

## Corstorphine Community Council Monthly Meeting - Online

**Date/time:** Tuesday 18 January 2021, 7.00 pm

**Attendees: Councillors:** Cllr Bridgman, Cllr Brown, Cllr Gloyer

**Community Councillors and Associated Groups:** Steve Kerr (Chair), Vikki Brown (Minutes), Angela Benzies, Claire Connachan (Planning), Jane Kerr, Ian Kirkpatrick (Corstorphine Churches Together), Margaret Mackay (Scottish Women's Institute), Deborah McCall, Tommy McLean, Jonathan Melville, Fiona Moug (Treasurer), Nathan Readie, Ania Sepol (Friends of Gyle Park), Robert Stokes (Forrester Park Residents Association), David Sutherland (Corstorphine Community Centre), Keith Walker, Chris Young (LTC)

**Guests:** Martyn Lings (City of Edinburgh Council), Paul Matthews (AECOM)

**Public:** 10 members of the public were in attendance

**Apologies:** Cllr Douglas, Cllr Ross, Susan Murray.

**Minutes of December Meeting:** Proposed Ian Kirkpatrick/Seconded Angela Benzies.  
(One correction noted – apologies to be noted from Susan Murray)

**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 was circulated in advance of the meeting and can be accessed [here](#). Steve noted the Community Council's continued appreciation of Sam's work.

### City of Edinburgh Council Elections

- Cllr Douglas (Conservative) and Cllr Gloyer (Liberal Democrat) stepping down with replacement candidates Hugh Findlay (Conservative) and Alan Beal (Liberal Democrat) announced. Understanding is that Cllr Ross will be standing for re-election.

### Corstorphine Connections Low Traffic Neighbourhood (LTN) and Experimental Traffic Regulation Order (ETRO) Changes

Martyn Lings, Senior Project Manager and Paul Matthews, Design Consultant provided an update:

- Spring 2022 - procurement and monitoring.
- Baseline data is being gathered and there will be reporting at 6 and 12 months.
- Feb/March 2022 – Implementation of non ETRO related placemaking (inc. hanging baskets, decluttering, cutting back hedges)
- June/July – commence ETRO, public consultation and trial LTN implementation.

Details and timeline will be available on the [Corstorphine Connections project website](#) in due course.

### West Edinburgh Link

- Timeline and spend has been adjusted.
- Due to budget constraints, delivery of the north section of the project area has been deferred to post 2025.
- Planned changes to crossing on A8 (near Dechmont Road) and ramp to Craigmount High School will be retained. Bridge deferred to post 2025.

### Councillor Reports and Q&A

#### Cllr Brown

- Continued problem parking at Gyle Park, especially on Football days. To meet with Friends of Gyle Park to discuss options.
- Report going to Culture and Communities re Community Councils.
- Visited new venture - DM Dance in South Gyle. Classes for all ages and looking to offer space to community groups too.

#### Cllr Bridgman

- Delighted to hear ramp at Craigmount High will be delivered despite delays to WEL.
- Parabola at Edinburgh Park has been granted planning.

Tommy Mclean noted that Friends of Gyle Park are hoping to get the lighting project underway.

Janis Ross Williamson highlighted issues with the crossing within the Gyle Park closest to David Lloyd building – speeds meant to be 10mph but vehicles travelling much faster. Looking to get a crossing (possibly zebra) within park to prioritise pedestrians. Steve Kerr noted that the project bank is being reviewed and will look at opportunities to include.

### Planning

- [Planning report](#) circulated prior to meeting.
- Turnhouse development - planning has been granted for 270 houses. Developers have made some changes in response to Community Council comments.
- Mixed use development at southern end of Edinburgh Park has been granted. Believe for approximately 2000 houses and that bus gate will stay in place.
- Renwicks bridge to rear of tram depot – demolition granted under permitted development.
- [CityPlan 2030](#) – the Community Council submitted a response which can be viewed [here](#).

Chris Young enquired about any updates regarding the proposed Edinburgh Airport Access Road. Claire Connachan responded that she believes that the reporter reviews comments made to date and that there is no supplementary requirement for the Community Council to submit any further comments.

### Corstorphine Business

- Chair (Colin McLauchlin) has taken a step back and Simon Farrell is assisting in interim.
- Many businesses dealing with staffing issues due to Covid.

### Environment

Adam McVey has asked if Community Councils will be declaring Climate Emergency. Will be discussed at Edinburgh Association of Community Councils. Keen to hear what Corstorphine Community Council members think. Merchiston Community Council have already made declaration.

### Voluntary Sector Update

- Tommy McLean noted thanks to those who supported the Christmas Support Project. 67 families were given assistance.
- Local organisations affected by Covid – if anyone has any information that would like to be included, please let Tommy McLean know.
- Next meeting of Voluntary Sector Forum is 25<sup>th</sup> January – interested parties to contact Tommy McLean for meeting link, all most welcome to attend.
- Last date for applications for West Edinburgh Neighbourhood Network Grant is 9<sup>th</sup> February.
- Youth Engagement Partnership – will be looking at Easter and Summer provision soon.

### AOB

- Window Wanderland – hope everyone will join in either creating a window or going for a wander over the weekend of 26-28 February. Was a great event last year and really brought the community together. 50 windows signed up so far, hoping for many more. Find out more and register your window at <https://www.windowwanderland.com/event/corstorphine-2022/>
- Edinburgh Leisure run ‘ageing well’ walks and are looking for more volunteers to help. Find out more at <https://www.edinburghleisure.co.uk/activities/active-communities/ageing-well>
- Placemaking project refresh – will ideally be undertaken in Spring.
- St Margaret’s Park – investigating how to put a ‘masterplan’ in place that individuals and groups can buy into.
- Reduction in churches across Scotland and will affect Corstorphine too. Still looking at options but there could be amalgamations.
- Poor lighting and path in bad state of repair at Old Parish Church. **Action: Steve Kerr to look at capturing in project bank plan.**

Meeting ended at 8.57pm. The next meeting will take place Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> February 2022, 7.00 pm online via Zoom.