

Tuesday February 9th, 2021 at 7:00pm. Online (Microsoft Teams)

Present: Dave Armstrong Gordon MacDonald Nick Marshall (chair)

Ian Murray Fiona Clark Charlie Wood

Councillors: John McLellan Alex Staniforth Ethan Young

Apologies: Joan Griffiths

Liam Lamb Sara Matos

Other members of the public.

1. Welcome and introduction

Nick Marshall welcomed everyone to the meeting. He reminded everyone that this was a meeting of the community council held in public, though members of the public would be given as much chance to contribute as is possible.

2. Approval of minutes of last meeting (4/3/20)

No issues were raised and the minutes were approved.

3. Matters arising

There were no matters arising.

4. Changes to the Community Council

Treasurer

The following nominations for co-treasurer were approved.

Frances Devlin – proposed Nick Marshall, seconded Gordon MacDonald.

John Nisbet – proposed Nick Marshall, seconded Fiona Clark.

Co-option.

The following nominations for co-option to the community council were approved.

Liam Lamb – proposed Fiona Clark seconded Ian Murray.

Sara Matos – proposed Fiona Clark, seconded Gordon MacDonald.

5. Treasurer's Report

Treasurer's report was submitted by email. The balance of our account is currently £3666.72.

It was agreed that Fiona Clarke be added as a cheque signatory, alongside Frances Devlin and John Nisbet.

6. Roads and transport

Duddingston Road

Two members of the public raised issues with the introduction of cycle lanes on Duddingston Road as part of the Spaces for People scheme. They are in the process of setting up a residents' association for the area. The main issues raised were lack of consultation, the design and displacement of parking onto nearby streets.

The co-chair of Parsons Green Primary School Parent Council was present and stated that there had been consultation with the local primary schools, and that the scheme addressed important issues with safe, healthy and sustainable routes to schools.

The secretary reported community council had shared details of the consultation but was unable to do more given the tight timescale. We have received three emails on the subject.

There will be a public meeting on February 10th that a representative of the community council will attend and report back.

69 Bus

Ongoing issue. It seems very unlikely that any change will we made in the short term but we should continue to help make the case for a service in the longer term.

Smoky Brae

The council are looking at ways to improve Smokey Brae for pedestrians. Proposals will be put forward in the next few months.

7. Development planning

Meadowbank

Cllr McLellan reported that the residential plans are largely complete though still to go through the planning process. Current estimates are that work will commence in 2024 and complete by 2026.

Dave Armstrong reported back from Sounding Board, which is running smoothly.

When this comes to planning, we will collaborate on a response with our neighbouring Craigentenny and Meadowbank Community Council.

Barrel House

We have received one email expressing concern about the plans to convert The Barrel House Site to housing and student accommodation. We received a pre-consultation request for input to which we were unable to respond. There will be a planning application in due course.

8. Public Forum

No items.

9. AOCB

No items.

10. Date of next meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday March 23rd, 2021 at 7:00pm.