**Corstorphine Community Council Monthly Meeting Minutes**

**Date and time:** Wednesday 19 June 2019, 7.00 pm

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

**Attendees:** Alex Sinclair, Eileen Sinclair, Henry Whaley, Sheila Ramsay, Ian Todd, Alan Sillars, Will Garrett (CEC),

Cllr Lesley MacInnes, Keith Walker, Robert Stokes, Andrea Mackie (CEC), Dave Sinclair (CEC), Tommy McLean,

Cllr Claire Bridgman, Deborah McCall, Ibironke Shonekan-Odekeye (Elshaddai Global Organisation), Cora Stewart,

Olive Taylor, Dave Latimer, Nathan Readie, John Kerr, Steve Kerr, Kenny Wright, Susan Murray, Warren Hope, Graeme Hart, Jane Kerr

**Apologies:** Cllr Robert Aldridge, Ian Kirkpatrick, Claire Connachan, Jon Melville, Cllr Gillian Gloyer, Cllr Mark Brown,

Cllr Scott Douglas

**Minutes:** Proposed: Seconded:

**Police Report – PC Nicola Payne**

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|  | May 2019 | May 2018 |
| Housebreakings | 5 | 8 |
| Theft | 14 | 16 |
| Vandalism | 6 | 8 |
| Violence | 7 | 10 |
| Road traffic | 4 | 11 |
| Hate | 0 | 0 |
| Miscellaneous including drugs | 20 | 15 |
| Calls for service | 240 | 278 |
| Crimes reported | 56 | 76 |
| Crimes Solved | 14 | 32 |

* Three bicycle thefts have been solved.
* Mobile ‘phone use in cars – members of the public can contact the police and report this.
* Nathan Readie passed on thanks to local officers for work around stopping mopeds/motorcycles cutting through the bollards and over the pavement at South Gyle train station.
* Car in North Gyle Grove has been removed after five months. The police and DVLA will check that road on their next patrol.
* Police are aware of the latest youth craze of roof jumping. The kids involved have been spoken to and the local police are actively patrolling the hot spots.

**CEC TEC’s Delegation**

Cllr MacInnes, Will Garret, Andrea Mackie and Dave Sinclair from CEC attended meeting to discuss Council’s plans for LEZ, transport issues, pollution, etc. See appendix for transcript of question and answer session.

**Councillor’s Reports and Questions**

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Circus Extreme’s licence to perform as Gyle Park has been revoked by the Council. Huge effort from local councillors and residents. Well done to all concerned in getting the right result.

Cllr Bridgman

* Attended Active School event, Games @ the Hub, on 22 May at Forrester High School. This event is for P6 pupils from across the city and gives them a chance to participate in 14 different sports.
* Craigmount community wing has the overall responsibility for the school’s estate out with school hours. David Bruce (CEC Senior Education Manager) is to meet with Tom Rae (Headmaster CHS) to discuss what can be done to improve the offering to the community.
* Youth Talk event to be held at The Corstorphine Astoria Centre on Friday 22 June. Fifty children from the local secondary schools have been invited to attend along with various speakers. The children will be asked what they want to see happening in their area.
* Possible Living Streets walkabout in July.

