**Corstorphine Community Council Monthly Meeting – Minutes**

**Date:** 20 November 2016

**Time:** 19:00-21:00

**Location:** Heritage Centre, Dower House, St. Margaret’s Park, Corstorphine

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**Attendees**

W Hope, I Meiklejohn, T Ni Lionnain, B Rodrey, K Wright (Drumbrae CC), S Ramsay, G Swann (Friends of Corstorphine Hill), I Kirkpatrick (Corstorphine Churches Together), E Donaldson, C Stewart, R Moran, J Yellowlees (Murrayfield CC), K Givan, T McLean (CYCC), F Ross (Edinburgh City Council), D McCall, J Beck, S Kerr, PC Julian Peukert

**Apologies**

J Balfour, P Edie, B Lloyd, P Laing, C Gubby, C Connachan, J Melville

**Police Report –** PC Julian Peukert

Community policing has begun (3 weeks in), with PC Ewan Sinclair and PC Sam Davidson.  PC Peukert lives in area so is invested in community. Led by Inspector Stephen Sutherland and PS RIchard Holmewood.   This initiative has three groups across Corstorphine, Murrayfield and Drumbrae.  
  
No longer have to also deal with response issues, so more time to be on foot and actually in the community.  
  
Recorded crimes - 46 since 20th Oct to today.  20 solved; 26 in progress. These include some reported youth issues at Corstorphine McDonald’s (security staff now employed for weekends), as well as around Drumbrae. Also, five housebreakings (it is noted that Operation RACK is still ongoing), five minor assaults, seven road offenses, two motor bike thefts, theft of fencing materials, one car break-in, one shoplifting incident, stones thrown at local buses, and graffiti at Carrick Knowe Church and Carrick Knowe Primary.  
  
S Ramsay comments that speeding down high street at night/rush hour is prevalent and dangerous.

**ACTION** - PC Peukert will make note and ensure this issue is raised. In the meantime, the Police will continue to do random speed checks.

Request raised by Member of the Public for a full list of the community policing teams and their remit.  
**ACTION** - PC Peukert will send to this group, for distribution with minutes.

**Councillors’ Reports and Questions** – Frank Ross

Update on previous issues raised:

* White Lady Crossing - down from 3 minutes to 45 seconds, once cross button pressed
* Overgrown hedges on Manse Road, High Street, Featherhall – all cut
* Reported rubbish tip still under investigation
* Carrick Knowe footbridge repaired
* Maybury and Cammo areas will be part of final development plan to be distributed by Council

(money required for schools/amenities for these, but source of funds still to be determined; developers have not agreed to cover costs)

* Garden District and Edmonston developers are planning to pay for schools and health amenities.

Discussion held regarding budget availability for resourcing new health clinics and schools once created, as well as ways to encourage development of land that does not have such a potential negative impact on the local infrastructure.

F Ross attended today’s Modern Apprenticeship presentations (related programmes - JET, JET Plus, Youth Employment Council, etc). Feels very positive programme that will encourage teens and peers to consider other successful paths, versus only university.

**Subcommittee Reports**

**Planning Report** – Warren Hope

**ACTION** – If anyone has not received W Hope’s 1st November planning report, they should email [warrenhope@aol.com](mailto:warrenhope@aol.com). Highlights attached to minutes (Appendix 1).  
  
Discussion held regarding plans for development of 1400 houses on Turnhouse Road, with questions raised regarding expected impact on local traffic. Also mentioned was lack of perceived cooperation on part of developer to share documentation for analysis.

**ACTION –** F Ross will research and provide hierarchy on such planning documents/progress.

Bus gateway now open for Edinburgh Gateway train station. Issue raised that Lothian Buses have no plans to drive into new station due to impact on schedules.  Concerns raised due to fact that this decision conflicts communication from Lothian Buses prior to beginning of station build, and that the communication by ScotRail was neither clear nor comprehensive.

