

## Corstorphine Community Council Monthly Meeting Minutes

**Date and time:** Wednesday 18 September 2019, 7.00 pm

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

**Attendees:** Ian Kirkpatrick, Sheila Ramsay, Cllr Mark Brown, Tommy McLean, Robert Stokes (FRA), Warren Hope, Steve Kerr, Alan Sillars, Jane Kerr, PC Jamie Ellis, PC David Campbell, Cllr Gillian Gloyer

**Apologies:** Keith Walker, John Kerr, Claire Connachan, Cora Stewart, Deborah McCall, Fiona Moug, Nathan Readie, Jonathan Melville, Claire Bridgman, Robert Aldridge, Susan Murray

**Minutes:** Proposed: Ian Kirkpatrick                      Seconded: Sheila Ramsay

**Due to low attendance numbers the meeting was inquorate. However, the decision was taken to minute discussions and reports from those in attendance.**

### Police Report – PC David Campbell

	August 2019	August 2018
Housebreakings	6	5
Theft	16	9
Vandalism	7	5
Violence	5	5
Road traffic	10	6
Hate	0	0
Miscellaneous including drugs	10	25
Calls for service	271	254
Crimes reported	54	55
Crimes Solved	4	14

School link officers to engage with youngsters by visiting Primary 6 and 7 classes at local schools.

Police surgeries/drop ins – looking at different venues.

Please be aware of a spate of bogus callers going door-to-door. Don't let anyone into your house that you don't know. If you have any concerns contact the police.

Best Bar None scheme (<https://www.bbnsotland.co.uk/about-bbn/>) – most of the pubs in Corstorphine have now signed for this. In a nutshell this scheme provides support and advice to improve the safety of staff, premises and customers.

Increase in road traffic incident statistics because this number includes people failing to stop after a small bump/clash of mirrors. Police are receiving complaints via email regarding the failure of motorists to adhere to the 20 mph speed limit. Speed camera vans will be stations on Saughton Road North.

Question asked regarding children roof jumping at St Ninian's – could the church be held responsible if they hurt themselves. Probably not but might be worthwhile putting up a sign saying that the church would not accept responsibility if they did. Local patrols are including this street into their routes and now that darker nights are coming there should be a decrease in these incidents.

Thanks passed onto officers present from Cllr Brown for catching people speeding while under the influence and also failing to have the correct documentation.

Bike marking events have been well attended. Hoping to do more in the near future in and around Forrester, Gyle, etc.

### Councillor's Reports and Questions

#### Cllr Brown

- Asked CEC to help Dynamos to remove offensive graffiti at Gyle Park Pavilion.
- Application for Big Kids Circus at Gyle Park has been refused. The TEC announced in June that as part of its Edinburgh Parks Events manifesto it would include four "new" parks one of which is the Gyle.
- State of the parks is not good. Cllr Brown to raise a motion at full council on 19 September that they need to be properly maintained. (Council policy is to reduce the number of bins in parks eg, Inverleith is to be reduce from 30 to 15. There has been no consultation with councillors regarding this.)
- Due to the number of weeds growing on them the width of Maybury Road pavements has been reduced and is a public safety issue. Henry Whalley has done some work himself to rectify the problem and CEC, after asking, have too. Cllr Brown to ask if, going forward, this can be included in a programme of work at CEC.

#### Cllr Bridgman – via Cllr Brown

- Bookings and administration of Craigmount Community Wing is to be transferred to Edinburgh Leisure. Many of the small groups that use this facility (and have done for many years) will lose their home and as a result there will be a loss of community. There has been no discussion with the community and it feels like the decision has already been made. This will be raised at full council on 19 September.

#### Cllr Gloyer

- Question asked of the Transport Convenor and Dave Sinclair as to why roadworks for SGN on St John's Road and Queensferry Road have been scheduled at the same time. Response stated that they either had to work in parallel or Queensferry Road would have had to wait until Spring 2020. More obstructive work is scheduled for the October school holidays. Any comments or queries please contact either Cllrs Gloyer or Aldridge.
- First meeting of the Community Planning Partnership is scheduled for 3 October. Cllr Gloyer is unable to attend and is not allowed to send a whom failing.
- TEC has issued plans for new controlled parking zones. First will likely be Leith/Leith Walk/Shandon/Gorgie (approximately end of 2020) followed by Roseburn to Gyle. No date for this yet as informal consultations have to be held first then the legalese will follow. Obviously, displacement is a concern.

### **Sub committees and Working Groups**

#### Planning – Warren Hope

- Planning application for Pinkhill development has been passed. See John's email. CEC's website hasn't been updated to reflect this. Very disappointing for residents.
- Application for an HMO at 12 Glasgow has been denied.
- Application for an HMO at 53 St John's Road has been granted with a six month review.
- Corstorphine CC members asked for comments iro Education, Children and Families consultation running until 7 October. Once received Warren will submit report on our behalf.
- Email regarding Edinburgh Health & Social Care Partnership meeting circulated around CCC. All details of meeting can be found on September's planning report.
- Steve Kerr – meeting to be held early October with Forrester Residents Association, Mr Whitmy (garages owner) and Craig Ormond (MikMac) to discuss how to go forward iro same.

#### Business, Licensing and Amenities – Steve Kerr

- Western Neighbourhood Network – Friends of Roseburn Park have asked for funding for a drinking fountain. The fund is currently sitting at £32,983.00. Steve will forward the email onto various local groups who are known to be looking for funding.
- Suitability of filtered permeability on some roads in the area to be discussed at a meeting of CCC members and CEC. Steve will contact individuals directly.
- Community Safety Forum to be held on 1 October in Pilton.
- Dunedin City Council have extended an invitation to person or persons to join them in New Zealand for St Andrew's Day celebrations (please start an orderly queue behind me :o)). Steve will expand on this in his chairman's report.
- Community Council elections – nominations to be received by 30 September. Steve will expand on this in his chairman's report.

#### Environment – Susan Murray

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

### **AOB**

- Tom Rae, headmaster at Craigmount, is keen for the school to re-establish links with the community. One possible way to do this is through the Cadet Force. Historically pupils from private schools have signed up for this but Cllr Bridgman wants to look at including local secondary schools.
- Forrester's Twitter account has advertised that for anyone over the age of 16, community council elections are now open.
- Tommy McLean to pass information regarding the Local Youth Forum to Steve.
- The venue for future CCC meetings was discussed. Although of local, historical interest, The Dower House is not inclusive and due to the size of the meeting room used it's difficult for outside organisations to do presentations. The suggestion has been made to move the meeting to The Corstorphine Astoria Centre, Kirk Loan. It is fully accessible and has all necessary equipment for presentations, etc. Unfortunately, Wednesday nights are not available so the meetings would have to move to (and this can be discussed more fully at the next meeting) the third Tuesday of every month starting in November.

Meeting closed at 8.40 pm. Next meeting is on Wednesday 16 October 2019, 7.00 pm in The Dower House, St Margaret's Park.