**Corstorphine Community Council Monthly Meeting Minutes**

**Date and time:**  Tuesday 19 November 2019, 7.00 pm

**Location:**  The Corstorphine Astoria Centre, 18 Kirk Loan

**Attendees:**  Ian Kirkpatrick, Warren Hope, Robert Stokes (FRA), Dave Latimer, Fiona Moug, Deborah McCall,

Claire Connachan, Cllr Mark Brown, Keith Walker, Cllr Robert Aldridge, Cllr Claire Bridgman, Nathan Readie, Steve Kerr, PC Sam Davison, Jane Kerr

**Apologies:**  John Kerr, Patricia Lang, Cllr Scott Douglas, Cllr Gillian Gloyer, Angela Benzies, Jonathon Melville

**Minutes:**  Proposed: Fiona Moug Seconded: Warren Hope

**Police Report – PC Sam Davison**

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|  | October 2019 | October 2018 |
| Housebreakings | 2 | 2 |
| Theft | 10 | 7 |
| Vandalism | 11 | 4 |
| Violence | 8 | 5 |
| Road traffic | 3 | 6 |
| Hate | 0 | 0 |
| Miscellaneous including drugs | 6 | 6 |
| Calls for service | 190 | 167 |
| Crimes reported | 40 | 30 |

* Another bike marking session is to be held before Christmas at Scotmid Funeral Directors car park, Forrester Park.
* Cycling safety campaign to be organised. More details to follow.
* Community Team are being deployed to help cover events in the city centre so, as a result, could be less visible in and around Corstorphine.
* Vandalism figures are quite high due to local high school boys smashing car windows around the Gyle/Craigmount/East Craigs areas.
* Invitation to the filtered permeability meeting on 26 November extended to the community police team.

**Councillor’s Reports and Questions**

Cllr Brown

* Lamp post wraps should remain in place for 28 days. If you spot any that have been there longer please let Mark know.
* Drains and gulleys in North Gyle not coping with heavy rain, in particular North Gyle Terrace. Have been assured by CEC that they have been attended to.
* Parks consultation closes on 18 December. Would encourage all to participate. Hopeful that Gyle Park will be removed from the list of parks suitable for large events.
* Fireworks night seemed to go off without too much of a bang(!). Good co-ordinated approach amongst emergency services and CEC. Intending to speak to supermarkets about not selling fireworks to the public in the future. (Cllr Bridgman added that a joint statement from authorities be forwarded to Radio Forth asking them not to broadcast adverts for fireworks.)
* The second Forrester Park Residents Association meeting to be held on the 26th of November at Forrester Rugby Club.
* Youth Engagement Partnership is gathering momentum. Hopeful that by next Easter there will be some funding in place which will enable employment of youth workers which in turn will allow for a brainstorming session and roadmap to be created. (Nathan noted that good funding needs to be in place and that the families of children that come to the attention of the authorities need to be involved in any processes going forward.) Youth workers are actively being sought.

Cllr Gloyer (via Cllr Aldridge)

* She has contacted the agents for the shopper’s car park at Tesco. Sign is still up. No word back yet. Please see Warren’s planning report for more information.

Cllr Aldridge

* Request for councillor’s grid to be updated and old points to be removed. (It was pointed out that actions were left on there until notification was received that they were complete!)
* Noticed that the CCC December Christmas gather was to be held on 10 December which is the same night as the general election hustings at St Thomas’s. (CCC gathering is to start at 6.00 pm, Hustings starts at 7.30 pm.)

Cllr Bridgman

* Please extend a thank you to The Corstorphine Trust for the success of the Remembrance Service on 10 November.
* After 31 December 2019, Community Wing at Craigmount will no longer be management by the CW management team which only leaves six weeks to sort out who will do what and what facilities will be available eg, for the art classes, all the equipment belongs to the CW management team. Lots of assurances have been received that groups will not be affected and continue to run.
* Full CEC council meeting on 21 December – already 12 questions submitted iro the Christmas markets.

Councillor’s Questions - all

* Streetlights upgrade – many complaints have been received around the inconsistencies with installation. It’s just been badly managed!
* Is there any truth in the rumour that food caddies are to be done away with? No.
* It’s been heard on the grapevine that there will be roadworks along the length of Glasgow Road to connect substation at PC World to the new houses at Maybury. Councillors to enquire.
* Any idea what is planned for the site previously occupied by the Gylemuir Nursing Home? No.

**Sub committees and Working Groups**

Planning – Warren Hope

* Warren drew attention to several points from his report:
* Email circulated 13/11/19 re ongoing negotiations between Stuart Buchanan and Network Rail over provisioning of footpath/cycleway bridge.
* Warren to respond to council re 16/05681/PPP.
* Crosswinds Development public consultation event on 14 and 15 January at The Gyle Shopping Centre. See also next point.
* Point raised that Louise McIntyre from Edinburgh Airport had been invited to attend tonight’s meeting which she declined as Lichfields (planning and development consultants) are now project managing the process. **Post meeting note**: Lichfields will be attending our January meeting.

Business, Licensing and Amenities – Steve Kerr and Angela Benzies

* Norrie Whitmy has intimated that he will not attend a meeting with Forrester Park RA and Mik and Mac to discuss the lock ups. Robert Stokes will raise this point at the next FPRA meeting on 26 November and propose that something more formal is put to him.
* Steve to attend West Edinburgh Neighbourhood Network gathering on 19 December. Topics for discussion to include: local projects funded by the Community Grant Funding; Neighbourhood Environment Programme projects currently underway; update on North West Locality Community Planning Partnership; chance to decide how future Neighbourhood Network meetings will be organised.
* Angela Benzies was unable to attend but asked for various points iro the proposed Corstorphine Trade Association to be read out. No objections to her suggestions of moving this forward were raised. Have subsequently contacted Angela to inform her of same.

Environment – Steve Kerr

* Meeting with CEC and informed CCC members to discuss filtered permeability has been arranged for Tuesday 26 November at 6.00 pm at the Dower House. Anyone attending is encouraged to bring ideas with them.
* Steve to contact Will Garrett and Lesley MacInnes with an invitation to attend out February meeting to provide an update on the LEZ. The consultation results were positive but don’t go far enough. Why? Possible financial constraints?

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

**AOB**

* Western Neighbourhood Network Funding Panel – forms resent to CCC distribution list encouraging people to forward onto anyone who may benefit from funding.
* Keith Wilson - Corstorphine Connect Sight Loss Group has raised the issue that there are no cones at the traffic lights at the top of Manse Road. Keith to send details to Steve and this will be raised at the Filtered Permeability meeting on 26 November.
* Keith Wilson – Gyle Park paths. Council seem to be doing small intermittent improvements. Cllr Aldridge informed meeting that this would only happen if there was a budget underspend.
* West Edinburgh Link project have been invited to attend our January meeting. **Post meeting note**: invitation accepted and will attend our January meeting.
* Corstorphine Rugby Club have been invited to attend our February meeting to give an overview of their long term plan. **Post meeting note**: invitation accepted.
* What’s the latest on the CYC. Cllr Bridgman advised that the council funds are still to be signed off by the Finance and Resources committee (their next meeting is on 6 December). Tommy has been speaking to all councillors to try and get backing for it to go through. Original plan for rebuild was for two phases but now that the east side has been refurbished this has been scrapped and the rebuild will be done in one phase.

Meeting closed at 8.30 pm. There will be no business meeting in December rather a gathering on ***Tuesday 10 December, 6.00 pm at Café Vigo.***