**Corstorphine Community Council Monthly Meeting – Minutes**

**Date:** 16 August 2017 (3rd Wednesday of the month)

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

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

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**Attendees –** I Mieklejohn, W Hope, B Rattray, I Bird, J Kerr, Cllr M Brown, J Melville, C Connachan, I Kirkpatrick, PC Julian Peukert, R Moran, S Kerr, J Beck, Cllr G Gloyer, S Ramsay, T McLean, K Olverman, P Saughton, D Latimer, D McCall

**Apologies for Absences** – Lord Provost F Brown, Cllr C Bridgeman, MSP A Cole-Hamilton, S Murray, A Sillers, R Aldridge, I Todd, C Stewart

**Summer Update** – J Beck/S Kerr/C Connachan

* Youth Engagement – Summer initiative successful with extension of ‘Open All Hours’ through summer break, agreement by CEC to support initiative and to implement Youth Engagement Partnership going forward. Continues to be work in progress but expect to grow over time.
* Environment Working Group successes – two benches being installed in St Margaret’s park; work beginning on ‘Friends of St Margaret’s park; upcoming bulb planting day in plans (date TBC)p multiple surveys on Walking Village, Air Quality, Parking/Traffic, etc. completed over summer months; upcoming meeting with Scottish Parliament on air quality.
* Communication – Due to projects noted above and increased use of social media, success in raising profile of CCC with hopes this will encourage future membership.

**Police Report** – PC Julian Peukert

* 248 reported incidents in month of July – 40 solved.
* Youth engagement events – thanks to J Beck of CCC for efforts.
* Ongoing work with licensed premises to identify/cut down youth drinking
* 2 house break-ins - significantly lower than previous months
* Attempted garage theft; nothing stolen
* 1 assault of note - Lothian bus; drunken passenger refused to leave bus and attacked bus driver. No injury but brick thrown through bus. Male charged and reported;able to identify offender via cctv and social media
* Road safety – roads quieter during school holidays
* 5 reports, however, due to drunk driving, speeding, etc
* Vandalism and theft of rental property furniture and shed
* Attempted theft of another shed with bikes; not taken
* 2 shopliftings – believe single offender. £260 of make-up and attempted again; also charged with breach of the peace
* Shoplifiting and car broken into at Edinburgh Zoo
* Trend of foreign plated motorbikes stolen; 2 of 3 recovered
* 1 hate crime – race related verbal assault
* 1 incident of police vehicle assaulted
* McDonald’s has reported reduction in incidents/issues
* Bughtlin Market now experiencing increased numbers of youth groups with misbehaviour, including 1 drug arrest
* Noted that youth groups are not always committing crimes, so important to engage but recognise that they are often not breaking any laws.
* Councillor Mark Brown notes time recently spent with youth in Bughtlin Market area, with local community police and Councillor Claire Bridgeman as well, as a generally positive experience. Will be using conversations had as foundation for increasing efforts to engage.
* Recurring issues in Featherhall and Saughton Hall North raised again. PC Peukert again notes that if cars are not causing physical obstruction, police cannot action; they can only again address with CEC how lines are drawn. It is noted that this even relates to double-yellow lines.
* Issue raised regarding fees charged to taxi drivers by Edinburgh Airport. **ACTION: M Brown** will raise with Edinburgh Airport at upcoming meeting.
* Public attendee K Olverman raises continuing issue parking around Corstorphine Primary, with incidents including blocked drives, verbal abuse when drivers are confronted, etc. Concerned that there is no true ownership of issues across Police, CEC and Road Wardens. Feels actions raised to date are to no avail. PC Peukert notes that community officers patrol as often as possible, with responsibility with every school in area having similar issues. Recommends that 101 be called each time.
* Gillian Gloyer notes 'School Streets' initiative raised for this very reason.
* Transportation Committee for CEC has agreed to look at resident parking as a priority, as well.
* All agree issue is endemic and requires comprehensive community focus. **This will be added as a substantive agenda item for 18th October CCC meeting with suggestions for resolution welcome.**

**Councillors’ Reports and Questions** – M Brown and G Gloyer

* Gillian Gloyer update
  + The CEC Transport and Environment Committee considered reports on waste, parking and road improvements.
  + Still await results of parking survey carried out early in 2017.
  + Upcoming Localities consultations – 23rd August is next for NW Edinburgh.
  + **Public Neighbourhood Partnership meeting on 31st August** as actively move into Localities model.
* Mark Brown update
  + 'Slushy' pavements & sticky, bumpy road services – not acceptable and issue is being addressed
  + See previous comment regarding youth engagement in Bughtlin Market area.
* J Melville asks that recent concerns raised around Pinkhill cycle path be reviewed/responded to/actioned by Councillors.
* Question raised regarding concerns with communication not being a robust as could be; all agree could be improved.
* **CCC encourage ALL citizens to get involved and provide feedback/attend meetings/read consultation documents.**

**Proposed Development, 33 Pinkhill** – John Kerr & Pinkhill Residents Assoc.

* Noted that we have until 22nd August to feedback to CEC officially.
* J Kerr has provided comprehensive document detailing negative impact to area (APPENDIX); so far has computed 60 objections from neighbourhood resident.
* S Kerr notes that coming to area is extension of nursing home next door, so want to ensure that CCC response to both is consistent.
* W Hope notes that he has previously attended consultations has has raised the following issues:
  + High number of flats in plan means plan just meets minimum density requirements.
  + Plan falls short of minimum number of car parking spaces (Dandara have previously stated they believe that public transportation should cover this shortfall).
* Noted that flats are not for families, which is what area truly needs.
* B Rattray - are the parking slots standard size/one size fits all?  M Brown - notes will be very small.
* Varied feedback/comments from CCC:
  + ‘No’ to development in current format, but would like compromise suggested to Dandara and CEC (ie 5 stories max, with parking for EVERY flat)
  + Issue with impact on environment; does not want more parking as feels there are enough paths and public transportation options in the area. Main objection is due to proposed height of building.
  + Additional strain on infrastructure and services in area that cannot be supported.
  + As statutory body, CCC support the approach by CEC and Scottish Government that home developments must support/encourage use of public transportation.
* All agree to propose 3 stories (max 4) for development.
* ACTION: W Hope to submit comprehensive reply on behalf of community and CEC (**UPDATE:** W Hope, on behalf of CCC, submitted response on 22nd August).
* J Kerr invites CCC to Pinkhill AGM on 31st August.
* S Kerr invites Pinkhill Residents Association to have representation on CCC.

**Subcommittees & Working Groups**

* **Planning** (W Hope)
  + 34 Belgrave townhouses – Decision made to GRANT
  + 29th August Planning Training Event, 6pm in European Room of City Chambers
  + 33 Pinkhill Park (see ‘Proposed Development, 33 Pinkhill’)
* **Business** (S Kerr) – no update provided due to time constraints
* **Environment** (C Connachan) – See ‘Summer Update’
* **Youth Engagement** (J Beck) – See ‘Summer Update’

**Minutes of Previous Meeting** – S Kerr

Proposed: C Connachan

Seconded: I Mieklejohn

**Treasurer’s Report**

* S Kerr still managing accounts at this time; **ACTION: D McCall** to advise availability to take over management accounts. 2017 grant has been provided. For up to date status of accounts, contact S Kerr.

**Any Other Business**

* 20 MPH limits go into effect today
* Upcoming Youth Engagement Event in Union Park on Friday, 1st September
* **ACTION: J Beck** to re-send Locality Improvement Plan provided earlier in year, as well as respond to Corstorphine Town Centre Supplementary Report on behalf of CCC.

**Next Meeting: 20th September**