

Corstorphine Community Council Monthly Meeting - Online

Date/time: Tuesday 19 April 2021, 7.00 pm

Attendees: Councillors: Cllr Brown, Cllr Gloyer

Community Councillors and Associated Groups: Steve Kerr (Chair), Vikki Brown (Minutes), Angela Benzies, Claire Connachan (Planning), Jane Kerr (Corstorphine Trust), Tommy McLean, Jonathan Melville, Fiona Moug (Treasurer), Robert Stokes (Forrester Park Residents Association), Keith Walker

Guests: Shulah Allan (Chair, Corstorphine Community Centre), Sheila Perry (Secretary, Corstorphine Community Centre)

Public: 6 members of the public were in attendance

Apologies: Cllr Bridgeman, Cllr Douglas, Cllr Ross, Ian Kirkpatrick (Corstorphine Churches Together), Margaret Mackay, Deborah McCall, Susan Murray, Nathan Readie, Ania Sepol, Pam Sked, David Sutherland (Corstorphine Community Centre), Chris Young

Minutes of March Meeting: Proposed Angela Benzies/Seconded Jon Melville

Declarations of Interest - None

Corstorphine Community Centre Future Plans – Shulah Allan & Sheila Perry attended to provide overview and gather feedback

- Corstorphine Community Centre are in discussions with CEC regarding an asset transfer of Westfield House, Kirk Loan to become the new location for Corstorphine Community Centre. Currently at Stage 2 of the process – preparing the bid.
- Looking for views on plans. A questionnaire has been distributed to current users and city-wide organisations.
- Strong business model – lets for community groups and others who may want to use the centre as a base. Looking to maximise opportunities through working with the Corstorphine Trust.
- Will be vacating current St John's Road premises by 23rd June 2022.
- It is not in plan for Corstorphine Library to co locate in Westfield House but the library service may look to use Westfield House as extra space for events.
- Looking at social prescribing, enhancing arts venue provision and mental health services. Space to sit and talk, not necessarily having to do something. Outside space will also be developed to create growing spaces, places to rest and opportunities for play. The pandemic has shown that community connections are very important.
- Strong support from meeting attendees for having a Community Centre in Corstorphine and for using Westfield House as it is a central location that fits well with 20 minute neighbourhood concept.
- Attendees flagged requirement for space with extended opening hours for community groups, options for teenagers, larger community event meeting space, possibilities for helping to reconnect frail/elderly and perhaps a community café.
- Also looking at space for social enterprises and a place for new businesses to use as a start-up base. Potential for link up with Business Gateway. **Action – Angela Benzies and Shulah Allan to liaise.**
- Steve Kerr reiterated that the project had the support of the Community Council and happy to help wherever possible.

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 Gloyer

- Final report as not standing for re-election.
- CEC and Edinburgh Airport are geared up and ready to support Ukrainian families.
- Transport and Environment Committee (TEC) voted to progress Low Emission Zone (LEZ) despite objections received.
- £500 grant available for groups looking to hold Jubilee street party.

Cllr Brown

- Proposal for speed reduction (40mph – 30mph) on Glasgow Road and South Gyle Broadway passed at TEC in January but still awaiting date for implementation.

- Some bus stop bins have been removed and replaced with larger bins at various points along streets. Some residents experiencing issues with waste now being thrown into gardens. Situation being monitored.
- Requested review on litter bin siting policy. No longer bin at the play park in Gyle Park, only at entry points.
- Liaising with Friends of Gyle Park re improving safety for park users around the road to David Lloyd and reduce parking and speeding issues.

Jon Melville asked what could be done about the cars, lorries and vans that park on double yellow or red lines and pavement along Kirk Loan. Cllr Gloyer advised that it can be reported online to CEC via <https://www.edinburgh.gov.uk/incorrectlyparked> but if vehicle is causing an obstruction, it can be reported to the Police.

Keith Walker noted that there was still no sign of an end to Scottish Water works in Gyle Park. Tommy Mclean advised that asbestos had been found during the works which caused delay. The Parks team will be pushing for reinstatement works to complete soon. Hopeful that lighting project will be underway soon.

Steve Kerr advised that he had written to outgoing Councillors to say thanks and best wishes for the future. Best wishes to those seeking election in May.

Planning

- [Planning report](#) circulated prior to meeting.
- Cammo development active travel link has been granted. Planning permission in principle but couple of variations so likely to have detailed planning in place in future.
- Maybury junction – Council officer has assured that money is available for works and due 2024.
- Craigs Road/Maybury Road junction – detailed design agreed. Taylor Wimpey going to construct in Q3.
- Maybury/Barnton junction – earmarked for 2024. A detailed design was put forward but CEC rejected.
- West Town – 7000 houses. Public consultation event in May 2022. More detail available at <https://west-town-edinburgh.com/>
- Mactaggart Mickel development on St John’s Road – Tommy Mclean asked if there was any update regarding changes of plans for underground parking? Claire confirmed that still seems to be a full underground car park shown in plans. **Action: Claire Connachan to check application and policy. Steve Kerr to invite Mactaggart Mickel to future meeting.**
- Concerns were raised about traffic management and volumes on and around Gylemuir Road following construction of new flats and new occupants in Corstorphine Retail Park. **Action: Vikki Brown to invite developers to future meeting.**

Corstorphine Business

- Visual identity work being undertaken using grant money.
- Consideration being given to having a stall at Corstorphine Fair. **Action: Steve Kerr and Angela Benzies to discuss.**
- Seeking update on Corstorphine Weekend Market at St Margaret’s Park. **Action: Vikki Brown to invite to future meeting.**

Environment

- LEZ – Steve Kerr submitted objection on behalf of Corstorphine and Murrayfield Community Council. Objection also submitted by Edinburgh Association of Community Councils. Steve Kerr noted his frustration at outcome. The Community Council should look to gather residents’ views/experiences during the trial period.
- Corstorphine Connections LTN – planned implementation date is June.
- Congestion Charge – will need to look at details when available to assess potential impacts and implications for the area.
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Community Engagement

The April Community Engagement Report can be accessed [here](#).

AOB

- CEC plan to undertake engagement with Community Council re junction works. **Action: Claire Connachan to follow up and provide update at May meeting if possible.**
- 2030 Net Zero liaison officer meeting. **Action: Steve Kerr to follow up with Bridie Ashrowan.**



Meeting ended at 8.46pm. The next meeting will take place Tuesday 17th May 2022, 7.00 pm online via Zoom.