**CORSTORPHINE COMMUNITY COUNCIL.**

**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 19TH OCTOBER 2016**

**IN THE HERITAGE CENTRE.**

1. **Present.** S. Kerr (Acting Chairman), W. Hope, I. Meiklejohn, I. Todd, Mrs. D. McCall, B. Rattray, J. Beck, R. Mirvan, G. Hart, Mrs C. Stewart, I. Kirkpatrick, T. Lionnain, Mrs S. Ramsay, S. Murray, J.Melville, H. Simsek, K. Swinney (Secretary), Cllr. F. Ross, Cllr. P. Edie, PC S. Davison and PC K. McKenzie Lothian & Borders Police Force, and one member of the public.
2. **Apologies for Absence.** Cllr. J. Balfour, T. McLean, C. Gubby, P. Laing, G. Swan Friends of Corstorphine Hill, B. Lloyd, C. Connachan, E. Donaldson, and K.Givan.
3. **Police Report.** PC Sam Davison reported July /August there were 32 recorded crimes down from 67 last year same period. Housebreakings were 3 compared with 5 last year. Thefts are down from 25 to 6. And assaults from 2 to 1. Officers are continuing with a local speed campaign along with St. John’s Road and Balgreen Road. A few incidents of bogus workmen reported taking advantage of the trust and goodwill of householders particularly the elderly, yet many incidents go unreported. If you could look out for your vulnerable neighbours and please follow (and pass on) this advice. If someone calls claiming to be a workman of any description, demand to see identification ---genuine workmen will not object and should produce their **ID.**

Bogus callers tend to be plausible, do not be put off by their patter. If suspicious shut the door, call the police on 101 or 999. It is recommended to use the Edinburgh Trusted Trader Scheme. [www.trustedtrader.scot](http://www.trustedtrader.scot) when looking for a tradesman. We are coming to **Bonefire Night** please look out for any build up of bonefires and report to the Council on 0131 200 200 and they will uplift. Any questions for the police visit [www.askthe.scottish.police.force](http://www.askthe.scottish.police.force) they will put you in the right direction.  **This Point The Acting Chairman Stood Down To Cllr F. Ross The Election Officer.** The The Election Officer announced that 10 nominations had been received and approved for the following individuals to be members of the C/ C/ C.

Jennifer Beck. Calum Gubby. Warren Hope. Steve Kerr.

Debbie McCall. Iwona Meiklejohn. Susan Murray. Brian Rattray.

Cora Stewart. Ian Todd.

The Election Officer called for nominations for Chairman.

Steve Kerr nominated by Brian Rafferty, seconded by Warren Hope.

 The election Officer handed the chair to Chairman Steve Kerr.

 **Chairman Steve Kerr.**

 Nomination called for Vice chairman. Held over to later date.

Nominations called for Secretary. Jennifer Beck nominated by Iwona Meiklejohn, seconded by K. Swinney.

**Secretary Jennifer Beck.**

Nominations called for Treasurer. Debbie McCall nominated by Steve Kerr seconded by K. Swinney.

**Treasurer Debbie McCall.**

**The following Individuals were co-opted onto the Council.**

 Claire Connachan. Elsbeth Donaldson. Patricia Laing.

 Jonathan Melville. Russel Moran. Thea Ni Lionnain

 Huseyin Simsek joins the Council preparatory to establishing the Corstorphine Traders Association.

 We have now reached the maximum numbers of the Community Council.

 The City Council have subsequently advised that Corstorphine Churches Together;

 The Corstorphine Trust; The Corstorphine Rotary are all Approved Local Interest

 Groups. The Friends of Corstorphine Hill require to provide further detail before

 Approval. When the Traders Association is established this will take our Interest

 Group membership to five of a possible eight. This is an significant improvement.

 The Chairman suggested that our future meetings commence at 7.00pm with a

 9.00 /9.30pm finish. S. Kerr proposed and J. Melville seconded.

 4. **Councillor Reports and Questions.**  Cllr. Ross reported the new road tarring surfaces

 were settling down and additional new areas were being laid with a different

 material. The bus shelter on St.John’s Road (Kirk Loan) is due to be fitted in

 November. The 64 /68 bus services are still under discussion with the Council.

 Pathway ay Lloyds due to have repairs carried out. Complaint made of motor cycles

 racing through the area. Complaint made of the severe change of timing on the

 pedestrian crossing at the White Lady encouraging the public to take a chance to

 cross. Further complaint made of skips placed in a garden on Broomhall Gardens

 taking material coming from other areas.

1. **Youth Report.** Under 8’s Hallowe’en Event on Saturday 29th October –come along for dooking, crafts, face painting, or just drop in. A Craft Fair is taking place on Saturday, 12th December. There will be lots of stalls with gifts, perfect for early Christmas shopping! Entry is free, and please just get in touch with the Corstorphine Hub on St. John’s Road if you desire a stall. The Autumn programme for the Corstorphine Youth Centre is now available on its website and its Facebookpage.
2. **Minutes of Meeting 21st September 2016.** Minutes of meeting held on 21st September 2016 had been circulated. Mrs S. Ramsay proposed acceptance, seconded by Mrs D. McCall. The minutes were agreed.
3. **Treasurer’s Report.** The current bank balance is standing at £908.22p.
4. **Sub Committees.** Currently run with Amenities / Planning / Traffic. Planning to continue with W.Hope as Convenor. The meeting resolved that what had formerly been the Traffic Sub – Group of the C/C/C should be renamed the Environment Sub Group to look at relevant issues in a more holistic manner. A new Business Sub Group was established with Thea Ni Lionnain acting as Convenor. This group would have its first meeting on Tuesday 8th November.
5. **Placemaking Exercise.** This had proved a successful effort bringing in new ideas from the outside public and now being put together with the Council, hoping for the results before the end of the year.
6. **Servicing The Changes.** Still time to have your say on the City Council Finances send in your ideas on how the money should be spent. Now is your chance send now.

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1. **Business Ideas.**  Discussion opened up with what results would come from the Placemaking Exercise and how it would rate Corstorphine. A member raised their serious concerns of St. John’s Road being the most polluted road in Scotland. Asked what they would do and answered make Corstorphine pedestrianised. It was suggested things could be done. Address rat runs with bollarding, close off residential streets, reduce the types of traffic using our main roads. Introduce walking or cycling areas for school children. The increased waiting time at the White Lady pedestrian crossing meant more vehicles went through. Change it to be longer time for crossing. Drivers will find other routes.
2. **Correspondence.** Spokes Cycle Bulletin.
3. **Any Other Competent Business.**

Reminding members next months meeting the 16th November at rearranged time of 7.00pm sharp.

**MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WELCOME.**