jackson and seconded by Craig Gallier.

### 2. Correspondence

Nothing to discuss apart from Patrick at Springfield is supposed to be having a meeting with Andrew Marshall, Newtongrange CC. Andrew was of the same opinion he didn't want to have a meeting with Springfield regarding the Neil Williams Haulage issues.

### 3. Police Report

Michelle advised that they were working with fire and rescue services and the good news was there was little to no calls relating to the fireworks. RH mentioned that there has been a spate of bins being set on fire, Michelle replied that this was in the last police report also. Michelle read out the latest police report. She informed the meeting that they are working in partnership with LRT, working with schools to highlight the impact the behaviour on the buses have on the drivers, etc. They have also recently carried out a crime initiative making dog walkers aware that there potentially may be farm animals, etc in different places where they are walking. They have also been working on the 16 days of activism working with woman's aid holding road shows to tackle domestic violence, this is to raise awareness of the impact the violence has. RH highlighted that he has had a report passed regarding cctv which will be up and coming quickly in 2023. The subject of parking at schools and parking on pavements was discussed in length and Michelle advises this will be investigated asap.

### 4. Environmental

Craig reported another badger set which has been reported to the appropriate authorities however there has been no response from the council. Michelle advised Craig to send an email to her as they actually have wildlife champions who can take this on. RH brought up the site where the old community centre used to be as this has been abandoned by the council, and now due to recent weather there has been some flooding. There's also glass which has never been cleaned up, RH has asked if this can be taken up by the council. There

has also been a complaint from the ladies who spent months cleaning up Bogwood, as it's the same again. They have complained to the school and the headmaster who has advised he will do what he can. RH also asked if anything can be done about the local Nisa shop and how untidy it is; he feels that environmental health should now be involved. Cllr McKenzie replied that it's a private property therefore they are restricted however he will speak to Derek Oliver and see what can be done. Paul McCallion said he is happy to put something together to get rid of the litter everywhere in Mayfield.

#### 5. Planning

Nothing new apart from the pathway at Lothian Drive, the planning officer is talking about getting a hardcore pathway however we will be updated on this. RH received an email, regarding the houses at the top and the issue with lighting, the developer only finished path halfway, however they have now been given a statutory notice to get this finished which will be done. There are no more updates re West Mayfield at the moment, council will update when they can. All the grit bins in Midlothian have been filled in preparation for any bad weather. Council are also getting two new gritting machines, they are also getting a new pot hole machine as funding is now available for it. RH asked that any streets in a bad state of repair feed into council so they can be highlighted to be fixed. Cllr Pottinger asked if Ramsay Crescent can be reported as this street has never been touched since the street was built. RH agreed to highlight this. Stephen advised that there is a document which could possibly be shown at the next meeting if we have the projector (as the document is big then a projector would be needed). Discussion was held around the fact that the councils are under tremendous pressure from Scottish Government to reach targets which will ultimately impact on our community. There was some controversy at the last meeting regarding William Kivlin's idea of a hot food bar, William said that it's now on hold until February and they are awaiting decision.

#### 6. Councillor's Report

Cllr Smaill discussed the issue of a 11 million pounds deficit in funding. Hillend ski slope was highlighted as it's way over budget therefore why is this being focused on when potentially leisure centres may close, next year is looking very bleak unfortunately. Cllr Pottinger said the same he's never seen it looking so bleak and many councils are now on their knees. He complimented the fact that Mayfield has done extremely well with recent events e.g. fireworks and it was nice to see people so appreciative of this. Speeding reduction seminar has had a big impact from the public. Cllr McKenzie reiterated how tight things are. All parties are engaged in discussing the priorities. On the plus side Mayfield campus papers have come out and it looks like there will be a big piece of work coming up in improving repair results as per feedback from the council this should prove to be more cost effective.

#### 7. Treasurer's Report

As mentioned last month, we paid for a Zoom license for the Federation and this month that figure was reimbursed to us. We took in money (through donations and stall fees) for the Christmas lights event of £965. We spent £40 for memorial wreath on Remembrance Sunday and £59 for renting the Church for our meetings. Current balance (for the end of November) is £8379.20

We are hoping to get the monies from the Council for the Christmas lights events and hold it in the CC bank account. It will always be obvious how much money is in that pot as it will be ring-fenced.

#### 8. AOB

Sharon spoke about the volunteers and what they do and how they contribute. Arthur was delighted at the amount he collected for the monument, he collected enough to do a show for the summer and he was delighted that no one refused to donate. RH advised no meeting in January and wished everyone a lovely Xmas and new year.

RH thanked everyone for attending and the meeting was closed.