

Corstorphine Community Council Monthly Meeting - Online

Date/time: Tuesday 15 March 2021, 7.00 pm

Attendees: Councillors: Cllr Bridgeman, Cllr Gloyer, Cllr Ross

Community Councillors and Associated Groups: Claire Connachan (Chair & Planning), Vikki Brown (Minutes), Angela Benzies, Ian Kirkpatrick (Corstorphine Churches Together), Tommy McLean, Jonathan Melville, Robert Stokes (Forrester Park Residents Association), David Sutherland (Corstorphine Community Centre)

Guests: Robbie Crockatt (City of Edinburgh Council), Crawford McGhie (City of Edinburgh Council), Stuart Buchanan (Cardross Asset Management), Craig Whelan (Burgess-Salmon)

Public: 6 members of the public were in attendance

Apologies: Cllr Douglas, Cllr Brown, Steve Kerr, Jane Kerr, Margaret Mackay, Fiona Moug (Treasurer), Susan Murray, Nathan Readie, Ania Sepol, Pam Sked, Robert Stokes, Chris Young

Minutes of February Meeting: Proposed Ian Kirkpatrick/Seconded Angela Benzies

Declarations of Interest - None

West Edinburgh Learning Estates Strategy

Robbie Crockatt and Crawford McGhie, City of Edinburgh Council gave a presentation and took questions.

- Looking at 3 major areas – primary school provision in Queensferry, secondary school provision in Kirkliston and secondary school provision for new Maybury Primary School.
- Consultation exercise was undertaken in 2019 to establish new primary school at Maybury. Now looking to open discussion and debate about new secondary school or extension of Craigmount High.
- Maybury Primary School due to open August 2024 subject to developer providing site as per legal agreement.
- Craigmount High School projected to exceed capacity in 2027. Craigmount High is currently the short-term arrangement for provision of secondary education for Maybury Primary.
- Working with Parent Councils at Craigmount Cluster Schools to form a working group. Elected members are also invited. Looking to get the right level of engagement and input. Currently looking to identify and for suggestions of who should be involved and how those people can be reached. Would like to involve Community Councils and any other local groups – open to ideas, suggestions and questions.
- No site yet identified, very early stages.
- Deborah McCall volunteered to be the Community Council representative and noted that travel and environmental impacts should be key considerations.
- Angela Benzies noted that provision of community facilities would be very important for the surrounding area and that it would be crucial to maintain the public route through Craigmount High in the event that it is extended.
- Robbie Crockatt stated that a Community Hub is a key feature of the Council vision going forward. Cllr Bridgeman voiced her delight to hear that there would be a community base and is currently looking at how can reinvigorate community aspects of Craigmount High. Cllr Bridgeman requested that Robbie Crockatt and Crawford McGhie attend Drumbrae Community Council too. **Action:** Robbie Crockatt to contact Kenny Wright at Drum Brae Community Council.

West Craigs Update

Stuart Buchanan, Asset Manager, Cardross Asset Management gave a presentation and took questions

- Stuart Buchanan gave an overview of the current ownership and development status of various sites in West Craigs ([map supplied](#))
- There will be two 5-acre public parks which are due for completion August 2022 before being passed to CEC for adoption. In addition, there will be some smaller private ‘pocket’ parks.
- Putting in all services before selling plots to housebuilders.
- There will be 3 new bus stops which will be serviced by First Bus service no. 68 and Lothian Buses service no. 31.
- There will be access to the north platform at Edinburgh Gateway.
- Concern was raised about the impact of the new developments on the community, in particular the road infrastructure and traffic congestion. Stuart Buchanan advised that West Edinburgh Transport Assessment available on CEC website plus Local Development Plan/City Plan. Developer contributions would be used by the Council to upgrade key junctions but still awaiting sight of plans. Cllr Ross noted concern that he had not seen any detail regarding junctions and would follow up. **Action:** Cllr Ross to investigate position regarding junction upgrades and timescales.

- Stuart Buchanan confirmed that he was the developer behind the application to build on the green belt site at West Craigs which does not feature on the Local Development Plan or City Plan 2030. The site sits between HSG19 and HSG20. He stated that CityPlan 2030 enables all sites to be considered so an application was submitted to develop the site but CEC had responded that the site is badly served by public transport which developers found difficult to agree with. CEC have now said that no existing green belt will be considered. Developers have appealed the decision and await decision by Scottish Government Reporter.

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 unavailable at the time of meeting but can be accessed [here](#).

Councillor Reports and Q&A

Cllr Ross

- Works for new Kaimes Road pedestrian crossing are underway. Vikki Brown noted that plans indicate that traffic island is being removed as part of installation. The refuge afforded a small amount of protection to cyclists turning right from St John's Road. **Action:** Cllr Ross to check if there will be a right turn filter lane.
- Application has been submitted for weekend market at St Margaret's Park.

Planning

- [Planning report](#) circulated prior to meeting.
- Steve Kerr attended Development Management Sub Committee to present deputation in response to application to build on green belt land at West Craigs. Meeting ran too long and he was unable to stay in attendance to speak but submitted written response. City of Edinburgh Council refused the application but it has been sent to the Scottish Government Reporter.
- PAN received for mixed use development at RBS Drummond House and Younger Building. Part of a plan to diversify the area.
- Gogarlink Road – likely to be granted at Development Management Sub Committee. Of note is that Edinburgh Airport owns the land that CEC wants to build on.

Corstorphine Business

- Looking at how can clarify the membership offer and reach people working at home.

Environment

- LEZ – believe that all Community Councils were minded to object.

Community Centre Update

- Have been served notice by developers of St John's Road site (Mactaggart & Mickel).
- For Sale sign is now up on old site at Kirk Loan. Will endeavour to try to influence what is built and make sure it is sympathetic to the neighbourhood. Proceeds of the sale will all go to the new Community Centre.
- Looking to stay on or near St John's Road. May need storage and plan to put out an appeal for assistance.
- Likely to need somewhere for 12-18 months while refit of Westfield House takes place if that is the final solution.

AOB

- Littering by construction team working on building site next to Police Station.
- [Corstorphine Window Wanderland](#) took place on 26-28 February. Around 200 windows took part and have received really positive feedback about what a fantastic community event it is. Seems to be appetite for it to return again in 2023.

Meeting ended at 8.46pm. The next meeting will take place Tuesday 19th April 2022, 7.00 pm online via Zoom.