

Local politicians call for new community centre in Morningside

✘ Conservative politicians, Lothians MSP Miles Briggs and Councillor Nick Cook who is standing for re-election in 2017, are calling on the City of Edinburgh Council to undertake a feasibility study into developing a new Community Centre in Morningside. Miles and Nick made the call in light of the sale of the much-used Cluny Centre in Cluny Drive.

Commenting Miles Briggs, recently attended a meeting of the 103rd Braid Scout group at the Cluny Centre which is one of the many community groups using the site. He said: “The sale of the Cluny Centre has highlighted the fact that Morningside, unlike many other communities across the city, does not have its own community centre and therefore local people have to rely on school, charity and third sector buildings for meeting space.

“It is welcome that the Church of Scotland will be building a new hall at Morningside Parish Church on Braid Road but given the area’s growing population and the number of local clubs, exercise, dance and play groups requiring community space, I think the Council should investigate whether a new Community Centre in the area could be taken forward. Such a centre would be a real boost to local residents and groups across the south of the city.”

Councillor Nick Cook said: “As elected representatives, we have an important role to play in supporting and encouraging the fantastic work done by the many community groups in Morningside.

“ As part of this, we must ensure all options are considered

to ensure suitable facilities are available within the community.”