**Corstorphine Community Council Monthly Meeting - Online**

**Date/time:** Tuesday 17 November 2020, 7.00 pm

**Apologies:** Cllr Scott Douglas, Cllr Mark Brown, Cora Stewart, Pam Sked, Daran Golby, David Hunter, John Kerr, Robert and Kristina Meager, Maria Stephenson, Phyllis Stephen - Edinburgh Reporter

**Attendees:** Steve Kerr, Ian Kirkpatrick, Susan Murray, Fiona Moug, Graeme Hart, Keith Walker, Jonathan Melville,

Claire Connachan, Henry Whaley, Cllr Gillian Gloyer, Robert Stokes, Vikki Brown, Chris Young, Deborah McCall, Nathan Readie, Angela Benzies, Karen Smith, Tommy McLean, Damian Mullen, Jane Kerr

**Minutes: September (amended):** Proposed Claire Connachan/Seconded Ian Kirkpatrick

**October:** Proposed Claire Connachan/Seconded Ian Kirkpatrick – no matters arising

**Declarations of Interest**

If members of the press were to attend future meetings, the expectation would be that it was for a specific story. At this point in the meeting they would declare an interest.

**Police Report – received via email from PC Sam Davison**

Due to CEC budget cuts there will no longer be an obligation for PCs to attend meetings. PC Sam Davison has been attending the meeting, quite often in his own time, and has been instructed that he can no longer do this. Steve has written to David Happs, Chief Inspector, cc’ing the Division Commander stating how valued the police presence at CCC meetings is. PC Davison will be a real miss due to his dedication and enthusiasm iro community policing. Once public meetings are reinstated, if on shift, he will attend.

Steve and John Yellowlees have written to the Lord Provost highlighting Sam’s commitment to his role and that this should be recognised in some way. The Corstorphine Community Council would like to note our thanks to Sam.

Community POs can be contacted at [EdinburghCPTNorthWest@scotland.pnn.police.uk](mailto:EdinburghCPTNorthWest@scotland.pnn.police.uk). The official monthly report can be found [here](../November%202020/CCC%20November%202020%20Police%20Report.docx).

**Councillor’s Reports and Questions**

Cllr Gloyer

* Full council to be held on 19th. SfP and East Craigs LTN reports have both been referred to it from TEC for further debate. Outcome unlikely to be different but gives all councillors a chance to participate and vote.
* Also to be brought before Full council is a referral from the Housing committee iro failure to approve funding for Corstorphine Community Centre. Funding to be used for other projects.
* Steve Kerr: Much work put into deputations/reports for individual committees but deferring these to full council seems to be happening with more regularity. Will this be the tack taken in future? Anything involving money has to be sent to full council.
* There is an open consultation iro CEC’s budget. It can be found [here](https://consultationhub.edinburgh.gov.uk/ce/2021-24-council-budget-engagement/).
* Reopening of libraries has been delayed due to lack of budget. Corstorphine library is being refurbished and is due to reopen early 2021. Drumbrae is due to open soon.
* Robert Stokes: children from Forrester HS have been coming into the estate, smoking in stairwells and littering. Who can be approached about this? Head teacher and community policing team at email above.
* Robert Stokes: broken street light that is still not working after five months. Send details to Cllr Gloyer but faults can also be raised via CEC’s website [here](https://webforms.edinburgh.gov.uk/site/portal/request/street_light).
* Graeme Hart: Any news on the Kaimes Road crossing? It’s to be done as part of 2020/21 financial year.

Cllr Brown (via email)

* CityFibre – continuing to pass all complaints received to Elaine Docherty at CF. Several members raised issues around the quality and safety aspects of work. Elaine Docherty has been found to be ineffective at solving issues. Official route for complaints has been followed with no real results so CCC will raise issues with CF via Twitter to try and highlight issues.
* Graffiti Kits: Robert Stokes chasing. Post meeting note – email sent to Cllr Brown asking for him to chase (again).

Planning – Claire Connachan

* Planning report circulated pre-meeting. Claire encouraged participants to go onto CEC’s planning portal to look at any residential planning applications for their local area.
* Planning application for specialist dwellings on south side of Turnhouse Road highlighted and there is an overview in report. Claire will resubmit objection to these proposals.
* West Craigs development are giving residents the opportunity to consult before plans are submitted.
* All of the above are small parts of a very large development which has already been approved. What does this mean for the community? Residents should take time to comment to planners for or against these proposals. This will help shape the infrastructure and make them the best quality of development as possible.
* Steve suggested the possibility of setting up a meeting, early in 2021, with a CEC senior planning officer to discuss the master plans and, as more of these developments are built, the increasing impact they will have on the local area.