**ACTION** – W Hope will raise these issues in official CCC response to planners.

Attendee John Yellowlees, representing Murrayfield CC but acting in his role as ScotRail employee, addressed some concerns raised. It is also recommended that items raised be directly communicated to Transport Scotland.

**ACTION** – J Yellowlees will send a comprehensive response; attached to minutes (Appendix 2).

Proposal of major housing development at Pinkhill Park, replacing current offices with residencies, but using footprint.  Legal rep for developer would like to meet with members of CCC to explain project. **It is noted that such a meeting does not in any way infer approval for this development on behalf of the CCC.**

**ACTION –** W Hope will schedule in coming week.

SESPLan - closure for representation/community council responses on the 25th of November.

**ACTION** - Planning SubGroup to meet ahead of this date to discuss/agree response.  W Hope will coordinate.

**Business & Amenities Sub Group** – Thea Ni Lionnain  
  
First subgroup meeting held 8th November; minutes attached (Appendix 3). Goals of the group were clarified, including the need to create a branding campaign (with Edinburgh Napier students) to market Corstorphine as a green/walking village (with expectation that this may also help increase business in the area). Expectation that this will look at history of village while looking to the future.

S Kerr notes that any brief created will take local opinion into account. This brief will form a part of the CCC Prospectus which will articulate the main themes of focus for the coming three-year tenure.

**DECISION** – It is agreed by all that Prospectus could bolt onto Edinburgh Council’s 2020 vision as a local building block.

Debate held amongst attendees regarding local community and actual impact this project will have. Some members question possibility of success of such work/improving and increasing business, especially due to age of community and lack of development on St John’s Road. Others note that it will take a positive view of the future and hard work, but that there is a need for a more vibrant business community, as well as more marketing of what currently exists for residents.

T McLean, representing the CYCC, requests to be a member of this sub group and that a Youth SubGroup be created.

**ACTION** – S Kerr will raise suggestion to Youth Coordinator, Calum Gubby.

Corstorphine Trade Association (CTA) launch event to come (Cafe Vigo). Expectation is that this will be a business advice event (marketing, networking).  If successful, will start a calendar of events. **It is noted that the CTA will be a separate entity to CCC once active.**

**ACTION –** S Kerr will attend upcoming Murrayfield CC meeting to explain idea behind establishment of CTA as Murrayfield looks to do something in similar vein.

**DECISION -** Local business owners will be invited to upcoming December CCC Xmas party.  
  
K Wright suggests that the B&A group reach out to Edinburgh Council to connect with current free wifi initiative.

**ACTION** – T Ni Lionnain will investigate.

It is noted that Environment Subgroup is new name for Traffic Subgroup. This will be led by Susan Murray.

**Minutes of Previous Meeting** – Steve Kerr   
Proposed by W Hope; seconded by I Meiklejohn (no changes/no debates).

**Treasurer’s Report** – Steve Kerr

**ACTION** – S Kerr/D McCall to work on transfer role ownership (note that new signatories needed for bank account).   
£918.00 is current balance in CCC account.

**December Christmas Party** – Steve Kerr  
**DECISION** – all agree to proposed party date of 7th December.

**ACTION –** All who wish to attend owe member C Stewart £3, for the food.

**ACTION –** S Kerr will work with Huseyin Simsek to invite local business owners, Corstorphine Grapevine owners, school reps, etc.  
  
**Correspondence and Social Media –** Iwona Meiklejohn  
New CCC advert has been created and submitted to the Corstorphine Grapevine.

**ACTION** – New CCC business cards are to be ordered and distributed by I Meiklejohn.

**Any Other Business** – All Attendees  
  
I Kirkpatrick

* 'Let's Talk Corstorphine' magazine distributed; next version due out in June (copy due 15th April)

S Kerr

* New challenge fund available for challenging Islamaphobia across the city; the CCC can apply for this positive grant if feel relevant to any upcoming project.
* Funders' meeting at Tynecastle (Gorgie Suite) on 8th Dec (between 11am and 2pm).

