

Mayfield and Easthouses Community (MECC) Minutes of meeting

3 April 2024 7pm - Meeting held in Mayfield Church

Please note the minutes below are draft only until approved at the May Community Council meeting.

ATTENDEES

Robert Hogg (Chair), Judy Thomson (Treasurer), Stephen Liddell (Planning), Theresa Morrison, Michael Hogg, Craig Gallier, George Jackson, Cllr Peter Smaill, Cllr Bryan Pottinger, Sharon Hill, Michael Davidson, Gus Morrison, Diane Wilkie, Tam Ferguson, Ally Livingston.

Apologies

Tracy-Lee Arnit, Susan Ryan, Cllr Stuart McKenzie, Cal Haston, Katie Brash

1. Welcome and Apologies

RH welcomed everyone, noted the apologies (noted above). It was noted there was a mistake in the minutes from the last meeting that implied all three Councillors were present when they weren't. It was agreed to change them and on that basis they were approved by CG and seconded by RH. SH wasn't at the last meeting when the MAEDT defibrillator was announced but wanted to add there was a map of all registered devices so it was decided to add this link to the CC website. There was also an update about the memorial that needs some restoration in Easthouses. David Bishop is raising funds and there has been a Facebook page setup.

2. Correspondence

- RH had requested a meeting with the manager at the Newbattle Medical Practice but has received no response. RH to chase this up.

3. Police Report Highlights

- Ally Livingston attended the meeting and read out the Police Report for March 2024.
- MH asked if there were any concerns regarding the new hate crime law and the impact that may have on police time and resources.
- Ally praised the intelligence received from CC saying they've had a lot of success from that.
- He confirmed the bikes are legal to own and ride with land owners permission but illegal to use on the road.
- Fly tipping was raised as it's been discussed at Council meeting with police. Currently considering getting a mound built back up or maybe some barriers.
- DW reported XL bullies with no muzzle on in the area by the doctors (field behind NWH).
- Agreed to provide two men with quad bikes for the gala day.

4. Planning

- A site visit was held at the new Easthouses Primary School, which is on schedule to be completed by August 2024 and will be a great asset. There is a pelican crossing planned for the new school.
- The safe route to school was discussed again with maps of possibilities shown. Councillors were asked to investigate this with officers.
- Recent planning application for Scott's Caravan Park was denied at Council meeting. CC were disappointed. SL had given detailed report at March meeting giving reasons for it to be approved but only one Councillor was present. SL said planning meeting denied there was a response from health board but there clearly was. BP said the response was from the local

GP rather than the health board.

- Concern raised about construction vehicles for the new Mayfield Community Campus. Aim to try to get them to all go in one preferred route. Concern also about contractor's parking as it has been an issue as it has been for developments in the past.

5. Environment

CG told the meeting about Crow bangers being used behind Kippielaw Steading. They sound like small fireworks. He also agreed to get an update about the fly tipping and it was proving to continue to be an issue.

6. Councillors Report

- Cllr Pottinger advised that the footpaths at Mayfield roundabout have been deemed unsafe. He also mentioned the useful visit to the school and that he thinks he we should be able to specify land for amenity housing on the local plan.
- Cllr Smaill raises pavement parking as likely to be an issue in Mayfield now that it is illegal. Is there anywhere that could be developed for parking? DW mentioned grassy area up to Westhouses from Bogwood Road.

7. Treasurer Report

- Only outgoings this month is hire cost for church for meeting (£30) and the cheque was cashed to pay for the wreath for remembrance. Agreement to give £100 donation to war memorial fund. RH needs to confirm which pot of money the donation can come out of. Balance is £7307.99.

8. Other Business:

- SH said she was pleased that large grants have been extended for another year. MAEDT has a year and a half funding left currently. Also, very pleased with café and how it's becoming busy. They are now open on Saturday mornings.
- Pot holes were raised again as a ongoing problem in the area. CC would like to publish data of what the Pothole Pro has actually done in the area as the general feeling from the public is that they never see it. Reminder that there's a website to submit photos of potholes.
- Following a joint meeting with Newtongrange about the Crawlees Road, it was agreed to chase up the safe guarded route for the Springfield development (South Mayfield, etc).
- RH thanked everyone for attending and the meeting was closed.