

Corstorphine Community Council Monthly Meeting - Online

Date/time: Tuesday 16 February

2021, 7.00 pm

Attendees: Steve Kerr, Tommy McLean, Ian Kirkpatrick, Jane Kerr, David Sutherland, Angela Benzies, Susan Murray, Fiona Goulding, Deborah McCall, Robert Stokes, Claire Connachan, Alastair Stewart, Chris Young, John Wood, Nathan Readie, Cllr Mark Brown, Jon Melville, Karen Smith.

Apologies: Cllr Gillian Gloyer, Cllr Claire Bridgeman, Cllr Frank Ross, Robert & Kristina Meger, John Kerr, Keith Walker

Minutes: **January:** Proposed Nathan Readie/Seconded Angela Benzies – no matters arising

Declarations of Interest - None.

Co-opting of Groups: Welcome to Jane Kerr as representative for The Corstorphine Trust and congratulations on taking up role as Chair at The Corstorphine Trust. Welcome to Chris Young, Co-Chair, and representative for Low Traffic Corstorphine. Proposed Steve Kerr/Seconded Ian Kirkpatrick.

Corstorphine Business to be asked if they would like to be co-opted on to the Community Council.

Action: Angela Benzies to ask Corstorphine Business Chair and invite to March meeting.

Police Report – via email from PC Sam Davison

Community POs can be contacted at EdinburghCPTNorthWest@scotland.pnn.police.uk. The official monthly report can be found [here](#).

Bowel Cancer Awareness Presentation – Ross Lamb and Jenny

Steve thanked for presentation and offered support from the Community Council in helping to raise awareness through sharing information via email and internet. Find out more about bowel cancer and donate to Bowel Cancer UK on their website

<https://www.bowelcanceruk.org.uk/>

Councillor Reports

Cllr Brown

- Based on email correspondence, there appears to be a general perception from residents that CEC response to winter weather has been poor. Deborah McCall highlighted her positive experience with ordering new grit bin.
- East Craigs LTN and Corstorphine LTN consultations are now live, please ensure that you participate.
- Anticipating that CEC budget proposals should go online within a few days of meeting.
- Gyle Park Lighting – Tommy McLean to provide update.
- Confirmed Robert Stokes email about abandoned vehicles and accident blackspots received and will respond.

City Fibre Update

- Tommy McLean noted that there is a particularly dangerous section near Golf shop and Gylemuir Road where covers have been left off trenches.
- Susan Murray highlighted that City Fibre had been working on fixing the problems from autumn – missing iron works have been reinstalled and potholes filled.
- Cllr Mark Brown advised that he had been made aware of a change to personnel and that he would be getting in touch with the new manager, Paul Wakefield to raise the issues and concerns. Steve Kerr suggested that the councillors take a co-ordinated approach, and that Cllr Frank Ross was in the process of organising a meeting with City Fibre.

St Margaret's Park Flooding

- Jonathan Melville enquired if anything could be done to address the flooding in St Margaret's Park. Cllr Mark Brown responded that is out with his boundary area but would raise with Cllr Scott Douglas to see if he could help.
- Chris Young advised that there are resident concerns around wall stability and parasites in standing water but had notice that there have been CEC staff in the park looking at the issue recently. Susan Murray noted that with higher intensity rainfall, flooding would be a regular/increasing issue and need to look at more creative long-term solution to drainage problem. In addition, parks are not a statutory service so affected by budget cuts.

Action: Steve Kerr/Vikki Brown to arrange meeting with CEC Parks team to address issues and investigate what Corstorphine Community Council can do to support.

Planning – Claire Connachan

- Planning [report](#) circulated pre-meeting.
- Corstorphine Nursery – 24 Featherhall Avenue – planning notice 20/05629/FUL – Comment submitted to planning. Decision due 22nd February. Update at March meeting.

- Reconfiguration of car park at PC World/Pets at Home – pavement to be created at south entry point is positive but other entry point has no provision and pedestrians enter straight into a parking space. Claire has raised with Planning officers and comments passed on to Planners.
- Edinburgh Airport – application has been lodged to create a new road to meet demand. The road could also be used as feeder road to new West Craigs development. **Action:** Feedback any thoughts or concerns to Claire for Community Council submission.
- Maybury Primary School – planning application has been lodged. **Action:** Feedback any thoughts or concerns to Claire for Community Council submission. Susan Murray commented that whilst aware that nothing could be done, the school site is poor and routes to school not walkable. CC was allocated the land by developers and had no choice of site.
- Claire will be meeting with Planning for a training session on 24th February.
- Looking to meet Planners to discuss West Craigs development in near future. Angela Benzies thanked Claire for work being done regarding West Craigs.

Business – Angela Benzies

- Corstorphine Business now constituted, and applications being received.
- Northwest community grant awarded.
- Business Gateway session on 10th March.
- Looking at running a prize draw in future.
- Shop Here This Year – locality competition.

Spaces for People

- Tommy McLean noted concerns around SfP process as does not feel that 5-day notification period is sufficient. Stated that he feels that from a Community Council perspective need to look at consistent responses and ensure people are informed. Jonathan Melville confirmed happy to put out on the social media but challenging to keep up with volume of consultations at present. Angela Benzies concerned that genuine safety concerns are not being heard and that if the schemes are to become permanent these considerations need to be considered.

Action: Steve Kerr to consider communications and how Community Council can be as effective as possible at distributing information.

Consultations

East Craigs LTN – Ian Kirkpatrick representing Corstorphine Community Council on Community Reference Group.

Corstorphine LTN – Jonathan Melville representing Corstorphine Community Council on Community Reference Group.

Action: All to feed into relevant representative as required.

Westfield House Asset Transfer

- Possibility of lease arrangement – 99-year term.
- Possibility that library would move to the ground floor.
- Currently building does not have a lift which would need to be installed plus remedial work. Estimated approx. £1 million to bring up to a high specification standard.
- Considering organisations which may be interested in using the building: business incubator, satellite Business Gateway branch.
- Stage 1 of process – informal discussions Corstorphine Trust, Corstorphine Community Centre, and Corstorphine Community Council.
- Susan Murray raised concerns over loss of historic building if the library was to be moved.

Voluntary Sector Forum

Meeting on Thursday at 10.30am. All welcome. Trying to bring groups together to look at practical solutions to address isolation and poverty.

North West Locality Community Planning Partnership

- Considering empowerment and what it should look like
- Corstorphine Community Council – if starting with blank sheet, what should be included.
- Funds for letting Community Councils deliver services.
- Boundary changes. Are they currently too big to be effective?
- Grants approved for Corstorphine Business, Gyle Park Lighting and Roseburn Park BBQ slabs.
- Need to get applying for money, same groups applying.

Window Wanderland – Vikki Brown

- Great response, lots of windows signed up, keep spreading the word.

AOB

Car Parking CPZ consultation.

Meeting ended at 9.30pm. The next meeting will be on Tuesday 16 March 2021, 7.00 pm online via Zoom. These minutes are also available online at <http://corstorphinecc.uk/minutes/>.