**ACTION** – J Beck/D McCall to attend.

* 3rd December morning training session scheduled for Community Council members.

**ACTION** – S Kerr will send information to all members.

**ACTION** – correct version of contact information to be sent to all members by J Beck.

***Appendix 1***

**Planning Report – Corstorphine Community Council meeting – Wednesday 16th. November 2016**

**Matters carried over from previous meetings**

16/02979/FUL for substantial new build house in large garden of existing dwelling at 1A Ladywell Rd.

(Agent for private owner McLaren Murdoch & Hamilton). E – mail dated 5/07/2017 from agent representative Gaynor Ross with request for presentation at forth coming C.C. meeting fearing local objections – **expiry** **date for objections expected around 21/07/2016**

**No further communications received from Gaynor Ross since last planning report - only one local resident reported as expressing objections to proposal.**

**GRANTED**

**Matters arising since last meeting**

16/03906/FUL for demolition of old electricity substation in Saughton Rd. North and erection of new on chosen site.

**GRANTED**

16/03933/ADV at 30 Meadowplace Rd. for fascia signage – 9 illuminated and 68 non illuminated signs to be mounted above entrance frontage with various advertising and directional messages – ‘Welcome’, ‘Click & Collect’, Goodbye’, ‘Petrol’, ‘Pay at Pump’ and coloured parking zone indications etc.

**GRANTED** (TESCO STORES).

16/04266/ADV at 70 St. John’s Rd. for installation of internally illuminated facia sign & illumimated projecting sign. ( ‘Specksavers Optical’).

**GRANTED**

Various Permitted Notifications, Telecoms (PNT’s) for equipment upgrades etc. –

16/03865/PNT at 8m S. of 1 Corstorphine House Terrace.

16/04448/PNT at 14m E. of 36 S. Gyle Gdns.

16/04450/PNT at 48m S. of 109 Gyle Park Gdns.

16/04455/PNT at 169m N.W. 2 Redheughs Rigg.

16/04456/PNT at 48m N.E. 61 Drum Brae South

16/04832/PNT at 17 m S.E. of 35 Gordon Rd.

16/04835/PNT at 26 m S.E. 1 Belgrave Rd.

16/04837/PNT at 13 m N. of 1 Belgrave Rd.

16/04838/PNT at 10 m E. of 23 Clermiston Rd.

**ALL PERMITTED DEVELOPMENTS**

16/04521/ADV at 30 Meadowplace Rd. for non illuminated vinyl facia signage and graphics advertising a ‘Timpson Pod’ for dry cleaning and repair services.

**GRANTED** (TESCO STORES).

16/04584/FUL at 70 St. John’s Rd. for installation of 4 air conditioning units to rear of property.

**GRANTED** (SPECKSAVERS OPTICAL).

16/04738/PPP On land 100m N, E, of 19 Turnhouse Rd. for a residential development of up to 1400 units with ancillary commercial units (class1, retail and class 2, financial/professional)) with landscaping and access etc. The application has been submitted by ‘*ICENI PROJECTS’* which is presumably a sub division of JVA James Barr of Cardross Assets Management Ltd. who submitted original 14/04156/PAN on this site and is one of the areas identified for housing development under the revised Local Development Plan currently undergoing evaluation. The detailed plans and correspondence (36 documents) are now displayed on the Planning Portal website including a 56 page traffic assessment including proposals for a traffic lights controlled junction on Craigs Rd. / Maybury Rd. and upgrade of the Maybury Rd. / Glasgow Rd. junction.

