**Corstorphine Community Council Monthly Meeting – Minutes**

**Date:** 15 November 2017

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

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

**Attendees** – S Kerr, J Beck, R Montgomery, B Rattray, K Wright, S Ramsay, W Hope, K Olverman, A Sillars, I Todd, C Stewart, I Byrd, S Murray, G Swann, C Connachan, J Kerr, D Latimer, T McLean, H Simsek, O Taylor, G Gloyer, C Bridgman

**Apologies** – T Rae, S Rafferty, I Miekeljohn, R Aldridge, D McCall, M Brown, F Ross, R Moran

**Membership Update** – Three new members have joined the CCC: John Kerr, Kirsten Olverman, & Olive Taylor. All nominated by S Kerr; seconded by J Beck. New members are welcomed by all.

**October Parking & Traffic Meeting – Reflection On / Next Steps** – S Kerr

* Attendance at 11th October meeting was well above expectation, with approximately 32 individual issue items raised by the public, as well as discussion of broader issue overall. Initial CEC response addressed specific issues and promises consultation in Spring 2018. CCC will be meeting with Locality Transport and Environment Manager to push for tangible resolution/concrete plans much sooner. 24th October MSP Environment Committee tour of Corstorphine, tea/coffee with local citizens, and Q&A session with CCC, CEC Transport team, etc.
* Survey of local medical practitioners has gone out via email regarding impact of air quality/pollution on local health; await response.
* **ACTION: S Kerr** will follow up meeting with wider comms of how issues will be addressed, as well as with response from GPs.
* Various members of the community (eg. Corstorphine Primary Parent’s Council) are actively looking at potential solutions while waiting for action on behalf of CEC.

**Police Report** – See **Appendix 1**

**Corstorphine Emergency Response** – R Montgomery

Noted that there are 13 known defibrillators in Corstorphine area, but there is inadequate signage of such. Previous efforts to source signs have not been successful, due to restrictions on size. **ACTION: G Gloyer** will research potential for signs that can fit required information. Benefit of such is to ensure public are able to access closest defibrillator as quickly as possible (but remember to first look for medical info bracelets). R Montgomery currently documenting locations and then will share with CCC. **ACTION: J Beck** will then distribute list (asks for assistance adding to local notice boards throughout community). [Www.goodsamapp.org](http://Www.goodsamapp.org) recommended for emergency response info.

**Councillors’ Reports and Questions** – C Bridgman & G Gloyer

* Within a couple of weeks, will be able to re-route Bus 1 into area.
* Pedestrian crossing at Kaimes Road – another consultation to come with expected implementation in 2018/2019.
* Upcoming Transport Forum to discuss city centre traffic and impact.

(S Kerr notes that CCC are providing input to Scottish Transport on Low Emission Zones; we believe that LEZ required not only for city centre but for Western Edinburgh as well.)

* CEC have announced that **public comments are welcome** on upcoming Edinburgh budget; opened 8th Nov, closes 19th December: <https://consultationhub.edinburgh.gov.uk/ce/2018-19-council-budget-engagement/>.

**Subcommittees & Working Groups**

Planning – W Hope

* + 19 Turnhouse Road – response due; if wish to provide input, members are encouraged to send email to W Hope. Developer contact is IGallacher@iceniprojects.com. 11th Jan is due date for report; **ACTION: W Hope** will amend planning report and will propose early Jan meeting for CCC members to agree feedback submission on development.
	+ 33 Pinkhill Road – **ACTION: W Hope** will pursue status of planning report still to be provided by CEC.
	+ Street declutter meeting held 13th November; noted that clear division of opinions on topic across meeting attendees.
	+ Cammo – density cut back in new version of development plan. Noted that transport centre proposed near Maybury Hotel. All agree that impact will be on traffic, environment and infrastructure. **ACTION: J Beck** to invite developers to present on development in person at upcoming CCC meeting (UPDATE: invitation sent; await response).
	+ Question raised regarding trees on Manse Road – is there a preservation order on these? G Gloyer notes ‘yes’.

Business – S Kerr

* + S Kerr recently met with Edinburgh Zoo. They are open to Corstorphine discount card to encourage foot traffic for restaurants and businesses, as well as to Corstorphine Traders Association.
	+ Napier University Business students will be again working with CCC on upcoming projects; more information to come.

(As CEC small business champion, **C Bridgman** offers to assist with projects. Also takes **ACTION** to investigate as to why Corstorphine business rates are so high as compared to other parts of city.

* + Licensing – 108-110 St. John’s Road (formerly Oak Inn). All agree that current changes to establishment positive.
	+ Noted that Mactaggart & Mickel are looking for businesses to rent space for 4 year leases, at 181-195 St. John’s Road.

Environment – S Murray

* + Recent focus mainly on traffic and parking issues.
	+ Attended inspiring placemaking masterclass led by Brent Toderian on sympathetic planning (**ACTION: S Murray** to send details to C Bridgman). Encourages Edinburgh to take action!
	+ Recent conversation with P3 students at Corstorphine Primary, along with S Kerr and J Beck – listened to suggestions/answered questions.
	+ Notes that Corstorphine Primary students also attended 24th Nov event with MSPs.
	+ Encourages anyone who wishes to provide feedback on LEZ to contact C Connachan.
	+ S Kerr notes that S Murray led recent bulb planting in St Margaret’s park. Joined by Corstorphine Nursery students and CEC’s Green Team.
	+ Everyone encouraged to attend 19th November bulb planting in Gyle Park, led by Friends of.
	+ K Wright notes has multiple packs of poppies to share. Contact if wish to plant for 2018 Poppy Appeal.

Youth Engagement – J Beck

* + 31st October Craigmount Intergenerational Day – very enjoyable and enlightening day spent speaking with students on a range of timely topics. Encourage attendance by other CCC members at future such events as very positive way of engaging with local youth.
	+ YEP kick-off meeting 23rd October, looking at holistic approach to services and provisions for young people. Further information to come. Noted that Youth Engagement will be quarterly topic in CCC meetings, going forward.

**Minutes of Previous Meeting** – S Kerr

* Nominated by B Rattray; seconded by S Ramsay.

**December Meeting & Pre-Christmas Party** – S Kerr

* **The next meeting will be held the 1st Wednesday, 6th December.**
* Mactaggart & Mickel will present at December meeting.

**Any Other Business** – All

* Noted that in 2018 future meetings will alternate with Community Issues meetings, covering specific topics. Expected that such will take place in Kirk Loan Hall, beginning in February. **ACTION: S Kerr** to confirm as well as clarify topic.