**Corstorphine Community Council Monthly Meeting Minutes**

**Date and time:** Wednesday 20 February 2019, 7.00 pm

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

**Attendees:** PC Euan Sinclair, PC Lesley-Anne Brown, Cora Stewart, Sheila Ramsay, Ian Kirkpatrick, Olive Taylor, Fiona Moug, Deborah McCall, Stuart Buchanan (Cardross Asset Management), Kenny Wright (DBCC), Henry Whaley, Ian Todd, Keith Walker, Warren Hope, Steve Kerr, Graeme Hart, Jane Kerr

**Apologies:** Cllr Robert Aldridge, Jonathan Melville, Claire Connachan, Cllr Gillian Gloyer, John Kerr, Tommy McLean, Cllr Frank Ross, Nathan Readie, Iwona Meiklejohn, Cllr Claire Bridgman, Susan Murray

**Minutes:** Proposed: Fiona Moug Seconded: Sheila Ramsay

**Police Report**

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|  | January 2019 | January 2018 |
| Housebreakings                 | 3 | 9 |
| Theft                          | 18 | 11 |
| Assault/other violent crime   | 4 | 7 |
| Disorder                       | 4 | 4 |
| Road traffic                   | 9 | 11 |
| Vandalism                      | 13 | 4 |
| Miscellaneous including drugs | 15 | 18 |
| Racial offence                 | 0 | 1 |

Calls for service 282 in January 2019 compared to 206 in January 2018. In January 2019, 66 total compared with 65 in January 2018.

Two bike marking sessions are to be held on Saturday 23 March at The Dower House from 10.00 am to 2.00 pm and Sunday 31 March at Corstorphine Police Station from 11.00 am to 4.00 pm.

The council have confirmed that community police funding will be cut in year 2019/2020. This translates to the loss of one community officer and one family and housing support officer in each area. It’s not yet clear how this will affect Corstorphine. PCs will endeavour to keep us up-to-date as information becomes available.

Thanks passed to PC Sinclair from Ian Kirkpatrick on behalf of his neighbour. They were very pleased with the quick response received after break-in at their property.

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

Stuart gave more information around transport links and siting of new development at West Craigs. Stuart would welcome any comments from CCC regarding the type of housing, zoning for same and for the new bridge (sbuchanan@cardrossam.co.uk). Masterplan is due at the end of May 2019. Stuart will return in March and also in attendance will be Ben Walker who is a CEC planner.

**Councillor’s Reports and Questions**

No councillors in attendance.

Cllr Brown

* 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. **Update 20/02/19 from Nathan** – pathways leading to and from stations are dealt with by Scotrail. Nathan’s contact at Network Rail has sent an email to his counterpart at Scotrail and is awaiting a response.

**Sub committees and Working Groups**

Planning – Warren Hope

* Neighbourhood Watch symposium to be held at The Leonardo Hotel, Clermiston on Wednesday 1 May from 7.00 to 9.30 pm. See poster attached to email. Warren has contacted Percy Fekety, chairman of the Almond Community Safety Panel, asking if the ambulance service could provide a representative. Post meeting note – yes but possibly not a speaking slot.
* Warren has written to CEC transport road safety department asking that the three steps in Traquair Alley be replaced by a ramp. Post meeting note – Henry Whaley has provided text, photos and plan for Warren to send on to CEC.
* Edinburgh Planning Blog – You can subscribe to the CEC’s planning blog by entering your email address at the following link - <https://planningedinburgh.com/category/city-plan-2030/>.

Business, Licensing and Amenities – Steve Kerr

* **Any volunteers to be the CC representative for the Licensing Process?**
* Delegation from CCC to attend Transport and Environment Committee council meeting on 28 February in an attempt to pin down exactly what is happening with the parking consultation. Nathan Readie will attend as representative of the Gyle. Papers will be sent out for comments from CCC. Steve to issue documents around CCC.
* Sainsburys on St John’s Road is closing on 9 March as they were unable to renew the lease. Greigs (in the same block) is about to undergo a refurbishment!
* James Harbison has been in touch to make CCC aware that they are expecting planning approval from CEC at the end of March.
* Could Alex Cole-Hamilton’s old office be tidied up?

Environment – Susan Murray – carried over from January 2019

* 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**

* Corstorphine Rugby Club update – Parks department are meeting with the contractor to discuss what work is to be done at Union Park.
* This year’s Corstorphine Community Festival will be held from Sunday 26 May to Saturday 1 June.
* Airport noise event – combine forces with Ratho and Drumbrae to meet with staff from the airport and have a public meeting?
* A future meeting to be held at The Trust Housing Association in Kirk Loan. Some of their residents have mobility issues and would welcome a chance to attend a cc meeting. Possibly April?
* Jane Kerr to become a member of the community council. Proposed: Steve Kerr. Seconded: Sheila Ramsay.
* Drop-in at Westminster – Lottery are inviting applications from community projects. Frank Ross is also going to make a capital funds application to CEC for the rebuild of the community centre. Postcode Lottery has also had a makeover! Steve to issue documents around CCC.
* Due to family and work commitments, Iwona Meiklejohn has intimated her resignation from CCC. We would like to wish her well and thank her for her time and previous contribution to the CCC.

Meeting closed at 9.00 pm. Next meeting is on Wednesday 20 March 2019, 7.00 pm at The Dower House.