

Corstorphine Community Council Monthly Meeting - Online

Date/time: Tuesday 15 February 2021, 7.00 pm

Attendees: Councillors: Cllr Brown, Cllr Ross

Community Councillors and Associated Groups: Steve Kerr (Chair), Vikki Brown (Minutes), Angela Benzies, Claire Connachan (Planning), Ian Kirkpatrick (Corstorphine Churches Together), Margaret Mackay (Scottish Women's Institute), Tommy McLean, Jonathan Melville, Fiona Moug (Treasurer), Pam Sked, Robert Stokes (Forrester Park Residents Association), David Sutherland (Corstorphine Community Centre)

Guests: George King (City of Edinburgh Council), Ruth White (City of Edinburgh Council), Ian Tame (City of Edinburgh Council)

Public: 10 members of the public were in attendance

Apologies: Cllr Bridgman, Cllr Douglas, Cllr Gloyer, Jane Kerr, John Kerr, Deborah McCall, Nathan Readie

Minutes of January Meeting: Proposed Tommy McLean/Seconded Angela Benzies

(One correction noted by email – WENN last date for grant applications 19th Jan. Decisions being made at WENN meeting on 9th February.)

Declarations of Interest - None.

Low Emissions Zone (LEZ)

George King and Ruth White, City of Edinburgh Council gave presentation and took questions.

- 12 week consultation undertaken, 2 boundaries explored – city centre and extended urban area. After SEPA modelling, evidence showed that citywide boundary would make no significant difference. City Centre boundary shown to be most appropriate.
- Spotfire tool showed marginal difference for city centre boundary versus city wide boundary which made it impossible to recommend a two boundary area as it made no discernible difference.
- 2005 – 2020 has shown downward trend of air pollution. Very clear impact of Covid.
- LEZ is one action within the Action Quality Management Area (AQMA) plan. It is an air quality tool, not a carbon management tool. The statutory objection of carbon was added at a later date and will be addressed using other strategies such as City Mobility Plan and modal shift changes.
- To revoke AQMA, there would need to be consistent improvement for 3 years – St John's Road not at that stage yet.
- It is not thought that modelling included the proposed 20,000 new houses in West Edinburgh – if not already there, SEPA would not have included. **ACTION:** George King to check if new developments to west of Corstorphine are included in modelling.
- Cars were scoped out in 2018. Modelling done for fleet/commercial vehicles.
- Automatic Number Plate Recognition (ANPR) cameras can't be used for emissions.
- Steve Kerr noted that Corstorphine Community Council has been supportive of an LEZ to date but not one that excludes the west and as such, for consistency, intends to register a formal objection due to concerns that the implementation of a city centre boundary only will have a negative effect on Corstorphine area. **ACTION:** Steve Kerr to circulate email to all for feedback/support.
- Period for formal objections is February – March (deadline 1st March)

20 Minute Neighbourhood

Ian Tame, Programme Manager, City of Edinburgh Council gave presentation and took questions

- 20 minute strategy won't happen overnight and not a one size fits all approach.
- Cities around the world undertaking similar strategies. Examples include Paris and Melbourne. The Scottish Government have the 20 minute concept included in its Programme for Government.
- Making connections – stronger cross departmental working and partner organisations – Council led but not something that it's doing on its own.
- Claire Connachan noted that the masterplans for West Edinburgh are not 20 minute neighbourhoods despite claiming to be. How can objections be raised when not current Planning policy. Ian Tame advised that although City Mobility Plan (CMP) and National Planning Framework not adopted, there would be no harm in quoting in any objections.
- One key part of making 20 minute neighbourhood is to have a community facility/space. David Sutherland provided an update regarding Corstorphine Community Centre: Committee is actively seeking a Community Asset Transfer of Westfield House

on Kirk Loan and an application will be submitted shortly. Have been served notice by landlords of current unit on St John's Road as the site will be getting redeveloped soon. May have to relocate to unit in Gyle Centre from March.

- Steve Kerr noted that it would be helpful for Ian Tame and Daisy Narayanan to attend future meeting to look at Placemaking refresh. **Action:** Vikki Brown to invite to future meeting as appropriate.

Police Report – via email from PC Sam Davison

Community Police Officers can be contacted at EdinburghCPTNorthWest@scotland.pnn.police.uk. The official monthly report was circulated in advance of the meeting and can be accessed [here](#).

Councillor Reports and Q&A

Cllr Brown

- Met Steve Cuthill and Friends of Gyle Park re safety in park – speeding and parking issues. **ACTION: Cllr Brown to send details.**
- Some road repairs have been undertaken on Maybury Road.

Planning

- [Planning report](#) circulated prior to meeting.
- Invitation received to make representation at Sub Development Management Committee on 2nd March re development on green belt land between West Craigs and Cammo. Claire Connachan unable to attend due to work commitments. Steve Kerr will endeavour to make himself available to attend.

Corstorphine Business

- Challenges due to core members dealing with illness, bereavement and staffing issues.
- Notice has been put up in St Margaret's Park re market – 38 stalls planned. **Action: Invite Beth Berry owner of 'At the Market' to future Community Council meeting**

Environment

- Letters detailing the latest update for Corstorphine Connections Low Traffic Neighbourhood have been issued to residents in boundary area. Information can also be accessed online at <https://www.edinburgh.gov.uk/cycling-walking-projects-1/corstorphine-connections/1>

Community Engagement Update

- Ryan Montgomery from Corstorphine Emergency Response gave a brief overview of defibrillators available in the area. Believe there to be 26 defibrillators in the area of which 7 are available for public access. The Ambulance service is able to provide direction to the nearest equipment in the event of an emergency. Steve Kerr and Cllr Mark Brown thanked Ryan for all the work he does in the area.
- Social Isolation sub-group – looking for a good cross section of organisations. Get in touch with Tommy McLean if interested.
- Youth Engagement Partnership meeting on 21st February. All welcome to attend.
- Tommy McLean will be representative for NW Edinburgh Community Alcohol Partnership.
- Looking for suitable accommodation for Andy's Man Club, a mental health service for men. Get in touch with Tommy McLean with any suggestions.
- The Gift Tree, Station Road, are running a drop in for folk to have a chat about what's on.
- Corstorphine Fair will be taking place on Saturday 4th July.
- Youth Engagement Partnership – will be looking at Easter and Summer provision soon.

AOB

- [Corstorphine Window Wanderland](#) –26-28 February. Lots of windows signed up so hoping for a great event.
- Corstorphine Primary School Travel Action Group hoping to run a 'Bike Curious' event in St Margaret's Park, Sunday 6th March.

Meeting ended at 9.14pm. The next meeting will take place Tuesday 15th March 2022, 7.00 pm online via Zoom.