Business – Angela Benzies

* Corstorphine Business first meeting on 4 November continuing fortnightly.
* Contacts have been made via FB, legwork and distributing flyers. Businesses in Carrick Knowe and Broomhall have also been approached.
* Looked at the keys aims - promote business prosperity; positive contribution to community life; networking; provide useful information based links.
* Reasonable number of attendees – both new and established businesses – encouraged by their enthusiasm.
* Unable to appoint office bearers at first meeting but hopeful that with the support of the Community Council this can be done in the near future. Hope to have a chair (albeit possibly an interim one) elected soon.
* CEC Business and Inclusion Development Team have highlighted an event at The Zoo from end November to January. One of our traders has secured a stall at it. CEC BIDT have also identified 11 town centres in Edinburgh including Corstorphine. Their marketing for this will include merchandise such as tote bags, colour schemes, etc. This is to come online soon which will help with trade in the run up to Christmas.
* As part of the shop local campaign there is a link to a digital Christmas market on the FB page.
* Cllr Campbell, CEC’s small business champion has been in touch. Raising motion to full council iro challenges facing businesses and highlighting small business Saturday on the 5th of December.
* Use of CCC’s Twitter account has been very helpful but ultimately Corstorphine Business need to have its own identity.

Environment

East Craigs Low Traffic Neighbourhood (LTN)

* Deputation submitted to the TEC held on 12 November. Fifty three opposition notifications received into the mailbox. Nine of these were sent directly to CCC and as such we will respond to them. CCC was cc’d into the others for information.
* SfP initiative and the LTN have now been separated. As a result of legal intervention, an options paper was put before the TEC. TEC went into a closed session to take advice. Three options were tabled. Decision, on the back of legal advice, was to opt for a watered down version of the SfP/LTN. Matter has now been referred to Full Council on 19 November and the deputation will be resubmitted.
* LTN will be advanced through an experimental traffic regulation order with work starting late spring 2021 following a programme of consultation. An ETRO is applied in four stages: consultation added to CEC hub; after closure of consultation a report is sent from CEC officers with findings to the TEC; TEC to decide if they want to promote the ETRO based on findings/advice; statutory consultation follows ie, community councils, NHS, Police, Fire Service, etc followed by a public consultation. At this point official objections can be made. This is a commitment from the TEC Convenor.
* Kenny Wright (DBCC) submitted participation request to CEC to be involved in the deliberations for East Craigs LTN and that all interested parties be included.
* Steve to meet with Gareth Barwell, Head of Place Management, on 26 November, to discuss CCC’s engagement and inclusion in the whole LTN process.
* Thanks from Susan to Steve iro the amount of time and effort that this is taking. Seconded by Ian and also pleased that there has been a change of heart from CEC.

Corstorphine South/Featherhall LTN

* Dave Sinclair has confirmed that this will not be put on hold and could happen as quickly as the end of the year.
* CEC to hold a meeting with CCC councillors and affiliates to discuss the revised and extended (to include the High Street) plan and move these on.
* They want to spend more money to enable streetscaping. Money from NEPs (£50k) is still ring fenced for this.
* Drawings and plans to be shared pre-meeting but these must NOT be shared outside the meeting invitees.

**AOB**

* CityFibre – see Cllr Brown’s section above.
* West Neighbourhood Network meetings were put on hold due to Covid-19. Meeting of this group is to be held soon. Possible topic for inclusion is social isolation.
* EACC’s next meeting will include a programme of work for the first quarter 2021. The first is to be about revitalising Edinburgh’s economy. Angela will be invited to take part iro Corstorphine Business.
* Thanks from Steve to all attendees for the constructive discussions held.
* Thanks to Steve for the laying of a wreath, on behalf of CCC, on Remembrance Sunday.

Meeting ended at 8.45 pm. The next meeting will be on Tuesday 15 December, 7.00 pm online via Zoom. These minutes are also available online at http:// http://corstorphinecc.uk/minutes/.