**Corstorphine Community Council Monthly Meeting - Online**

**Date/time:** Tuesday 16 March 2021, 7.00 pm

**Attendees:** Steve Kerr, Vikki Brown, Keith Walker, Ian Kirkpatrick, Jane Kerr, Tommy McLean, Cllr Claire Bridgman, Angela Benzies, Fiona Moug, Frank Ross, Karen Smith, Susan Murray, Debbie McCall, Jonathan Melville, Nathan Readie, David Hunter, Claire Connachan, Ogla Fatica, Sue Clark, Chris Young, Tina McLelland, David Sutherland, Cynthia Taylor, Pam Sked, Damian Mullan, Cllr Mark Brown, Janis Ross-Williamson, Neil Archibald, Graeme Hart, Carole McRae

**Apologies:** Robert Stokes, Cllr Robert Aldridge, Colin McLauchlin, Cllr Scott Douglas.

**Minutes: January:** Proposed Ian Kirkpatrick/Seconded Jon Melville – Susan Murray requested small change to wording regarding Maybury Primary School.

**Declarations of Interest -** None.

**Co-opting of Groups:** Welcome to Colin McLauchlin, Chair of Corstorphine Business. Proposed Steve Kerr/Seconded Vikki Brown.

**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/home/CCC/March%202021?preview=Corstorphine+Monthly+Community+Meeting+Update+March+2021.docx).

**Westfield House Asset Transfer**

Cllr Frank Ross provided update as Vice Chair of Corstorphine Community Centre Planning has been granted to McTaggart Mickel for demolition of the building that Community Centre hub is currently operating from. Stage 1 meeting was held on 23rd February with Steve Kerr, Jane Kerr and two CEC officers present. Panel is content to move to Stage 2. As part of preparatory work, various surveys will be undertaken and architect engaged. Scottish Land Trust have provided a grant to cover these costs but on condition that building will be purchased and not leased. Once surveys are returned, community engagement will commence.

**Edinburgh Partnership Working Group**

There are 44 Community Councils within the Edinburgh Association of Community Councils (CC). It has been identified that community engagement and empowerment is not working as well as it could. Many CC boundaries are too large or contain too many people and there is a need to review boundary areas to create smaller CC. There is general agreement for change and reform. It was noted that Participation Requests should not be necessary as CC are statutory consultees. Also concern raised that whilst there may be positives, if engagement is already an issue would it get better or worse with smaller numbers of residents. Steve Kerr noted that experience from Government suggests it would work and that relevance and empowerment have to be present. Next step is Edinburgh Partnership Board meeting on 23rd March.

**Councillor Reports**

Cllr Ross

* Council Budget has been set. Includes a 12-month Council Tax freeze. Karen Smith noted that brown bin cost is being increased. Cllr Ross responded that the cost is one of the lowest in the country and does not fully cover the cost of running the service.
* Changes on Corstorphine High Street – would like to see more speeding enforcement.
* Work has started on Corstorphine Library.
* Consultations: LTN, Retaining SfP Measures, CPZ. Would like to know if Corstorphine Community Council has a view on CPZ proposals.

Cllr Bridgeman

* Anti-social behaviour
* Westfield House – very positive.

Cllr Brown

* Anti-social behaviour – appalling assault on Lothian Bus driver. 14-year-old has been arrested in connection. Spate of attacks on buses across the city. Problem with motor bikes around the area – if anyone has any information, please report to the Police.
* TTRO re Gogarloch and work happening.

City Fibre Update

* Cllr Frank Ross confirmed that he is in daily contact with City Fibre and issues are being dealt with within 24 hours. Vikki Brown noted thanks to Cllr Ross for helping to resolve issue impacting on the route to school. Cllr Ross advised Tommy McLean that Westerbroom issue has been reported. Cllr Bridgeman noted that she was meeting Paul Wakefield from City Fibre and residents welcome to contact her with any issues that need to be raised.

Planning – Claire Connachan

* Planning [report](https://www.dropbox.com/h?preview=Planning+and+Licencing+Report+-+Feburary+2021.pdf) circulated pre-meeting.
* Decisions of note: 8 Saughton Road North, change from garage to flats. Granted with conditions applied. Corstorphine Nursery – 24 Featherhall Avenue boundary fencing. Granted as no objections met material considerations. Dance studio on South Gyle Crescent granted.
* Planning application (of interest, no perceived impact): Creation of first floor/mezzanine to PC World unit.
* Edinburgh Airport access road. Objection submitted on behalf of Corstorphine Community Council as contrary to many CEC policies plus negative effect on Myreton Drive active travel route. Expected to go to Planning Committee.
* Maybury Primary School – planning application has been lodged. **Action:** Feedback any thoughts or concerns to Claire for Community Council submission.
* Planning Committee met on the 10th March. City Development Plan has been delayed until August 2021.
* Steve Kerr noted that a meeting had been requested with Planning.
* Keith Walker asked whether Planning permission had been granted for Gylemuir Road site. David Sutherland noted that believes activity is site investigations and planning permission not yet granted. **Action:** Claire Connachan to confirm.

Business – Angela Benzies

* Well attended meeting on 10th March with guest speaker Al Bryce from Business Gateway and input from Fiona Hunter, Marketing & Communications Lead within CEC’s Business Growth and Inclusion group.
* Angela Benzies has been working with CEC on their Shop Local campaign over the last several months, Corstorphine being one of 11 city shopping areas that the Council is supporting.
* Corstorphine Business Membership continues to grow. Next meeting is 24th March - discussing the development of website and logo, recruitment and programme of activity.
* Advertising in the Corstorphine Grapevine to raise profile of Corstorphine Business Community.
* Some businesses participated in the recent Corstorphine Window Wanderland event. It would be great to see this very successful event happen again and, it’s very likely that more businesses would participate, which would be beneficial for the community as a whole as well as raising local business profile.
* Cllr Frank Ross enquired if there may be any requirement for hot desking at Community Centre. **Action:** Angela Benzies to put on agenda at next meeting for discussion.

Controlled Parking Zone (CPZ)

Steve Kerr provided some background information to historic work undertaken by Corstorphine Community Council regarding parking issues including a public meeting that was held in 2019. At no point has the Community Council requested the CPZ solution. Some feel that this may be too extreme an option and unwarranted. Preference noted by some to replicate ‘Murrayfield model’ of priority parking.

Spaces for People

Difficult to give nuanced feedback or comment on schemes which are not yet implemented. David Hunter stated belief that consultation questions are biased and has submitted formal complaint as believes that Sustrans and Aecom have vested interest in outcome. Some residents feel that they were not made aware of consultation and could have been handled better.

Corstorphine and East Craigs Low Traffic Neighbourhoods

Consultation deadline was extended. Ian Kirkpatrick is Corstorphine Community Council representative for the East Craigs Community Reference Group (CRG). Jon Melville is representative for Corstorphine CRG. CRG meetings were information gathering exercise and further meeting will be held in April.

Voluntary Sector Forum

Tommy McLean will provide note to be circulated requesting feedback. **Action:** Steve Kerr to include time in April agenda to discuss social isolation.

**AOB**

Sheila’s Baps has been saved!

Meeting ended at 9.30pm. The next meeting will be on Tuesday 20 April 2021, 7.00 pm online via Zoom. These minutes are also available online at http:// http://corstorphinecc.uk/minutes/.