**Corstorphine Community Council Monthly Meeting - Online**

**Date/time:** Tuesday 18 May 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), Claire Connachan, Jane Kerr, Ian Kirkpatrick, Colin McLauchlin, Tommy McLean, Jonathan Melville, Deborah McCall, Pam Sked, David Sutherland, Chris Young.

**Public:** Eilidh Brunton, Alison Dick, Rosemary Faith Ryan, Pauline Firth, David Hunter, David Jenkins, Nichola Joss, Becky Lloyd, John McKenzie, Steve Pickavance, Janis Ross Williamson, Karen Smith, Cynthia Taylor.

**Apologies:** Angela Benzies, Patricia Laing, John Kerr, Fiona Moug, Susan Murray, Robert Stokes, Keith Walker

**Guest:** Beth Barry, At the Market Ltd

**Minutes of April Meeting:** Proposed Ian Kirkpatrick/Seconded Tommy McLean

**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/scl/fi/m4bgc599yycqaveq9ynf1/Police-Report-May-2021.docx?dl=0&rlkey=qheijfhtplk55sv7qgpt6iz34). Corstorphine Cougars have been in touch to advise that syringes have been found in Union Park. There is consideration being given to relocation of the basketball hoop to allow installation of a new cricket wicket. The original positioning of the hoop was to help address anti-social behaviour. Corstorphine Cougars are liaising with the Police to ensure any new location is appropriate.

**Proposed Market at St Margaret’s Park**

Beth Barry, co-owner of At the Market Ltd who run weekend markets at Stockbridge, Grassmarket and Leith attended the meeting discuss proposals to bring a Sunday market to Corstorphine. At the Market’s preference would be to use the car park behind the Dower House in St Margaret’s Park, however it is too small to house a viable market. If there is no possibility to expand the available area, the proposal would have to be revisited. There was broad support for bringing the market to Corstorphine, including from Corstorphine Business which represents local traders. Concerns regarding the impact to the park including flooding, vehicle access and removal of greenspace was raised, along with the impact of visitors parking in surrounding streets. A planning application (to use the current car park within St Margaret's Park next to The Dower House for a weekly farmers market at the weekend.  Car Park Area At 1A Orchardfield Avenue Edinburgh) has been submitted to the Council (Ref: 21/02166/FUL) with comments to be submitted by 4th June 2021. Beth Barry can be contacted via the form on [www.stockbridgemarket.com](http://www.stockbridgemarket.com)

**Councillor Reports**

Cllr Gloyer

* £20million extra (new) money available as part of Barnet Formula. Officers have made a range of proposals which will go to the Finance & Resources Committee and then on to full Council for approval. Edinburgh Joint Integration Board will also receive some of the funds.
* Spaces for People (SfP) and Controlled Parking Zone (CPZ) will be discussed at the next Transport & Environment Committee on the 17th June.

Cllr Brown

* Changes to siting of waste bins will be monitored for 3-4 months. Keith Walker (Friends of Gyle Park) has been engaging with CEC.

**Questions to Councillors**

* Can anything be done to adapt the infrastructure for the cycle lanes on Broomhouse Road to allow vehicles to move out of the way to allow emergency service vehicles through? When the road is congested with vehicles, the bollards prevent traffic from moving to the side to let emergency services past. Gillian Gloyer advised that Emergency Services should have been consulted prior to installation of the infrastructure and would check that this had been done. Steve Kerr offered to contact the Council and added that this point could also be added to the deputation for Transport & Environment Committee if necessary.
* At the Corstorphine Connections LTN Community Reference Group, it had been asked if the proposed Corstorphine LTN could be extended to include the area north of St John’s Road to Caroline Terrace. Gillian Gloyer reported that she was told during a briefing that the area was limited by the A8 as an LTN can’t cross a major road. If the south area is successful, it could be extended north. Colin McLauchlin noted that it felt like the north side was being forgotten about and it suffers from a lot of rat running. In addition, as things get back to normal there is an increase in traffic and congestion and some SfP measures cause issues with deliveries and getting parked. Steve Kerr advised that it may be worth Corstorphine Business considering submitting a deputation.
* Pedestrian crossing sequences result in pedestrians having to wait a long time to cross roads around the area. It was agreed that this is a long-standing issue and Councillors were encouraged to push for improvements if possible.
* Corstorphine Retail Park – pedestrian access is poor with only a pavement on east side of the Gylemuir Road entrance. With new flats being built and a key pedestrian route from the west, it is disappointing that cars have been prioritised over pedestrians. Gillian Gloyer confirmed that she wasn’t aware of this issue and thanked Janis Ross Williamson for raising. **Action:** Claire Connachan to send Gillian Gloyer contact information for factor and to approach factor to highlight issue.
* Can any Councillors confirm whether a pedestrian crossing point will be installed on the route between Corstorphine Primary School and Carrick Knowe as currently no safe crossing point. **Action:** Steve Kerr advised that he would check to see if any information was available and report back.

