**Corstorphine Community Council Monthly Meeting – Minutes**

**Date:** 20 September 2017

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

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

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**Attendees –** S Murray, E MacDonald, H Buchanan, A Potluru, T Rae, D McCall, S Yeoman, A Orr, A Sillars, S Ramsay, I Bird, J Melville, R Moran, Cllr R Aldridge, PC S Davison, S Kerr, I Kirkpatrick, G Swann, Cllr S Douglas, Lord Provost F Ross, T McLean, D Latimer

**Community Youth Representatives** – T Rae / A Potluru / E MacDonald / H Buchanan

* Craigmount High are looking to do work on establishing intergenerational relationships within the community. **Upcoming open day – 31st October, 11am to 12:30pm**; to be real discussions between elderly visitor and S1 students (supported by S3 and S6). Topics: ‘Technology’, ‘Environment’, ‘Diversity/Equalities’, and ‘Being Young’.
* Working currently to become a *Rights Respecting School*
* Have garden and greenhouse on school grounds, as well as live bee colony; need support and would appreciate having volunteer support of members of the community.
* Noted that 2018 is Scotland’s Year of Young People, so wish to engage with that initiative.
* It is noted that students do not always feel they have the chance to have much say in the community, but that this is improving.
* It is believed that by being asked to participate in forums such as this, future students will benefit from the engagement.
* It is noted by adult attendees that any input by the students on how to improve engagement with students is appreciated.
* **F Ross** will reach out to T Rae regarding involvement of students in Scotland’s 2050 initiative (**ACTION**).

**Police Report** – PC S Davison

See APPENDIX 1 for information provided.

**Councillors’ Reports and Questions** – City Council Representatives

* R Aldridge notes that draft Localities Improvement Plan in progress and that efforts continue to ensure that air quality is included as a substantive issue in the document.
* Multiple issues raised with document as it stands, which is a real concern as this document will be the master planning/decision document for the perceived future, as per the Scottish government.
* R Aldridge notes that structure around localities still not quite clear.  Once document is completed, then structure, governance, etc. will be determined.
* Sustrans has agreed to fund some cycling infrastructure between South Gyle and Roseburn.
* Heads Up, an organisation that deals with long term health issues would like to be involved in discussions regarding mobility within the community; **ACTION: R Aldridge** will connect with J Beck.
* F Ross notes that pedestrian crossing at Kaimes road still in progress.
* Annual CEC survey happening across Edinburgh, with goal of reaching 5000; be ready for approach on street.
* Saughton Road North will be closed for six months IMPACT to bus services, waste pick up, etc. To date, all agree lack of appropriate communication by Scottish Water. F Ross notes a formal apology for this on behalf of the CEC. (**UPDATE:** Scottish Water have since provided communication and even have set up taxi service for those with mobility issues.)
* S Douglas met with Pinkhill Residents’ Association re Dandara housing development; plans will be before planning subcommittee in November, when the over 140 written concerns raised to date will be addressed.

**Proposed Extension of Manor Ridge Care Home** – A Orr / S Yeoman

* Have amended plans based on feedback, namely to height (reduced from 3 stories to 2).
* Will be an increase in 50 beds, allowing more space for couples.  However, if in future need more single rooms, can do so internally without material external impact (S Ramsay notes that providing such homes for couples is ideal and much needed).
* The next stage is redrawing with changes, as well as update planning committee.
* Noted that extension is on land already allocated to the care home for the building's footprint.
* S Kerr notes that the engagement with the local residents has been ideal and managed well by this company.

**Subcommittees & Working Groups**

Planning – R Moran

* 19 Turnhouse Rd. for residential development of 1400 units with ancillary commercial units 1st item – 5th October meeting to discuss planning appeal; W Hope will attend.
* Submission of official feedback on Dandara's proposed Pinkhill developments submitted by W Hope (submission supplied to CCC members via email). Noted that compromise on both sides is to be expected.
* 8 Saughton Road North – 2 townhouses, 3 storeys each, in planning. All agree that this should not be an issue for community.
* S Kerr raises topic of sale of public toilets to adjacent property owner. Noted that CCC feel the price of £40k was low, but was allowed to go through as Community Empowerment legislation was not yet live. Future such buildings for sale will go to community first due to Scottish Empowerment act.. F Ross notes that process of selling to adjacent building owner has been standard practice, and is only allowed after three individual quotes on value. Consultation was held across city regarding multiple toilet blocks, but only 140 objections raised by Corstorphine. **ACTION** (owner TBC): CCC will be looking at other such assets across the community.
* Q: Has police box been bought in Magnet car park? **ACTION: S Kerr** to investigate.
* 181-195 St John's Road - Mactaggart and Mickel will be presenting on plans for building in November. See APPENDIX 2 for current update. Also noted that McTaggart and Mickle have agreed to be founding members of CorstorphineTrading Association with NO EXPECTATION of planning favour in the future. **ACTION:** Upcoming meeting with representatives between S Kerr, F Ross and G Gloyer to discuss further.
* Q: is it possible to put a preservation notice on two old trees on Manse Road, at site? S Murray notes that one of the main objections to Waitrose were about these trees. **R Aldridge ACTION**: will investigate if currently preserved and if not what to be done to protect them.

Business – S Kerr

* Napier Business School students willing and ready to do more work with CCC.
* Recent meeting with McDonald's franchise owner – discussed youth behaviour issues; it is noted that McDonald’s staff are ready and willing to help with litter pick up.
* Also noted that McDonald’s would like to extend license to 3am closure; all agree this will be objected to by CCC and expected to be denied by CEC.

Environment – S Murray

* Living Streets audit led by C Connachan. Report to come.
* Bulb planting to come for St Mag's park, with CEC and other parties; details TBC.
* Recent litter pick up on Ladywell Avenue – filled two bin bags in 5 minutes! Proof that just a little bit of time leads to positive impact. S Ramsay notes loss of green flag outside Trust. S Murray notes that Heritage centre are working on obtaining replacement; she will chase update (**ACTION**).
* Increased amount of buses coming through shows need for Edinburgh Park bus interchange BEFORE new development finalised.
* Air pollution meter on St John’s Road is currently at approx 6 feet high; **F Ross** will investigate (**ACTION**).
* S Kerr notes recent meeting with Parliament on air quality. 26th of December decision to be made on how work for this area will be done. Currently planning a walkabout with MSP members to see first-hand the traffic/air quality issues (**UPDATE**: this is to take place 24th October; further details TBC).

Youth Engagement – J Beck

* To ensure proper procedure for future youth engagement work, a formal Youth Protection Policy is proposed (see APPENDIX 3). All agree to policy, pending update to document of relevant Scottish legistlation (**UPDATE:** this has been completed).

**Minutes of Previous Meeting** – S Kerr

Proposed by I Kirkpatrick; seconded by J Melville.

**End of meeting due to time.**