**Corstorphine Community Council Monthly Meeting – Minutes**

**Date:** 07 December 2016

**Time:** 19:00-20:00 (followed by Christmas party, from 20:00)

**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, T McLean, F Ross (Edinburgh City Council), D McCall, J Beck, S Kerr, PC Julian Peukert (Police Scotland), E Donaldson, J Forbes (MCC), D Latimer, Rev. J Griggs (St. Anne’s), I Todd, C Gubby, C Connachan, G Swann (FoCH), T Rae (Craigmount HS), S Murray

**Apologies**

J Balfour, P Laing, T Ni Lionnan, B Rattray, J Melville, M Thomson

**Police Report –** PC Julian Peukert

Significant reduction of youth crimes in last month. Six domestic house break-ins, no business break-ins. No serious assaults, but one minor youth-related assault on bus. Two road traffic issues raised to fiscal, one delivery vehicle theft, and four other thefts including bike and mobile. One incident of public indecency.

**NOTE:** Local distribution of counterfeit currency, bogus workmen falsely assessing elderly people’s homes as needing work, and one incident of over-phone bank fraud, leading to loss of £32,000.

2017/2018 policing strategy in process of being created with planned focus on home break-ins and anti-social behaviour.

**ACTION**: Public and Members can give feedback via website: <http://www.scotland.police.uk/contact-us/>

Attendee question (I Todd): Can anything be done regarding public parking in N Gyle Grove/Terrace area?
Police Scotland answer: Advised that if personal property is obstructed, then can call police. Otherwise, no legal recourse.

F Ross notes that parking on pavement is not currently illegal unless pram or wheelchair cannot go past.

Featherhall traffic and parking issues raised.

**Councillor’s Report** – Councillor Frank Ross

Update on previous issues raised:

* Missing bus shelters have been replaced.
* Featherhall hedge still to be cut.
* Tree pit outside Guitar Guitar still to be cleared.

Other notices/concerns raised:

* South Beechwood residents contacted Councillor Ross with concerns regarding two years’ work on care home, which is to commence immediately.
* Living Landscape consultation to be moved to January, but will not include members of public, which raises concerns due to lack of ability for public comment.
* Gogar Interchange to open 11th December; still no Lothian bus link, which prevents usage by NW and SW residences.
* Christmas lights not available due to cost to replace faulty lights. Commitment had been made that officials will look at capital budget in coming year, to replace. Cllr Ross notes that a February/March meeting will be held to discuss Christmas lights further. Suggestion made by member (J Beck) that local businesses foot at least portion of cost as way of giving to community. PC Peukert mentions example of Ullapool of how a community has managed similar funding.
* Other community improvement suggestions discussed.

**Planning Group** – Warren Hope

Focus items:

* Taylor Wimpy
* Craigmount High School extension – noted that planning proposal without council consultation will not be supported. T Rae, Craigmount Head Teacher, notes that communication around extension has been very tight. Offers to bring an officer from Craigmount HS to future CCC meeting to discuss extension with members and public (**ACTION**).
* James Barr – earlier application turned down due to traffic concerns.
* Upcoming presentation on local school proposals to be held the 18th of January at the Marriott Hotel.

Discussions held regarding needs for school funding for planned developments, as well as ways to encourage use of public transport by those who buy in said developments.

33 Pinkhill development recently the topic of a meeting between developer, legal rep, Chairman S Kerr, W Hope, and R Moran. No details provided to date; was a discussion of the planning process. **ACTION**: As planning progresses, S Kerr will ensure information is shared with Murrayfield CC.

Belgrave Road – a number of objectives were submitted to W Hope. Developer is still to upload drawings.

D Latimer raised need for health clinics to be covered in future infrastructure plans; F Ross notes that these are covered in council planning guidelines.

For further information on local planning, see December 2016 planning report, previously provided by W Hope.

**Business & Amenities Group** – Steve Kerr

Noted that T Ni Lionnan currently working on brief for this group, which includes a bid for Napier students to support project. More to come.

**DECISION** that Amenities will move to Environment group, led by S Murray. **ACTION:** S Kerr and S Murray will together design remit of this new Environment & Amenities group, which will cover traffic, greenspace, etc.

**DECISION** made that a Youth Subcommittee will convene; to be led by C Gubby.

Discussion regarding how subcommittees overlap with Neighbourhood Partnership/localities’ committees on same topic. S Kerr notes that such committees ensure a local focus/mouthpiece on broader topics/needs.

**AOB** – All

* T McLean asks that November minutes be updated to ensure that he is not listed as representative of CYCC.
* Islamaphobia Project Grant – members asked to submit ideas to S Kerr and J Beck (**ACTION**).
* New Zealand High Commissioner will be in town 24th February. Suggested that Ken Swinney, former CCC Secretary, be signatory. T Rae asked to join as student representative. Expected max number of attendees is 40.
* Public expresses appreciation to Council for Christmas tree.
* Refuse collection issue in North Gyle (grey and food bins) noted. Also, similar issue on Craigs Road. ACITON: T McLean will send photo to F Ross, who will ensure acted upon.
* 13 Kirk Loan has been sold.
* 29th May thru 3rd June – Family fun days and CYCC festival.
* All meeting and Christmas party guests warmly welcomed.