**Corstorphine Community Council Monthly Meeting Minutes**

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

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

**Attendees:** Cllr Mark Brown, Cllr Claire Bridgman, PC Sam Davidson, PC Karen McKenzie, Cora Stewart, Sheila Ramsay, Ian Kirkpatrick, Olive Taylor, Kenny Wright (DBCC), Henry Whaley, Warren Hope, Steve Kerr, Nathan Readie, John Anderson, Dave Latimer, Joanne Paterson, John Kerr, Cllr Gillian Gloyer, Jonathan Melville, Claire Connachan, Susan Murray, Jane Kerr, Jamie Summers, West Edinburgh Link delegation

**Apologies:** Cllr Robert Aldridge, Tommy McLean, Deborah McCall, Keith Walker, Fiona Moug

**Minutes:** Proposed: Ian Kirkpatrick Seconded: Warren Hope

**Police Report**

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|  | February 2019 | February 2018 |
| Housebreakings | 4 | 4 |
| Theft | 9 | 14 |
| Assault/other violent crime | 2 | 4 |
| Disorder | 8 | 4 |
| Road traffic | 9 | 12 |
| Vandalism | 5 | 23 |
| Miscellaneous including drugs | 10 | 18 |
| Racial offence | 0 | 1 |

Calls for service 211 in February 2019 compared to 256 in February 2018. In February 2019, 47 total crimes compared with 80 in February 2018.

**Role of police officers at CC meetings** – Jamie Summers

Jamie is doing research for his Master project on the role of police officers at CC meetings. He was observing the police report and will conduct an interview with one of the attendees to get a better understanding of the structure, function and general perceptions of the meetings.

**West Edinburgh Active Travel Network (WEATN) Project -** Kevin Gauld, Active Travel Project Manager

Kevin presented proposals for new cycling and walking routes between South Gyle and Edinburgh Park and addition of new public spaces. Leaflet drop carried out week beginning 18 March to households in close proximity. Full details of the project, how you can contribute (consultation closes 10 May 2019) and be kept in touch with updates are on their website <https://westedinburghlink.info>.

**Featherhall Avenue traffic report/project** – Dave Sinclair, Locality Transport and Environment Manager, CEC

Further to the draft CEC report issued on 8 March, the results have been largely positive and option 5 (one way system/contraflow cycle lane/parking for residents) will be promoted. There is no council funding for this project. Meeting agreed that Dave should request funding from NETs at the next Neighbourhood Partnership meeting.

**Councillor’s Reports and Questions**

Cllr Bridgman

* Walk about at Forrester with community police officers, CEC traffic team, Cllr Aldridge and residents. Topics raised include parking, empty homes, abandoned cars. Residents association to be set up. Pre CCC meeting held with Robert Stokes and Davy Bryan to give help and information on this. (John Kerr has also been asked if he could give some advice on same.)

Cllr Brown

* Wall at Forrester (south) end of Meadow Place Road is being repaired at the cost of £48,000. Good buzz around Forrester with residents coming together to fix some of the outstanding problems in the area.

Cllr Gloyer

* Adult/community education class prices have risen steeply which has resulted in complaints.
* Recycling centres to change opening hours from 1 April 2019. See <http://www.edinburgh.gov.uk/info/20001/bins_and_recycling/1610/household_waste_recycling_centres> for more details.
* Walkabout around Murrayfield/Balgreen/St John’s Road with the Chief Executive and Dave Sinclair from CEC. St John’s road has the highest local shop occupancy rates in Edinburgh.

**Sub committees and Working Groups**

Planning – Warren Hope

* Public consultation on Tuesday 2 April at Marriott Hotel re planning application for major development at 2 South Gyle Crescent.
* See letter from David Leslie, CEC to community councils regarding change of delegation process – issued by Warren 16/03/19.

Business, Licensing and Amenities – Steve Kerr

* **Any volunteers to be the CC representative for the Licensing Process?**
* Delegation from CCC attended Transport and Environment Committee council meeting on 5 March 2019 where Graeme Hart gave presentation. This has resulted in the TEC agreeing to a Corstorphine walkabout and that CCC be given the chance to engage with officials before the next transport meeting in May. Other points raised were the LEZ and the controlled parking zones and the knock-on effect that these will have to the Corstorphine and the surrounding area.
* Secretary of State for the Environment has accepted an invitation from Christine Jardine to visit in the next few months to discuss the air quality around St John’s Road and Queensferry Road.

Environment – Susan Murray – carried over from January 2019

* The bulbs in Ladywell Avenue are flowering!
* One door is closed at the library because of paint flaking off the ceiling, which is restricting access especially for wheelchair and buggy users at busy times like book bug sessions. Please could councillors raise this with officials to ensure it is fixed quickly. CCC wants to acknowledge the great work that the librarians are doing to support local community engagement with the service, including the new outreach to the Dower House.

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. **Update 20/03/19** – gardens are being dug up again for gas works!
* Old Parish graveyard pavements are owned by CEC - – still no action despite this being promised September 2018.
* Damaged barriers at the top of the steep hill at Pinkhill – not yet repaired.
* Pavement parking legislation – when will this be in place? – no update from elected officials.

**AOB**

* This year’s Corstorphine Community Festival will be held from Sunday 26 May to Saturday 1 June.
* Community Council Planning training event on 1 May 2019 – if you are interested in attending please let Jane know.
* Deadline for Let’s Talk articles is Tuesday 16 April 2019.
* Charity concert being held at The Corstorphine Astoria Centre on Friday 19 April at 7.30 pm. See <https://www.dropbox.com/s/36tp6eon22r1uxr/Kenny%20Herbert%20concert%20April%202019.jpg?dl=0> for the poster. Tickets are available from The Hub or at [www.corstorphinetrust.co.uk/concerts](http://www.corstorphinetrust.co.uk/concerts).
* Edinburgh Playing Out – forms for 2019 are now online - <http://www.edinburgh.gov.uk/playingout>.

Meeting closed at 9.00 pm.

Next meeting is on Wednesday 17 April 2019, 7.00 pm in the ***Resident’s Lounge, The Trust Housing Association, Kirk Loan.***