**Corstorphine Community Council Monthly Meeting Minutes**

**Date:** Wednesday 20 September 2018

**Time:** 7.00 to 8.40 pm

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

**Attendees:** PC Euan Sinclair, Andrew MacKay (City of Edinburgh Council), Joanna Lawrence (Health in Mind), Ian Kirkpatrick, Dave Latimer, Warren Hope, Jane Kerr, Cora Stewart, Olive Taylor, Allan Sillars, Robert Stokes, Fiona Moug, Gordon Swann, Ian Todd

**Apologies:** Scott Douglas, Kirsten Olverman, Susan Murray, Claire Connachan, Jonathan Melville, Steve Kerr, Sheila Ramsay

(An e-mail had been sent out a short time before the meeting stating that the meeting was cancelled but, as most of those who attended had not received it prior to the meeting, it was decided to proceed.)

**Minutes:** With amendments from Susan Murray. Proposed: Warren Hope; Seconded: Fiona Moug

**Police Report**

* Crime statistics: in period 1-31 August, theft – 9, housebreaking – 3, assault and other violent crime – 2, disorder and anti-social offences – 5, road traffic accidents – 6, vandalism – 2, miscellaneous – 4 and racial offence -1. This year there have been 32 crimes with 9 solved (28%) and call demand of 171 compared to last year 35 crimes, 17 solved (48%) and call demand 195. The reduction in solvency is partly due to a curfew being imposed on a persistent offender.

There have been no problems with youths in the area.

* The drop-in clinics at Costa have been well attended.
* Reference was made by Susan Murray of a trial of a police partnership with communities to run speed cameras would only be in South Edinburgh. A response is awaited on whether there will be trials in West Edinburgh
* A request was made for speed checks in Featherhall Avenue.
* Concern was expressed at double parking and pavement parking. Andrew MacKay said that a Bill going through the Scottish Parliament will address this; it will become law in 18 months to 2 years. In reply to a question whether this would address parking on grass verge, he said that it would not.

**Health in Mind - befriending and linking services – Joanna Lawrence**

Joanna explained that this is a service matching volunteers with people who have health issue. Volunteers are sought (mainly aged 30+ years and especially males) to spend 1-3 hours a week taking someone for coffee and to activities for six months. At the end of six months a check is made on progress in the hope that the person has become more independent. Joanna left a number of posters which will be put on noticeboards, distributed to Churches, etc.

**CEC Parking Consultation update – Andrew Mackay**

Andrew reported that 5,300 letters had been sent out to areas in Corstorphine and in Broomhall in July. 1,400 replies were received, a rate of 26.5% (the response rate is usually 20% and can be as low as 10%). More than 1,000 replies gave individual comments resulting in a total 75,000 words. A data analysis company has been tasked with the analysis.

A city-wide review of parking has started with west Edinburgh and, in particular, the A8 corridor, being first.

A report is likely to be available in February for the City Council and for the Community Council.

In the subsequent discussion a number of suggestions were made.

The timetable for action is not known but since September’s meeting Andrew has confirmed that, depending on the outcome of the recent consultation, an indicative timescale is expected to be included in February’s report.

**St. Margaret’s Park parking discussion**

Jane made reference to e-mail correspondence with Ritchie Fraser, Parking and Greenspace Offer, City of Edinburgh Council, in which in which he stated that the creation of a new entrance to the car park from Orchardfield Avenue is being investigated. Corstorphine Primary School will be contacted re the possibility of alternative arrangements for blue badge holders with children attending the school.

**Councillor’s Reports and Questions**

No Councillors were present.

**Sub committees and Working Groups**

Planning – Warren Hope

* Warren asked who is updating the website with planning reports.
* Pinkhill – Following appeal over planning permission refusal, the site has been visited by the Reporter.
* Mactaggart & Mickel planning application St John’s Road –CCC decided to be neutral. However, Steve was take up with McT and M pavement width, loading bays and number of retail units.
* Following refusal of the application for extensions at 11 Clerwood Park an appeal is being made.
* E.A.C.C. Meeting. Concern with Stage 2 of Planning Bill at streamlining of the process with less right of appeal. Warren wishes to know if any of our Councillors are members of the Local Government and Communities Council (LGCC). There is concern about how Neighbourhood Local Partnerships are working.

Business, Licensing and Amenities – Steve Kerr

* No report.

Environment – Susan Murray (by e-mail)

* The police bike marking sessions were really well attended.  The first session was so popular they ran out of marking kits.  For the second session Iwona volunteered and helped with admin so that more bikes could be processed while community officers marked the bikes and gave advice on bike security.
* Following confirmation a few months ago that the paths in a bad state of repair in the graveyard at the Old Parish Church are council property, we have continued to raise this with CEC and have now been informed work will begin on the paths this month.  The bracket restricting tree growth reported by the assistant archivist has also been removed.
* We continue to receive complaints via social media about temporary roadworks signs blocking pavements, pavement parking and dumped large items such as mattresses and a sofa.  These have been reported to CEC via @edinhelp and on the whole have been sorted.  Please could councillors ask for roads contractors to be reminded of their responsibilities regarding safe siting of their signs to avoid complaints and the need for someone from CEC to check and rectify.
* The recent roadworks on Broombank Terrace have resulted in railings being cut and removed, and a large area of mud left where there was previously grass as part of this greenspace "parklet" (the area we planted bulbs last year).  This has been reported to CEC with a job reference number of 713361.
* Also, could the following email address be included in any CCC emails to do with St Margaret's Park: stmargaretspark@gmail.com

**AOB**

* Robert Stokes sought advice on some issues at Forrester Park.

The wall bordering the pavement on the main road is collapsing. The council has temporarily shored it up with concrete blocks but has claimed that the wall is the responsibility of the residents. Suggestion were consult the Title Deeds, seek the advice of the Council in identifying responsibility and giving advice and the use of companies advertising their services to mediate in such situations.

A field at the end was intended for lock-ups but they were never built. A developer recently started work but was told to reinstate but they have done so poorly. Suggested he contact the developer.

Graffiti. Refer to Council website; they will remove but will charge.

There was bonfire in the street but the Fire Service were not interested. Try Environmental Health.

Meeting closed at 8.40 pm.

**Next meeting is Wednesday 17 October 2018, 7.00 pm, The Dower House.**