**The Community Council is a statutory consultee and received a letter dated 21/10/2016 from the planning officer (Francis Newton) confirming extension of the period of representations by 21 days from date of writing (i.e. till 18/11/2016). The letter also contained a CD Disc from the developers containing all 36 files displayed on the planning website portal (120mb size).**

**The expiry date for comments after due discussion at the Community Council meeting on 16/11/2016 is thus 18th. November 2016** with expected determination around February 2017. Developer Contact is [IGallacher@iceniprojects.cm](mailto:IGallacher@iceniprojects.cm)

PAN (PROPOSAL OF APPLICATION NOTICE) AT 33 PPINKHILL PARK FOR MAJOR DEVELOPMENT OF FLATTED ACCOMMODATION

An e – mail with enclosed site boundary map file has been received by the C.C. Chairman from Lucy Sumner – representative of Halliday Fraser Munro, Dandara & AECOM (Tech. Consultants) – for a major development at the above location. It is expected that the development will be greater than 49 flatted apartments and hence will constitute a Major Development with statutory 12 weeks public consultation exercise.

The developers are willing to engage with the Community Council and give a presentation at a forth coming meeting which hopefully can be duly arranged.

Questions meantime can be referred to Lucy Sumner at [Lucy.Sumner@hfm.co.uk](mailto:Lucy.Sumner@hfm.co.uk)

**Other Matters**

**P.A.S. WEEKLY PLANNING NEWS e - BULLETINS (Electronic Circulation)** links to newspaper items etc. highlighted since last meeting include –

**Edinburgh related issues –** Capital Planning Decisions lagging behind the rest of the U.K.

Foundations prepared for new Art Gallery on Calton Hill. New Portobello High School finally reopens. Community buy out of Porty Church given go – ahead. Murrayfield Ice Rink under threat from hotel development plan. Work to begin on £1b St. James Centre re – vamp. Plans Revealed for

£25m re – vamp of Muirhouse Shopping Centre. The £3m Calton Hill Observatory re – vamp gets underway. Hotel Developers launch new bid to redevelop the Royal High School. ‘Old and New Towns World Heritage Site Management Plan Review Consultation Results’ are available on the Edinburgh City Council website.

**General Interest** – New Scottish Land Commission to be based in Inverness.

**SOUTH EAST SCOTLAND STRATEGIC DEVELOPMENT PLAN (SESPlan),**

The viewing opportunity at Edinburgh City Chambers on Monday 7th. November 2016 from 3.00 p.m. till 6.30 p.m. was attended by W. Hope.

The local authorities involved are Fife, City of Edinburgh, East Lothian, West Lothian, Mid Lothian and Scottish Borders Region and considers transport, housing, social & environmental factors, general infrastructure and potentials for future growth and development etc. with general discouragement of car usage and unnecessary transportation. After completion of due consultation process and submission to Scottish Government Ministers in 2017 final approval is expected in 2018.

Representations can be submitted directly at [www.sesplan-consult.objective.co.uk/portal/proposedplan16](http://www.sesplan-consult.objective.co.uk/portal/proposedplan16)

or through the website at [www.sesplan.gov.uk](http://www.sesplan.gov.uk) . The SES team can also be contacted at [contactus@sesplan.gov.uk](mailto:contactus@sesplan.gov.uk) or by phone at 01506 282883.

**The closure for representations is 5 p.m. on Thursday 24th. November 2016.**

**There is thus opportunity for representations on behalf of the Community Council to be submitted following discussion at the November meeting.**

**PLAY YOPUR PART QUESTION TIME AT EDINBURGH CITY CHAMBER FROM 7.15 p.m. TILL 9.45 p.m. ON 10th. NOVEMBER 2016**

Attended by W. Hope – Present were City Councilors Andrew Burns (Council Leader), Alastair Rankine (Finance), Adam McVey (Transport & Environment), Ricky Henderson (Social Care) and Frank Ross (Deputy Leader).

Discussions initially centered on the growth of Edinburgh with population now >0.5 million and 100 new arrivals per week with need to house and accommodate such numbers. Then came the proplems of finance with only 20% being raised from council tax, the rest from Scottish & U.K. Governments – a raise of council tax is thus inevitable. Discussions on planning issues concerned use of open and disused spaces, the contentious hotel developments at the Central Library and Royal High School and the perceived lack of public consultation and ‘Asset Stripping’ in regarding to many major developments.

