

# Mayfield and Easthouses Community (MAECC) Minutes of meeting

## 2 May 2023 7pm - Meeting held in Mayfield Church

### **ATTENDEES**

Michael Hogg (Vice-Chair), Judy Thomson, Stephen Liddell, Cal Haston, Cllr Bryan Pottinger, Craig Gallier, Theresa Morrison, Susan Ryan, Brian Martin, Sharon Hill, Betty McDonald

### **Apologies**

Tracylee Armit, Robert Hogg, Cllr Stuart McKenzie, Cllr Peter Smaill, George Jackson

#### 1. Welcome and apologies

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

MH advised that the community council meeting was being held on the Tuesday opposed to the Wednesday due to the Vice Chair being unavailable on the Wednesday (with our Chair being on holiday) - this proposal was agreed by the officials of the community council to organise the community council meeting on the Tuesday opposed to the Wednesday.

MH asked if there were any comments from last month's meetings minutes. Susan asked if anything has happened regarding the mess on the path between Scotmid and the park, and asked who was responsible. The water board is believed to be responsible for the mess and barriers left on the path. There is also a mess near the clothes recycling bin in the Scotmid car park, which a resident had already reported. MH requested that these issues be chased up with the council.

BP said he had asked officers to cut the grass and clear up the mess at the old leisure centre site. There was also a discussion held about the mess surrounding the Nisa shop. Betty said she has seen them clean it daily however it was still felt it needed attention. MH thought perhaps a letter should go to them mentioning social responsibility, however it was agreed that a visit to the shop would suffice just now, which BP agreed to do.

JT had chased up about getting access to the Xmas light event funds that are held by the council. However there is now question as to who is owner of this money so there will be an investigation.

The minutes from the last meeting were approved by Craig Gallier and seconded by Stephen Liddell.

#### 2. Police Report

MH read out the police report, JT will circulate as it wasn't received until late. Michelle Lindsay has retired from her position and we don't know as yet as to who is the replacement. Stephen asked if anyone was aware of the traffic survey results on Easthouses Road. JT agreed to follow up and report to the next meeting.

#### 3. Planning

BM handed out his intended plan for our Local Place Planning. October 31st is the deadline date to submit LPP to Council. There was a lengthy discussion held around this, including Bogwood Court and its need to be redeveloped.

There has been an appeal to a planning decision for a hot food takeaway in the park and the CC has been asked for any further comment. It was agreed there was no change to our previously submitted comments but that we did congratulate the applicant on his recent award.

Council officers will be attending the next meeting to show plans and answer questions about the new Easthouses Primary School. On the subject of the new Mayfield Campus, the CC has expressed a desire for a through road at the campus to try to alleviate some of the parking issues in the area. Local residents to the development site at the old Bryan's School had raised concerns regarding the state of the road, the dirt coming from the site and the size of the lorries. They were supposed to be using a different access point but this had been delayed. JT agreed to chase this issue and report back. Local resident Betty asked what had happened to the no car zone around Mayfield Primary School, there was a confusion about road signs appearing and then disappearing again.

#### 4. Environmental

CG reported the badger population is increasing.

#### 5. Councillor's Report

BP mentioned the budget update but there's no further specifics at this time. There is a full Council meeting next week where the grants for community council grants will be discussed. JT enquired about the environmental fund. BP confirmed there was £108,000 shared between 18 councillors and the only criteria is 'public good'. He also confirmed it could be carried forward if not used, that it's not all allocated as yet and that councillors are working together where possible. Another paper that will be presented at Tuesday's meeting is about proposals for 20mph speed limits to be implemented across many roads in the area. He expressed councillor's appreciation for Community Councils and the planning work they do.

#### 6. Treasurer's Report

The only expenditure this month was the cost to hire the Church for our meeting. The balance is £6989.44.

#### 7. AOB

MH raised concerns about funding for gala days and other events, everyone is remaining hopeful for a positive outcome.

It was asked if there had been any update relating to the noise complaints from local residents to NWH Group. There was a complaint from a resident about the noise on Easter Monday. It was agreed to ask them for a follow-up meeting and to ask both SEPA and the Council for updates. It seems apparent that NWH working hours don't appear to correlate with when the noises are happening; the noise may be coming from another building. Residents should report noise concerns directly to NWH rather than just posting on social media as they say they haven't been contacted at all.

SH was really happy to report that the pavilion is doing exceptionally well and gave credit to everyone involved. MAEDT raised concerns that rumours all Lloyds chemists may be closing after continued staffing issues at the Newtongrange branch. JT agreed to investigate and will report back. SH asked anyone who would like to volunteer to please get in contact.

MH thanked everyone for attending and the meeting was closed.