**Corstorphine Community Council Monthly Meeting – Minutes**

**Date:** 15 February 2017

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

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

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**Attendees**

W Hope, T Ni Lionnain, K Keil (CEC), K Wright (Drumbrae CC), S Ramsay E Donaldson, J Beck, PC Ewan Sinclair (Police Scotland), E Donaldson, D Latimer, C Connachan, B Rattray, J Melville, N Douglas (presenter for Dandera), M Halliday (co-presenter), R Henderson (co-presenter), J Kerr (Pinkhill Proprietors Assoc), P Robertson (PPA), I Bird, H Simsek

**Apologies**

F Ross (CEC), R Moran, T McLean, I Meiklejohn, G Swann (Friends of Corstorphine Hill), I Kirkpatrick (Corstorphine Churches Together), D McCall, S Kerr,

**Police Report –** PC Ewan Sinclair

* Recent restructure ensures allocation of representation at this meeting
* Crime Stats –
  + 1st thru 31st of previous month (Jan) -- overalll reduction from 99 last year to 65 this year. 35 percent solvency. 9 housebreaking (incl intent only). 5 violent crimes. 7 antisocial. 14 vandalism - mostly vehicle damage. 14 thefts, incl vehicles. 16 bail offenses.
* General –
  + E S, Sam Davidson, Julian P. Also, covered by/cover for the Drumbrae trio.
  + In Jan, a lot of work outside schools (traffic issues) and other traffic ticketing.
  + Recent community advice sessions at schools, scouts meetings, etc on policing, issues raised.

OF NOTE: 1. Assault and robbery at Pinkhill - scared off by victim screams. 2. Serious assault at Broomhall over dogs fighting. 3. Outside local pub, a violent attack.

Also, a successful raid at Glen Devon of tasers, drugs, etc.

Recent anti-social behaviour and housebreaking prevention work seems to be working overall. While Jan had 2 more break-ins over Dec 2016, still a downward trend. At least 2 cops per shift to focus on housebreaking; ensures prevention of potential break-ins and better comms when do happen.

Local policeman can come out to individual homes regarding prevention measures.

Increase again on anti-social behaviour, mostly focusing at Tesco and McDonald's. 13-17 years old and looking for warm place to hang out. Wester Hailes, Broomhouse, mainly. More details on stats in next month's report (Feb), incl verbal hate crime against Tesco security guard.

Not recommended that local community citizens engage these youth, as Police are seeing core groups that require actual police presence. Have had success id'ing some kids, but some parents do not appear to care.

K Wright of DB CC – looking to organise focus on community safety and youth engagement. Suggests we have local CCCs with Police to discuss agreed actions. **ACTION: E Sinclair** will ensure that at least an informal session is scheduled in near future, as well as formal documentation is provided. **K Keil ACTION**: will share police report going forward; **JB ACTION**: will separate Corstorphine section to add as appendix to minutes.

**K Keil ACTION**: will push on community safety. **Post-meeting UPDATE:** *K Keil has advised that Community Safety now comes under Family and Household Support which also includes Family Solutions and Neighbourhood Support Services.  As this service area is to be fully reviewed by CEC, will wait for this to take place before pick up later in the year.*

J Melville - notes kids hanging at Pinkhill Bridge; no violent behaviour, but police should be aware. All agree that just because youths are hanging out in groups, it does not mean they are trouble makers. Kids must be able to socialise.

K Wright - Upcoming Community Alcohol Partnerships (CAP) initiative to help improve engagement, which he has provided to J Beck. **J Beck ACTION:** will send email out that KW has shared.

**Councillor’s Report** – Councillor Karen Keil

* Notes no budget at this time
* Will soon receive a report on school building issue. Seems to be an issue across Scotland and is not down to one company or individual. Does not appear to be design but actual construction of such design. ALso, lack of supervision of building companies (council issue). Inspections not done until AFTER walls were completed. Also, appears that two high schools did not get building completion certificates. Edinburgh Building Partnership should have gotten the certificates, as the CEC is technically leasing

K Wright suggests that this issue be looked at from Housing perspective, as well. Concerns that houses may also be impacted.

K Keil notes that one resolution approach is to ensure that builders are trained to do work/paid to do work in a way to ensure that it is done safely and correctly. **K Keil ACTION**: will share full report once available.

K Wright suggests that we in local CCs look to ways to ensure future impact on neighbourhoods is lowered.

I Bird – 142 Saughton Road North - a local takeaway shop is being planned. Planning notification due 27th March.

Also noted that while it appears old Woolworth's site has been sold, no one knows to whom. **CCC will continue to investigate.**

Question raised regarding appetite for closing streets such as Manse Road to cut rat runs, parking, and to encourage walking.

D Latimer regarding Featherhall:

* Light not working, hedge blocking signage, and many right turns from Featherhall Avenue.  **E Sinclair ACTION:**  Will address with Dave Sinclair of CEC.
* Provided copy of letter sent to Featherhall residents regarding parking behaviour survey which took place 7th February. **Post-meeting UPDATE:** *J Beck has reached out to survey convener for results.*
* Junction of Featherhall Crescent parking raised; not a restricted area, so police may not be able to address.
* Featherhall Avenue nursery is looking at expanding.

**Planning Presentation and Counter –** Dundara and Pinkhill Proprietors Association

* **See Appendices 1[[1]](#footnote-1) & 2** for proposed development at Pinkhill.
* **See Appendix 3** for counter arguments. Main issues are height of proposed buildings, parking, and footprint.
* **N Douglas (Dundara) ACTION**: Will provide details of the ceiling height of floors in current office buildings and in proposed residential buildings. **Post-meeting UPDATE:** *J Beck has chased N Douglas for this information.*
* **DECISION:** CCC will be unable to make a decision as to support/lack of support for development until have seen final proposal (planned for 9th March).

