**Corstorphine Community Council Monthly Meeting Minutes**

**Date and time:** Wednesday 15 May 2019, 7.00 pm

**Location:** The Dower House, St Margaret’s Park

**Attendees:** PC Euan Sinclair, PC Lesley-Anne Brown, Jon Melville, Claire Connachan, Cllr Robert Aldridge, Cora Stewart,

Sheila Ramsey, Tommy McLean, Cllr Claire Bridgman, Lynn McMenemy (CEC), Ben Wilson (CEC), Dave Latimer, Deborah McCall, Chris Young, Esther Stevenson, Carol Johnstone, Henry Whaley, Ian Kirkpatrick,

Kenny Wright (DBCC), Fiona Moug, Susan Murray, Nathan Readie, Keith Walker, Warren Hope, Steve Kerr,

Jane Kerr

**Apologies:** Cllr Scott Douglas, John Kerr, Cllr Gillian Gloyer, Cllr Mark Brown, Olive Taylor

**Minutes:** Proposed: Tommy McLean Seconded: Warren Hope

**Police Report**

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|  | April 2019 | April 2018 |
| Housebreakings | 2 | 10 |
| Theft | 12 | 9 |
| Vandalism | 5 | 7 |
| Violence | 5 | 5 |
| Road traffic | 3 | 5 |
| Hate | 1 | 1 |
| Miscellaneous including drugs | 14 | 21 |
| Calls for service | 238 | 264 |
| Crimes reported | 45 | 58 |
| Crimes Solved | 7 | 25 |

PC Euan Sinclair is moving to Corporate Communications for three months. PC Davey Campbell (currently a response officer) will be his replacement during this time. PC Lesley-Anne Brown will be staying on.

**West Craigs Q & A**

Most pertinent questions asked: secondary school capacity – Craigmount will be extended unless the housing development at the Murray estates goes ahead; LEZ – city wide consultation to be held between 28 May and 12 July; transport links – these would have to be greatly improved to encourage people to move away from using their cars; cycle paths; healthcare facilities; local shops; positioning of the proposed primary school would not encourage people to walk instead of using their car.

Agreement with Ben Wilson (CEC), Lynn McMenemy (CEC) and Stuart Buchanan (Cardrossam) that a dedicated session should be set up to allow further discussion to take place.

**Councillor’s Reports and Questions**

Cllr Brown

* Gyle Park – Extreme Circus - A site meeting took place on Thursday 9th May. I have requested a copy of the revised site plan to come from the organisers via Council officers. The organisers have, it’s believed, met with David Lloyd Centre separately and have been in dialogue too. Dave Sinclair is arranging for the Roads team to prepare a TTRO to restrict parking on the park access road from Glasgow Road junction up to the David Lloyd Centre. There has been a £2,000 Reinstatement bond set, however if there is any reinstatement required that costs more than the set reinstatement, we will invoice them for the extra costs.
* Forrester Park Residents Association - The inaugural meeting of the Association will be taking place on Monday 20th May at Forrester Rugby Club, 7.30pm start. A big thanks to those local community activists in the Forrester Park area who have been a fantastic support over the last year in making this come to fruition. Also, a thank you to Steve Kerr who will oversee the start of the meeting and has offered guidance to the group in shaping this too. **Post meeting note** – The Chairman facilitated the meeting which established the Officers; Members; and Constitution of the Association. The Chairman is advancing issues that the Association wish to raise with Mactaggart & Mickel.

Cllr Aldridge

* Gyle Park – Extreme Circus – due to a CEC administration error (August 2018) notification of this was not sent out to interested parties. This meant there was no consultation with local residents and businesses and was subsequently approved in October 2018. See AOB for more on this from FotGP resident’s meeting on 16 May.
* Email received by various ‘Friends of’ park organisations from CEC. With no consultation, they are looking to generate income by installing catering vans in various parks around the city for one year – July 2019 to June 2020 – with the option to extend for a further two years.
* The nursing home at Gylemuir Road is emptying. No indication of what the building may be used in the future as it is leased from another organisation.
* Next TEC meeting to be held on 16 May. Re LEZ, the committee will be discussing what will be consulted on, not what the LEZ will be. Cars are to be included in the LEZ for the city-wide zone.
* Yellow and black road sign directing traffic to Ladywell (from St John’s Road at RBS) through Featherhall. Will contact CEC to find out if this can be changed to direct people via the main roads.

Cllr Gloyer

**Post meeting note –** Gyle Park – Extreme Circus – Contacted FotGP to inform them that the public entertainment licence had still not been granted by 15 May.

**Sub committees and Working Groups**

Planning – Warren Hope

* James Wall agent for Barratt Homes will attend June meeting.
* Mactaggart & Mickel’s application for the St John’s Road site demolition has been granted.
* Re development at South Gyle Crescent, is 0.5 parking space per household correct? Cllr Douglas to double check with CEC.
* East of 30 Forrester Park for two rows of single storey garages (total 23) by ALL U STORE. **Post meeting note** – this has been declined.
* Warren to attend Crosswinds development workshop on 17 May iro proposed mixed development on abandoned airstrip running south of the railway line. **Post meeting note** – Warren’s report on meeting circulated 19/05/19.

Business, Licensing and Amenities – Steve Kerr

* **Any volunteers to be the CC representative for the Licensing Process?**
* Greening initiative along St John’s Road. Some of the local businesses will meet to discuss.
* Objection raised iro Alex Cole-Hamilton’s FB parking survey. It was unofficial and should not have been added to the LibDem’s most recent newsletter.
* Wednesday 12 June has been earmarked for the TEC Convenor and Deputy Convenor to meet with a delegation from CCC to discuss the outcome of Parking/Traffic Management and Air Quality in Corstorphine. The relevant officials have also been invited to attend the CCC’s June meeting. Members of the CCC and others who have an informed opinion will be invited.
* Discussion with Will Garret, LEZ planner, revealed that the LEZ will do nothing iro of cars and that the money allocated to this will not go far enough to cover the wider LEZ.
* **Post meeting note** – the Chairman attended the CEC Transport & Environment Committee on Thursday 23 May with the intention to advocate for a single exacting LEZ. He was prevented from doing so due to disruption during the presentation by other delegates.

Environment – Susan Murray

* Pavement parking legislation – when will this be in place? **Update 17/04/19** – Transport bill finished stage 1 at the beginning of April. No date set at the moment for stage 2.

Please also refer to Councillor’s Action List for points raised at this and previous meetings.

**AOB**

* Deborah McCall is stepping down as treasurer of the CCC. She will continue to be a council member.
* Keith Walker - Corstorphine Rugby Club – unable, so far, to get funding for drainage so more possible sources are to be investigated. The council are now working on the old club house.
* Keith Walker - Corstorphine Dynamos have taken over the old changing rooms at Gyle Park. They will be invited to a future CCC meeting to give an overview of their plans.
* Keith Walker/Esther Stevenson – Extreme Circus – Gyle Park – meeting of FotGP to be held in David Lloyd Sports Centre at 7.30 pm on 16 May. Meeting with CEC has been requested.
* Kenny Wright – on the back of the meetings already held an invitation to be sent out about a proposed meeting on the role of Community Councils.
* **Post meeting note** – the Chairman attended the Western Neighbourhood Network – First Gathering meeting on Wednesday 22 May.

Meeting closed at 9.10 pm.

Next meeting is on Wednesday 19 June 2019, 7.00 pm in The Dower House, St Margaret’s Park.