Other questions concerned transport policy & cycling, rubbish collection and trade waste, ‘wifi’ availability in city parks, the possibility of introduction of a ‘Tourist Tax’, the effect of ‘Brexit’, Social Care Issues, job cutting by the Council and care of parks & woodlands by local interest groups.

Further information should be available at [www.edinburgh.gov.uk/PlayYourPart](http://www.edinburgh.gov.uk/PlayYourPart)

**EDINBURGH ASSOCIATION OF COMMUNITY COUNCILS (EACC) Annual General Meeting on Saturday 26th. November 2016 from 10 a.m. till 12 a.m.in the European Room of Edinburgh City Chambers.**

At this meeting Andrea Kerr will give apresentation entitled ‘ City Vision 2050.’.

Papers of previous meetings and further details can be obtained at [www.edinburghcommunitycouncils.org.uk](http://www.edinburghcommunitycouncils.org.uk) or from the secretary at [secretary@edinburghcommunitycouncils.org.uk](mailto:secretary@edinburghcommunitycouncils.org.uk)

W. Hope expects to attend on behalf of Corstorphine Community Council.

**General Interest & Information – Local but out with Corstorphine Community Council area**

(Murrayfield C.C.) 16/03658/FUL at Dunstan Ho. Hotel, 4 West Coats for new dining room extension and also -

16/03670/LBC at above (Listed Bld. Consent), for new extension to rear with en suite reconfigured through out 1st. & 2nd. floors.

**GRANTED**

(Drumbrae C.C,) 16/04834/FUL at 2 Ardshiel Ave. for demolition of single house and erection of residential development of 6 dwellings. (Southside Company Services Ltd. & Rothesay Investments Ltd.,

(Ratho C.C.) 16/04861/FUL for development of 133 dwellings on land adjacent to 132 Glasgow Rd. ,Newbridge

(Ratho C.C.) 16/05145/PAN at 1 – 4 Edinburgh Airport Police Station, Almond Rd., for demolition of existing buildings and mixed use development including hotel (class 7), food and drink (class 3), petrol filling station, retail, offices and associated infrastructure, servicing, parking and landscaping etc.

**CONSULTATION APPROVED**

(Murrayfield C.C.) 16/05245/FUL to combine property nos. 6 – 8 Murrayfield Pl. to form one premise and change use to food and drink establishment (class 3) and re-paint front facade.

(Murrayfield C.C.) 16/05268//PAN for residential and mixed use development with associated infrastructure, access and landscaping at Murrayfield Ice Rink site at 13 Riverside Cresc.

This is a major development with specific classes yet to be assigned and times and locations of public events under the statutory 12 weeks consultation period yet not available on planning portal at time of writing. Development by ‘Murrayfield 2020 Ltd.’ and RFA Development Ltd.

**CONSULTATION APPROVED**

***Appendix 2***

**Corstorphine Community Council Business Working Group**

**Meeting:** 8th of November 2016, Dower House.

**Attendees:** Steve Kerr, Jonathan Melville, Susan Murray, Becky Lloyd, Huseyin Simsek, Thea Ní Lionnáin

**Apologies**: Jennifer Beck & Claire Connachan

**Meeting Minutes**

**Purpose:**

Following a group discussions it was agreed that the purpose of the Business Working Group (BWG) will be to **Develop the Business Opportunities for Scottish SMEs and Sole Traders within the Corstorphine Community Council area**.

**Goals:**

A number of BMG goals discussed by the group including:

1. The Diversification of the High Street, additionally trying to replicate the “Dig In” not for profit green grocer in Bruntsfield w: <http://www.diginbruntsfield.co.uk/>
2. Development of a business hub, for local businesses to accessing suitable desk and meeting space.
3. Development of a campaign to highlight cafe’s in Corstorphine were local businesses are welcome to undertake business and access their wifi.
4. Potentially the traders association championing a campaign to make Corstorphine a free wifi area.
5. Development of a vision document, which clearly details the ambitions and growth opportunities for Corstorphine businesses. Document to be circulated to stakeholders, and utilised in funding applications.
6. Promotion of Corstorphine business area, whereby we are demonstrating a “thriving business community at the heart” of Corstorphine.
7. Revamping of high street to include further bike racks and planters.
8. Development of a Corstorphine Business Directory, where local business can advertise and be easily identified.
9. Development of a “Shop local Campaign”, further ideas included the launch of Corstorphine Card (a discount card for residents of Corstorphine).
10. Branding campaign to customers, highlighting “Corstorphine as the walking village”. Additionally highlighting the green spaces within the area, CCC area is surrounded by green spaces.

