**Corstorphine Community Council Monthly Meeting - Online**

**Date/time:** Tuesday 19 January 2021, 7.00 pm

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

Vikki Brown, Chris Young, Nathan Readie, Angela Benzies, Karen Smith, Tommy McLean, Cllr Mark Brown,

Cllr Claire Bridgman, Pamela Sked, Robert Stokes, Janis Ross-Williamson, Stuart Buchanan (Cardrossam),

Martyn Lings (CEC), Cllr Frank Ross, Connal Hughes, Jane Kerr

**Apologies:** Cllr Gillian Gloyer, Deborah McCall

**Minutes: December:** Proposed Nathan Readie/Seconded Ian Kirkpatrick – no matters arising

**Declarations of Interest -** None.

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

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](https://www.dropbox.com/s/98bx7d8j2x95wp1/CORSTORPHINE%20MURRAYFIELD%20Monthly%20Community%20Meeting%20Update%20January%202021.docx?dl=0) and a copy of advice leaflet Victims of Fraud can be found [here](https://www.dropbox.com/s/ymbqwpnw0caw8k2/victims-of-fraud-leaflet.pdf?dl=0).

**Presentations and Reports**

**Road layout changes: Corstorphine High Street – Martyn Lings, CEC**

Further to meetings held between Corstorphine CC councillors/affiliates and CEC staff, Martyn gave an overview of the updated plan. All comments received from meeting will be collated and further changes made. Next step set out by Spaces for People is finalisation of design; a period of notification; feedback from notification presented to CEC for consideration and sign off; implementation. The timescales are notification at the beginning of February and, assuming there are no objections, budgetary constraints, etc, implementation at the end of February.

Corstorphine South LTN is still in the pipeline and Corstorphine CC will receive notification in the near future.

Meadowplace Road SfP had been put on hold due to budget constraints but is now back in the programme of work. There could also be an extension to this along Ladywell Road. This is due to come forward to notification early February.

Steve thanked Martyn for work done so far and his presentation to the meeting.

**West Craigs update – Stuart Buchanan, Cardrossam**

Stuart gave an overview of the consented masterplan for the West Craigs project. Many questions raised about the services, build, infrastructure, transport and amenities. Documentation and correspondence relating to these along with copies of the plans can be found [here](https://www.dropbox.com/sh/jynfu2j808wa0g8/AACg3L_hXFjcL8MVsmpIsr3Na?dl=0).

Due to time constraints at community council meetings consensus is that Stuart and a CEC planning officer will be invited to a separate meeting to discuss plans in more detail. This will be set up in the near future. Cllr Ross suggested some items for discussion at this meeting: CCTV; new high school in the West; upgrade to road junctions. There is no planned money in CEC’s capital budget for the next 10 years for these items so more in-depth questioning required. Claire has extended offer again to community council members to contact her with questions and feedback iro the development.

Steve thanked Stuart for his attendance and presentation to the meeting.

Cllr Bridgman

* Craigmount PTA meeting 18 January - new head teacher, Colin Meikle, introduced. He starts on 16 February and is coming from Larbert HS. Tony O’Docherty, interim head, has made an excellent contribution at the school and is leaving on 1 February to take over as interim head at St Augustines. PTA meeting also raised point of school extension. This will be for a few hundred children.
* Residents emailing iro empty grit bins.

Cllr Brown

* Residents contacting him re gritting around Gyle. Response by CEC as part of their winter programme was poor.
* Maybury Road potholes – some work has been done to rectify. Another inspection required.
* CityFibre – issues still ongoing. Thanks to Nathan for all his work iro problems at Gyle.
* Fly tipping at Forrester and other areas.

Cllr Ross

* Gritters have been out trying to keep on top of the weather. The type of grit currently used needs to be compressed into road surface so that it is effective and currently there isn’t enough traffic. CEC to look at different type of grit for future. Angela Benzies: could the pavements be included?
* Residents emailing re grit bins - empty or not enough bins. Ten dedicated teams to keep them filled. For a quick response please use link on CEC’s website - <https://www.edinburgh.gov.uk/gritting-grit-bins> - to report issues. By all means let your ward councillor know that there’s an issue as well.
* CityFibre – meeting to be organised by Cllr Ross with CF and a few CC members who have already been contacting them to address some of the issues.
* Receiving complaints from residents iro the closures and diversions on Clermiston Road for roadworks. Meeting to be held on 20 January to discuss this.

Planning – Claire Connachan

* Planning [report](https://www.dropbox.com/s/od35zh9qeu2aa2m/Planning%20and%20Licencing%20Report%20-%20January%202021.pdf?dl=0) circulated pre-meeting.
* Corstorphine Nursery – 24 Featherhall Avenue – planning notice 20/05629/FUL - several personal objections sent to CEC. Notification from CEC sent out on 23 December so very little time for reaction. Claire will feedback to CEC on behalf of Corstorphine CC asking for clarification on points raised: preservation of trees on plot, size of fence, etc. **Post meeting note**: Claire emailed CEC planning on 21 January asking for comments to be taken into consideration.
* West Craigs development – as per above, dedicated meeting to be arranged to discuss this in much greater detail.

Business – Angela Benzies

* Corstorphine Business have changed their name to Corstorphine Business Community. Meetings continue.
* Bank account has been opened. Membership fee of £24.00 per year agreed. For this fee businesses will, for example, get a preferential joining rate to the Federation of Small Businesses; free participation in future events, etc.
* Funding: various sources being investigated: Craig Ormond, Director, Mactaggart & Mickel, has confirmed that start-up funding is available; Awaiting confirmation from CEC small business champion; Northwest community grant.
* As per December’s minutes, continuing to liaise with CEC business development team.
* Possibility of getting involved in local initiatives – Window Wanderland and a treasure hunt (although this may be more suited to the summer).

Voluntary Sector Update – Tommy McLean

* Almond and Western Voluntary Sector Forum (VSF) are still meeting regularly. Presentation to be given from the Edinburgh Health and Social Care Partnership. Slides can be found [here](https://www.dropbox.com/s/wq4f8sxhzjrtn01/Edinburgh%20Pact%20-%20Facilitated%20Meetings%20V0.3.pptx?dl=0). This links in with poverty and isolation in the Corstorphine area. Please send any information about local groups to Tommy and he can pass it on.
* Youth engagement partnership. Meeting due to be held in the next few weeks to discuss restarting activities. Anyone wanting to get involved can contact Tommy, Cllr Mark Brown or Steve Kipanda (Community Learning Team).
* Corstorphine Community Centre offering a drama group for pupils from S1 to S6. More details from [youthwork@ccchub.online](mailto:youthwork@ccchub.online).
* Neighbourhood Network meetings will be restarting soon. Any community grant fund applications should be in by 31 January 2021.

Window Wanderland – Vikki Brown

* Forty nine applications received so far – mix of private homes and businesses. Nursing homes have been contacted.
* Police and CEC have been contacted iro of Covid-19 compliance. Still awaiting response from Police.
* Please keep spreading the word!
* Comment from Cllr Ross: further to previous initiative, digital graphics were used in empty shops. These are still available. Frank will ask artist, Howard Elwyn-Jones, to contact Vikki.

**AOB**

* Thanks and appreciation from Steve to Jane for her work as secretary. Tonight is her last meeting in this role. Vikki Brown will take over from 25 January.

Meeting ended at 9.15 pm. The next meeting will be on Tuesday 16 February 2021, 7.00 pm online via Zoom. These minutes are also available online at http:// http://corstorphinecc.uk/minutes/.