**Corstorphine Community Council Monthly Meeting - Online**

**Date/time:** Tuesday 20 April 2021, 7.00 pm

**Attendees: Councillors:** Cllr Frank Ross, Cllr Gillian Gloyer, Cllr Mark Brown **Community Councillors and Associated Groups:** Steve Kerr (Chair), Vikki Brown (Minutes), Angela Benzies, Claire Connachan, Jane Kerr, Ian Kirkpatrick, Tommy McLean, Jonathan Melville, Fiona Moug, Susan Murray, Nathan Readie, Pam Sked, David Sutherland, Keith Walker, Chris Young.

**Public:** Neil Archibald, Craig Coomber, Alison Dick, Rosemary Faith Ryan, Nicol Grant, Lorraine Grierson, Janet Hackel, Graeme Hart, David Jenkins, Becky Lloyd, Vicki McGee, Carole McRae, Megan Morgan, Janis Ross Williamson, Karen Smith, Cynthia Taylor, Olivia Thompson

**Apologies:** Robert Stokes, Colin McLauchlin, Cllr Scott Douglas, Cllr Claire Bridgman

**Minutes:**

March

Proposed David Sutherland/Seconded Angela Benzies

**Declarations of Interest -** None.

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

Community Police Officers 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). Steve Kerr highlighted that there was an update regarding the recent collision on Corstorphine High Street contained in the report and that it was not related to the Spaces for People measures.

**Westfield House Asset Transfer**

Cllr Frank Ross provided update as Vice Chair of Corstorphine Community Centre. Written update was circulated in advance of meeting. Stage 1 of process was undertaken on 23rd February. Stage 2 involves the Community Centre working with officers to create a Business Plan and there are 6 months from date of agreement. To date there has been no Council officer engagement at all. Frank Ross noted his disappointment and Steve Kerr registered his dismay at lack of progress. Tenancies in current building will end in June 2022 as being redeveloped by McTaggart and Mickel. Angela Benzies added that she was aware of issues with receiving timely responses from Planning and Licensing. Steve Kerr agreed and noted that there were a number of issues that could be directed to Paul Lawrence, Executive Director of Place, City of Edinburgh Council.

**Voluntary Sector Forum**

Tommy McLean gave overview of work being undertaken and encouraged volunteers or those looking for further information to get in touch directly. West Edinburgh Neighbourhood Network will prioritise social isolation and youth engagement. Looking at provision for what is available/can be delivered in the Corstorphine area. It was noted that access to toilets can be a barrier to people getting out and about. Council runs a Community Toilet Scheme which allows members of the public to use toilets without making purchase. Hart’s Cyclery happy to let customers use toilets. Community Centre considering implications during Covid. Frank Ross noted that paper at Transport and Environment Committee defers the decision to be delivered as part of 20-minute neighbourhood plans.

**Councillor Reports**

Cllr Gloyer

* Requested that officers find solution to issues following introduction of cycle lane on Meadow Place Road and Ladywell Road. Highlighted that parking at medical centre has been affected.
* Changes on Corstorphine High Street – would like to see more speeding enforcement.
* Report following Corstorphine Connections LTN will be published on CEC website, next phase in May. Cllr Gloyer has restated the importance of delivering leaflets to all addresses. If aware of missed streets, contact Cllr Gloyer.

Cllr Brown

* Litter picks and bulb planting sessions with residents at Forrester Park and Gogarloch.
* Ongoing City Fibre issues in South Gyle.
* Bin location changes at Gyle Park. Keen to hear park users experience regarding changes. Keith Walker noted that bins don’t have enough capacity and litter pickers are having to leave collected waste next to bins. Removal of bin at swing park expected to be an issue.

**Planning**

* Planning [report](https://www.dropbox.com/h?preview=Planning+and+Licencing+Report+-+Feburary+2021.pdf) circulated prior to meeting.
* Planning application 21/01361/FUL to convert St John’s Road public toilets to café. The toilets were sold in 2016 to private owners but still appear on Council asset register. Deputation to be submitted from Corstorphine Community Council (CCC) to Transport raising concerns around the disposal of assets in inconsistent manner across the city - some areas have been given option to take on assets for the benefit of community.
* Corstorphine Retail Park – developers have put in material change to adjust plans to improve pedestrian access following request from CCC planning convenor.
* Junction redesign at Craigs Road/Maybury Road (20/01884/AMC). The design includes pedestrian and toucan crossings and opens up the junction to allow two-way traffic to and from Craigs Road from Maybury (there is currently a central barrier that stops this). This change will have significant implications for East Craigs/North Gyle/Craigmount. Concern was raised about the implications of developments in the West Craigs area. Steve Kerr advised that a meeting had been requested to ensure that residents were aware and informed of plans.
* Gylemuir Road residential development comprising 126 units has been granted. Keith Walker raised concerns that the development would create parking issues. Developer has undertaken traffic counts, walking routes, parking audits and travel surveys and that it could be argued that the location is well serviced by public transport.
* St John’s Road (McTaggart & Mickel development). Paper circulated as part of meeting pack to give latest information following speculation on local social media pages. Change to planning application regarding parking. Timeline indicates June 2022. Expectation of 4 retail units with leases retained by McTaggart & Mickel.

**Action:** Steve Kerr to ask for clarity with regards to residential accommodation.

**Business**

Corstorphine Business

* Monthly meetings held with guest speaker invited every 3rd meeting. Next guest will be Zero Waste Scotland. Beth Berry from At the Market will also be in attendance.
* Running a prize draw to increase profile.
* Hotdesking requirements for businesses in Corstorphine still to be established.
* Chair of Corstorphine Business (Colin McLauchlin) attends Corstorphine Connections LTN Community Reference Group. Keen to address positives and negatives.

Sunday Market

Beth Berry from At the Market will be attending the May Community Council meeting. At the Market are currently looking at bringing a Sunday market to St Margaret’s Park using the area behind the Dower House but as the space is quite small, they are also considering use of the pitch and putt area. An application for grant funding for plastic mats to protect the grassed area may be made to the NW Neighbourhood Partnership. Some concerns were raised about use of greenspace and also vehicles using shared use paths. Preference expressed that the market should use area where there is existing hard standing.

**Environment**

Spaces for People

Consultation is closed and recommendations paper will be presented at Transport and Environment Committee in June.

Controlled Parking Zone

Feedback is being analysed and plans will be presented at Transport and Environment Committee in June and will be subject to consultation.

Corstorphine and East Craigs Low Traffic Neighbourhoods

Timetable indicates that community engagement on designs will commence 10th May 2021. Report will be circulated when available. Attendees at latest Community Reference Group were given high level summary of survey results. Corstorphine Connections report indicated majority walked to St John’s Road and that cycling was higher than national average. East Craigs report indicated most wanted to use car to get around.

**AOB**

Meeting with Council regarding impact of large developments in West Edinburgh needed.

**Action:**  Steve Kerr/Claire Connachan to arrange.

Correspondence highlighting need for safe pedestrian crossing on Clermiston Road. Cllr Brown advised this had been investigated previously and would forward information to Vikki Brown for onward communication.

Meeting ended at 9.30pm. The next meeting will be on Tuesday 18th May 2021, 7.00 pm online via Zoom. These minutes are also available online at http:// http://corstorphinecc.uk/minutes/.