**Actions:**

1. The development of a vision document, to include BWG goals and timescales.

Outcomes

1. Resource document for funding applications.
2. Demonstrator for external stakeholders eg: Hunter Foundation, E-Spark, and Edinburgh City Council.

**Lead:** Steve Kerr, Susan , and Thea Ni Lionnain to develop an initial plan/draft.

1. Market research to be undertaken to identify all businesses in CCC area

Outcomes:

1. To enable analysis of business base, and to highlight the diversity of businesses within CCC area.
2. Shape approach to creation of business hub.
3. Assist with the development of Business Directory.
4. Enable targeting of businesses for Corstorphine Card Campaign.

**Lead:** Thea to request market research through Scottish Enterprise market research team. Becky to circulate market research she has collated to date.

1. Identify local businesses on high street willing to be promote their cafe spaces for business meetings, and highlight their free wifi.

**Lead:** Huseyin to lead.

1. Development of aesthetic of Corstorphine High Street, to make area more inviting for businesses and customers.
2. Erection of further bike racks on High street.

**Lead:** Jon to pinpoint potential location for bike racks.

1. Planters to be placed on high street.

**Lead:** Susan to investigate further with local planning.

1. Development of branding campaign to highlight Corstorphine as a green town, to encourage further customers to travel to Corstorphine.

Thoughts:

1. Spot the animals campaign, encouraging visitors from Corstorphine Zoo to walk through Corstorphine.
2. Promotion of CCC area as a green area space eg: nature reserve on Corstorphine hill, local golf courses etc.
3. Potential large branding campaign with tourist providers, eg: Holiday Inn, B&Bs etc.
4. “Corstorphine the walking village”.
5. Development of a shop local campaign.

**Lead:** Thea to contact Edinburgh Napier University about a potential marketing campaign project. Steve to speak with Marketing Edinburgh.

1. Traders Association launch event to be undertaken.
2. Business advice event to be undertaken at Cafe Vigo in mid December. Susan has offered to locate speaker via her professional network.
3. Potential to consider a calendar of Corstorphine Business Networking events.

**Lead:** Huseyin and Susan.

1. Local businesses to be given an opportunity to show case their products and services at CCC Christmas CCC meeting.

**Lead:** Huseyin to coordinate.

***Appendix 3***

Information from John Yellowlees, of ScotRail (provided via email):

*The new £41M interchange at Edinburgh Gateway joins the ScotRail network on 11 December, and will provide a covered link between the Fife lines and Edinburgh Trams to and from Edinburgh Airport and major employers at Gogarburn and Edinburgh Park. There will also be direct access into the Gyle Centre. Four trains an hour in each direction will call at Edinburgh Gateway, two Fife locals and one each to Dundee and Perth or Inverness.*

*During the day no trains will call at both Edinburgh Gateway and South Gyle because they are so close together, and as the main flow at South Gyle is from and to Fife calls there will revert to their pre-1998 frequency of twice hourly in each direction, with a third call in the peaks : so as to provide a direct service to both Dunfermline and Kirkcaldy, the pattern will be asymmetrical until an improved timetable becomes possible in 2019. It is expected that many users who now transfer to and from minibuses at South Gyle will henceforth switch to the tram at Edinburgh Gateway, and the overall outcome will be to improve connectivity in North West Edinburgh, with a combined total of 6 calls per hour at both stations compared with 4 currently at South Gyle.*