**Corstorphine Community Council Monthly Meeting Minutes**

**Date and time:** Wednesday 16 January 2019, 7.00 pm

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

**Attendees:** PC Sam Davison, Cora Stewart, Tommy McLean, Olive Taylor, Alan Sillars, Dave Latimer, Stuart Buchanan (Cardross Asset Management), Kenny Wright (DBCC), Nathan Readie (G&G), Henry Whaley, Cllr Mark Brown, Keith Walker, Fiona Moug, Warren Hope, Susan Murray, Louise McIntyre (Edinburgh Airport), Steve Kerr, Cllr Gillian Gloyer,

Jane Kerr

**Apologies:** Sheila Ramsay, Gillian Smith, Cllr Scott Douglas, Cllr Robert Aldridge, Jonathan Melville, Claire Connachan,

Graeme Hart, Cllr Frank Ross, Iwona Meiklejohn

**Minutes:** Proposed: Tommy McLean Seconded: Keith Walker

**Police Report**

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|  | December 2018 | December 2017 |
| Housebreakings                 | 4 | tba |
| Theft                          | 14 | tba |
| Assault/other violent crime   | 5 | tba |
| Disorder                       | 4 | tba |
| Road traffic                   | 14 | tba |
| Vandalism                      | 10 | tba |
| Miscellaneous including drugs | 8 | tba |
| Racial offence                 | 0 | tba |

Calls for service 247 in December 2018 compared to 293 in December 2017. In December 2018, 59 crimes in total compared with 69 in December 2017.

PC Davison was unable to give more details regarding the threat to community policing. £2.5m is received from CEC and a regular, detailed activity report is sent to CEC. Steve Kerr will provide representation stating that the service is valued by the community.

The front counter at Corstorphine Police Station is manned as and when staff are available therefore it’s difficult to have set opening times.

**Edinburgh Airport Community Engagement** – Louise McIntyre, Edinburgh Airport Community Engagement Manager

Louise introduced herself and her role to the meeting. She is keen to establish a good working relationship with all 250 community councils that fall into the airport’s catchment area. She asked for feedback and has taken down several queries including but not limited to: the expansion of the airport; air pollution; traffic congestion; drop off fee increase to fund new access road; Ratho & District sit on the consultation panel – can Corstorphine CC be included; expansion of the current park and ride; promoting the use of the Edinburgh Gateway station. She will get more information and/or answers to these and report back to the council. If you want to contact her directly you can do at louise\_mcintyre@edinburghairport.com or 0131-348 4608.

**West Craigs Development** – Stuart Buchanan, Director, Cardross Asset Management

Stuart gave a presentation on the development at West Craigs. Transport, education and environment were all discussed. Due to time constraints, he will come back in February to continue his presentation and answer more questions. In the meantime, copies of his presentation material and confirmation regarding the positioning of the new primary school and growth rate predictions from CEC (queried during the presentation) have been placed into an online file.

For the future, how can community councils be included in planning discussions? Steve Kerr to contact Ben Wilson at CEC.

**Councillor’s Reports and Questions**

Cllr Gloyer

* No real updates due to Christmas recess except for continuation of bin collection resolution.

Cllr Brown

* Bin collections. CEC stated that after introduction of new timetable, the situation would be back to normal by end of November! Pushing CEC for clarification on when this will be rectified.
* Gyle Park paths – one has been repaired, one has not. End of budget money has been used for one side. Mark to raise with Dave Sinclair at CEC. Nathan Readie to ask Network Rail if they have any budget for this.
* Russian circus coming to Gyle Park in the last week of June and the first week of July.

**Sub committees and Working Groups**

Planning – Warren Hope

* Third party rights of appeal document distributed to CCC.
* A community council can now be sued for an accident! See <https://www.pressreader.com/> (article in The Herald 6/12/18). Steve confirmed that Corstorphine CC has insurance. See online file for communication from CEC.
* Neighbourhood Watch symposium to be held at The Leonardo Hotel, Clermiston. Date will be confirmed once known.

Business, Licensing and Amenities – Steve Kerr

* **Any volunteers to be the CC representative for the Licensing Process?**
* Traders association will be sending out invites to businesses in Corstorphine and Murrayfield for a meeting to be held at the end of January.
* Delegation from CCC to attend Transport and Environment Committee council meeting in February in an attempt to pin down exactly what is happening with the parking consultation. Cllr Douglas has forwarded on necessary forms which have to be completed prior to attendance. Susan to bring together all issues that have been raised many times over the years into one place. Cllr Aldridge suggested have three or four very clear asks to take to the meeting.

Environment – Susan Murray

* Interviewed on St John’s Road about the City Centre Transformation Project. Video was shared on Twitter before Christmas – main point was any changes in the city centre affect the whole city and will have impacts in terms of traffic and air pollution on other areas. The test on the YouTube site is now using the video in a slightly different way saying it was for ‘Edinburgh: connecting our city, transforming our places’ and encouraging people to upload their videos. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ptOGqsz66c0>
* Volunteers planted 1000 bulbs in Ladywell Avenue with the aim of cheering up the grass verge and increasing biodiversity in the spring (and perhaps discourage dog poo!). This street links Broombank Terrace Park and St Margaret’s Park so is an important corridor for nature.

Outstanding/Ongoing

* Damage caused by works to Broombank Terrace Park greenspace/mini-park has been logged with CEC but despite chasing, have not been able to find out plans for restoration. Action - Scott Douglas to follow-up.
* Old Parish graveyard pavements are owned by CEC.
* Damaged barriers at the top of the steep hill at Pinkhill.
* Pavement parking legislation – when will this be in place?

**AOB**

* Most recent North West Edinburgh Partnership meeting was for funding applications. They have granted £13,000 for Youth Talks. Tommy McLean informed the meeting that the Corstorphine Youth Centre would hold this money until it is required. Clermiston Park (Dave Sinclair) has been granted £3,000. Also at this meeting there was a discussion around Featherhall and why after two consultations and a road trial, no action has been taken. (As an aside, there is a feeling that the money granted by NEPS has already been earmarked for distribution amongst community councils however due to poor minutes this decision hadn’t been recorded.)
* South Gyle Gardens’ bins have fallen off the radar.
* Corstorphine Rugby Club are making good progress with their plans for the remediation of the club house. See full details in online file.
* Consultation meeting on the future of community councils was well attended. How do they fit into the pattern going forward? Community councils will be used for consultations with the council. Steve Kerr to discuss this with Kenny Wright.
* This year’s Corstorphine Community Festival will be held from Sunday 26 May to Saturday 1 June.

Meeting closed at 9.10 pm. Next meeting is on Wednesday 20 February 2019, 7.00 pm at The Dower House.