Cllr Brown – via email

* Forrester Park Residents Association: I was delighted to be able to assist with the formation of the newest Residents’ Association in the ward which recently had its inaugural meeting at Forrester Rugby Club – thanks to Steve Kerr for his support on this and initial chairing of the meeting and also Cllr Bridgman who attended too.  This has been a result of a 12 month journey with a number of residents and I look forward to continuing to assist and build on the early successes that have included two community-led litter pick events, a planning application refusal and a number of discussions and meetings with stakeholders to deliver positive outcomes in the area.  Watch this space, as they say!
* Forrester Park:  As per Warren’s report, the Planning Application for the building of Garage units was refused.  This was a welcomed decision by all ward Councillors and I was pleased to be able to play a part in galvanising the community in raising some 80+ objections.  The applicant does have the right to appeal however and along with the newly formed Resident’s Association, which will be adopted by the Community Council this evening, should this materialise, a similar – and likely larger - response will meet any subsequent revised application.
* Bus Lane Cameras at South Gyle Broadway: These are now in operation.  However, feedback received by all three ward councillors would suggest that a review of the location of said camera would be worthy of consideration, namely to shift it Southbound from its current Northbound placing.  I will be following this up accordingly.
* Will chase Council iro graveyard path repairs. Mail trail passed (via Susan) to Mark.
* I was out and about in this Community Council’s part of the ward earlier in the week on my e-bike and will continue to do so throughout the extended summer months to spot issues first hand and of course, engage with constituents and local business owners as I go along. If you see me, stop me and let’s have a chat about any Council related matters you may have.
* Council is gearing up to head into recess for July however that doesn’t mean I’ll be going anywhere and any constituent in the ward that wishes to contact me can continue to do so.

Cllr Douglas – via email

* The hedge next to the no right turn sign has now been cut back, and the light has been fixed.
* With regards to the Pinkhill barriers, an engineer has visited the site and agreed a repair is necessary. It has been forwarded to the workshops team and is on their schedule of works. They’ve said they will update me when the work has been carried out.

Cllr Aldridge – via email

* Black and yellow signage in Featherhall reported to relevant officers.
* LEZ consultation to include consulting on which types of vehicle should be included ie, whether cards should be included in the whole city LEZ.
* New Neighbourhood Networks have been established but still finding their feet. I remain concerned at the level of influence CCs will have ie, too little.

Cllr Gloyer – via email

* Ceiling repairs at Corstorphine Library are to be carried out between 22 and 25 June. The library will be closed during this time, reopening on 26 June.

**Sub committees and Working Groups**

Planning – Warren Hope

* Dandara have applied again for planning permission at Pinkhill. John Kerr gave an update on new plan – nothing has really changed! Planning deadline for CCC is 26 June. Warren will respond to the Council on our behalf. (Done – 21/06/19.)
* James Wall agent for Barratt Homes will attend August meeting.
* Warren to contact Council Planning helpdesk to find out more about possible development for the public toilets on St John’s Road. Survey was carried out at the beginning of the month. Residents on St John’s Road were approached by the owner of the office and yard at 14 Featherhall Place, Property Square. Offer to purchase garden was made with a view to turn it into a car park for the proposed development of the site – an office block and yard.
* Murrayfield Community Council trying to block a pop-up bar opposite Murrayfield. No-one was aware that this permission had been granted by the Council. A la Extreme Circus, the council’s process is obviously flawed.

Business, Licensing and Amenities – Steve Kerr

* **Any volunteers to be the CC representative for the Licensing Process?**
* Invitation to Craig Ormond from McTaggart & Mickel to be extended for August/September CCC meeting. Possible topics to discuss are the sale of the garages at Forrester Park and the timescales for the development at St John’s Road.
* Do we want to nominate a member of the CCC to sit on the new Neighbourhood Network?

Environment – Susan Murray

* Old Parish graveyard pavements are owned by CEC - still no action despite this being promised September 2018. **Update 24/06/19** – Cllr Brown will chase council.

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

**AOB**

* Forrester Park Resident’s Association was officially adopted onto the CCC. Proposed: Deborah McCall. Seconded: Keith Walker.
* Keith Walker – Corstorphine Rugby Club’s clubhouse refurbishment is close to completion. The club (with help from Christine Jardine and other relevant parties) are intending to put together a presentation/application for Postcode Lottery funding.
* Keith Walker - The Council’s proposed catering concessions in Edinburgh Parks will not be going ahead. Feedback was not favourable!
* Keith Walker - CEC have received a request from Edinburgh Ogres Ball Hockey Club to use the outdoor ball facility at Gyle Park. Any objections should be sent to the Park Ranger c/o Drum Brae Library Hub.

Meeting closed at 9.10 pm. Next meeting is on Wednesday 21 August 2019, 7.00 pm in The Dower House, St Margaret’s Park.