**Planning**

* Planning [report](https://www.dropbox.com/h?preview=Planning+and+Licencing+Report+-+Feburary+2021.pdf) circulated prior to meeting.
* Cammo Walk Active Travel Corridor (21/02336/AMC) planning application – different options have been presented. Contact Claire Connachan with any feedback prior to submission deadline of 4th June. David Hunter advised that 54% of respondents to a recent Get Edinburgh Moving survey had supported making the closure of Cammo Walk permanent. Cramond and Barnton Community Council are concerned on the impact to the community if the route remains open for walking and cycling only with no interventions for vehicles trying to access or exit the Cammo area.
* Maybury Primary school – submission deadline 26/05/21. Many discussions had at Community Council over the years, Claire Connachan happy to incorporate any further thoughts and feedback in the CC response.
* Planning application for Plot 1 at West Craigs - 213 dwellings 21/02336/AMC. Last date for comments to Planning 04/06/21.
* Corstorphine Retail Park – concern around impact of traffic with Lidl opening a store in old PC World unit. Clarification required on whether they will be the only occupant of building as it has been reported that they will be on mezzanine level which suggests additional occupant on ground floor. **Action:** Claire Connachan to ask factors for confirmation of occupants.
* St John’s Road (McTaggart & Mickel development) Parking provision for development being reviewed. **Action:** Steve Kerr to ask for update for next meeting.

**Environment**

Spaces for People

Paper with recommendations will be presented at Transport and Environment Committee in June. Consideration being given to submission of a written deputation from Corstorphine Community Council.

Controlled Parking Zone

Feedback is being analysed and plans will be presented at Transport and Environment Committee (TEC) in June. If approved at TEC, detailed designs will be created which will be subject to consultation. In the event of objections to Traffic Orders, they would have to be resolved or agreed at Committee. Concern was raised about vehicles being displaced from within the CPZ to ‘free’ streets near the periphery.

Corstorphine and East Craigs Low Traffic Neighbourhoods (LTN)

David Hunter advised that Get Edinburgh Moving (GEM) had undertaken a survey of residents in the East Craigs LTN boundary area and would be submitting a deputation to Transport and Environment Committee. Colin McLauchlin confirmed that Corstorphine Business have requested a meeting with Martyn Lings to discuss LTN plans.

Public Toilets

[Deputation](https://www.dropbox.com/scl/fi/0brvjl0t2ut5v70jbbc0y/CCC-deputation-to-CEC-TEC-22.04.21.docx?dl=0&rlkey=1eq3oam0ojdkh22mm44s9tj9a) from Corstorphine Community Council was not taken at Transport and Environment Committee or Finance & Resources committee but has been circulated and awaiting answers to questions raised. Looking for clarity re asset register.

Westfield House

Request for progress has been made, awaiting answers.

Tree Planting

To mark the occasion of the Queen’s Platinum Jubilee, [The Queen’s Green Canopy](https://www.dropbox.com/s/na9vlfa37a02cn1/The%20Queen%27s%20Green%20Canopy%20Official%20Launch%20Media%20Release%20FINAL.pdf?dl=0) project has been launched – a UK-wide tree planting initiative. Will be looking into locations and how to progress. Any volunteers keen to get involved should contact admin@corstorphinecc.uk

**Voluntary Sector Update**

Currently undertaking a mapping exercise re Social Isolation and help available in the area. Please contact Tommy McLean with any ideas and suggestions for inclusion.

**AOB**

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Meeting ended at 9.08pm. The next meeting will be on Tuesday 15th June 2021, 7.00 pm online via Zoom. These minutes are also available online at http:// http://corstorphinecc.uk/minutes/.