**Planning Subcommittee** – Warren Hope

Focus items:

* Pinkhill, as discussed above.
* It is noted that K Keil is member of CEC Planning Committee.
* Recent walkabouts were held; see recent Planning Report sent out by W Hope for information.
* Research report published by Scottish Government - strong pressure to streamline planning processes. Impact - if greenspace allocated, that gives developers planning permission in principal and removes need for 2nd objection. Concerns that this approach will not allow for proper communication/feedback by local community. W Hope suggests looking at Scottish Government website for more information.
* Since most recent planning report, 34 Belgrade Road (townhouses application), have now received number of emails from local citizens. 22nd Feb meeting scheduled for Development Mgmt Subcommittee. Recommended acceptance of plan; residents, led by Kay Barkley, are not happy. Issues with height, style, lack of parking (4 houses and 7 slots), etc. W Hope has submitted a response on behalf of CCC that local citizens regarding concerns raised. K Keil notes that issues will be addressed on 22nd Feb.

**Business Subcommittee** – T Ni Lionnain

* Minutes from last meeting were provided to members prior to tonight’s meeting.
* Corstorphine Business Hub is current focus Item 1.  Tax Accountants may be willing to put space forward.  See Draft Business Subcommittee Meetings for details on things to be addressed before can move forward.  Also, looking at potential of using current CYCC space, underground.
* Focus Item 2 - need to get businesses in area to provide input first. Currently 5700 businesses in postal code map, but believe needs to be investigated.  Issue is that postal boundaries are not same as CC boundaries. **ACTION:  K Keil** will look at ward boundaries and see if can advise.  K Wright suggests reaching out to whomever is responsible for setting CCs within CEC.  Survey will include asking businesses in whether or not they will be open to CTA.  T Ni Lionnain asks that we can do the business meet and greet kick-off event as a way to introduce CTA.  **ACTION:  T Ni Lionnain, H Simsek and I Miecklejohn** to meet up in early March to discuss, with view to hold kick-off event in early May.
* Focus item 3 - Napier Student project leading Marketing Campaign in progress.  **ACTION:  T Ni Lionnain** looking to use Marketing Edinburgh as well.

**NOTE:** S Ramsay, on behalf of Corstorphine Trust, asks that if Dower House is booked for any reason, at least 24 hours’ notice be given for cancellations.

**Environment Subcommittee** – J Melville

* Noted that there is a list of projects that Environment group would like to see/be included on to ensure Corstorphine projects are included.  Also, want to understand how budgets for such projects are allocated.  All in agreement. K Keil notes this comes from Roads Budget and due to fact that west NP has no roads officers, may be due to lack of resource.  K Wright notes that this may be the case, but CCs need to have input into this money and in such situations, and such decisions should not be made until such input given.
* See **Appendix 4** for draft subcommittee minutes.

**NOTE:**  Going forward, it is asked that subcommittee meeting minutes be sent to Secreatry so that they can be cascaded to all other members.  It is also noted that the Secretary will be holding a meeting in coming weeks with Officers and Subcommittee Conveners regarding how communication should be handled in future, templates to use, etc.  **J Beck ACTION.**

**2017 Mandate: Q1 Focus** – J Beck

1. Constitution considered adopted, as no responses received following January meeting.
2. Subcommittee membership and mandates – To ensure the most success by CCC and that all members are putting in similar effort to this end, it is asked that members select a subcommittee to join if they have not already done so. E Donaldson asks that each subcommittee provide a mission statement/vision of their focus so that members like her can decide. This will be provided after upcoming Officers and Conveners’ meeting (**ACTION for T Ni Lionnain, W Hope and S Murray**).

**Minutes of Previous Meeting** – T Ni Lionnain

* Approved by J Melville
* Seconded by C Connachan.

**Correspondence and Social Media**  - J Beck / C Connachan

* Tweet from @PidginPosting during meeting regarding Kaimes Road pedestrian crossing. As **F Ross** has provided apologies, he will be asked to respond to this during 15th March meeting (**ACTION**).
* I Kirkpatrick requests on behalf of Corstorphine Churches:
  + Request for support of St Anne’s church upcoming refurbishment of community rooms. To ensure fairness over such requests, it is suggested that the CCC create a letter of support for all such initiatives for any local religious organisation or community group, as long as the purpose of such projects encourage closer community networks, better communication across social groups, inclusiveness of multiple cultures, and so forth. **S Kerr** will create said letter for the future (**ACTION**).
  + Request for approval for current members of Corstorphine Old Parish Church members to be buried in graveyard and south-facing green space. The CCC could come to an agreement to support this. Some members, and the Corstorphine Trust, represented at the CCC meeting by Sheila Ramsay, have advised that they cannot agree to this until more information is provided. This information should include the following:
    - A map of the area(s) in question
    - A map of any remaining available space in the current graveyard
    - Some background of what the space has been used for in the distant and recent past
    - Suggestions for what could replace the space for recent users.

**Post-meeting UPDATE:** *J Beck has asked I Kirkpatrick to present on this topic at 15th March meeting; await response.*

**AOB** – All

* K Wright notes that he has received the invitation to the Queen’s Garden Party, on behalf of Drumbrae Community Council. **J Beck ACTION:** Will request the CCC invitation from former Secretary, Ken Swinney. **Post-meeting UPDATE:** *J Beck waiting to hear back from Ken Swinney.*

1. All Appendices are separate documents. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)