

## **Corstorphine Community Council Monthly Meeting - Online**

**Date/time:** Tuesday 21 June 2021, 7.00 pm

**Attendees: Councillors:** Cllr Beal, Cllr Davidson, Cllr Hyslop, Cllr Ross, Cllr Thornley

**Community Councillors and Associated Groups:** Steve Kerr (Chair), Vikki Brown (Minutes), Angela Benzies, Claire Connachan (Planning), Jane Kerr (Corstorphine Trust), Ian Kirkpatrick (Corstorphine Churches Together) Deborah McCall, Tommy McLean, Jonathan Melville, Fiona Moug (Treasurer), Robert Stokes (Forrester Park Residents Association), David Sutherland (Corstorphine Community Centre), Chris Young (Low Traffic Corstorphine)

**Public:** 5 members of the public were in attendance

**Guests:** Martyn Lings, City of Edinburgh Council

**Apologies:** Nathan Readie, Keith Walker, Beth Berry

**Minutes of May Meeting:** Proposed Ian Kirkpatrick/Seconded David Sutherland. Amend to add Ian Kirkpatrick as attendee.

**Co-opting of individuals and organisations:** Steve Kerr to pass details of interested party to Secretary.

**Declarations of Interest** – Cllr Beal stepped out of the meeting whilst Market discussion took place as he knows Beth Berry in a personal capacity.

### **Weekend Market at St Margaret's Park – Beth Berry, At the Market Ltd**

Beth Berry was unable to attend the meeting but provided a written update. Planning permission and licence have been granted but a market manager needs to be recruited before the market can progress. If anyone knows of any candidates who may be interested, please get in touch with Beth Berry at [traderstall@aol.com](mailto:traderstall@aol.com).

Planning to run the market without electric provision initially to ensure it is a viable enterprise before making investment in electric provision. Hoping to gain permission for traders parking in the school playground for duration of market - in the event that this is not possible other parking solutions will be sought. Anchors will be installed to the trading area within St Margaret's Park when an opening date has been agreed. The anchors are very discreet and will not cause a trip hazard. It is the same system that is used in the Grassmarket and Castle Street markets.

### **Corstorphine Connections Update – Martyn Lings, City of Edinburgh Council**

Decluttering work undertaken and hedges have been cut back in 15 locations to date. Have looked at what could be done to improve junction at Meadowhouse Road/Dovecot Road (Quiet Route 9) for pedestrians and cyclists but difficult to do anything significant under trial conditions. Also looked at options on Kirk Loan at request of the Community Council as this street suffers from problematic pavement parking. The new Community Centre location at Westfield House changes the dynamics of the street. Engineers are looking at the possibility of a pavement build out along Kirk Loan. There could also be the possibility at working with the Community Centre to create a pocket park in the car parking area although it was noted that this would be for future consideration once the centre is more established. The Corstorphine Connections tender is out and has been combined with four other projects to try and make more tempting for tenderers. If a contractor is appointed, should be on track for planned delivery timescales.

Martyn Lings will be attending Community Council meetings to provide updates throughout the Corstorphine Connections trial period.

### **St John's Road McTaggart & Mickel Development – Steve Kerr gave update as McTaggart & Mickel were unable to attend**

Parking spaces will be reduced due to sprinkler system – 35 spaces reduced to 27. **Action:** Steve Kerr will circulate updated plan. Demolition plan will need to meet minimum standards as part of planning conditions. **Action** Claire Connachan to find out what obligations would be, particularly in regard to air quality monitoring, maintaining pedestrian routes and traffic management proposals. Discussion took place regarding the Iceland site on Manse Road which had also been owned by McTaggart & Mickel but it is now owned by [Bellair \(Scotland\)](#).

### **Edinburgh Partnership Board – Steve Kerr**

Edinburgh Partnership Board meets on 28<sup>th</sup> June. Opportunity for Community Council to submit paper re support and financial resource/staff. The board originally funded the Edinburgh Association of Community Councils (EACC) but no longer does. It is

assumed that Cammy Day will chair (previously chaired by Adam McVey). **Action:** Steve Kerr to pass papers to Secretary for circulation.

#### **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 accessed [here](#).

Two local businesses have been broken into in recent weeks (Bennitos and The Gift Tree). Discussion took place around CCTV in the area and what advice, help and support that the Police may be able to provide to businesses in addition to consideration of what help the Community Council and Corstorphine Business could do to help. **Action** – Steve Kerr to ask if Police could send representative to attend August meeting.

Attendees also raised concerns about electric scooters, inappropriate driving (boy racers) and drug driving (smell of cannabis from vehicles). Cllr Hyslop noted that it was always worth reporting issues to the Police where possible.

#### **Councillor Reports and Q&A**

##### Cllr Beal

- Community Centre
- Pedestrian crossing at Kaimes Road is taking a long time to be completed.
- Pavements at Westerbroom are poor quality, looking at options.

##### Cllr Davidson

- Community Centre
- Met with Living Streets to discuss local issues.
- Carrick Knowe Scout group would like to get green space next to scout hut.
- Rats around Tesco area.

##### Cllr Hyslop

- Working with Forrester Park Residents Association along with Cllr Thornley to address issues including vehicles driving on footpaths at Forrester Park.

##### Cllr Ross

- Concerned about removal of A8 bus lane. Need to see a commitment from new Council administration to reducing inbound traffic.
- At time Council funding was withdrawn for community policing, Police assured it would deliver on basis of need. No other councils apart from Edinburgh were paying for community policing. If not receiving what is needed, the Council needs to address.

##### Cllr Thornley

- Forrester Park Residents Association along with Cllr Hyslop re vehicles driving on pavements.
- Exposed wiring on Meadow Place Road.
- Closure of Maybury Road (resurfacing works).
- Preconstruction work for West Edinburgh Link (WEL) due to start 27<sup>th</sup> June for 1 month. Will involve lane closures on South Gyle Broadway.

Steve Kerr noted that would be helpful to know the direction of travel for a number of policies which will affect traffic issues. Angela Benzies stressed need for traffic management in west Edinburgh particularly in relation to new developments and added that public transport would play a key part of alleviating congestion.

### **Planning**

- [Planning report](#) circulated prior to meeting.
- Claire Connachan noted that she had been in touch with the Council regarding Maybury junction upgrades. They are still undertaking traffic modelling but scheduled for delivery in 2024.
- Completed West Town consultation response on behalf of the Community Council and have asked if they would like to attend a future meeting. Very early stage in the process.
- 2 housing applications at Turnhouse.
- Deborah McCall has been attending the West Edinburgh High School consultation on behalf of the Community Council. Could be up to 10 years before new school is delivered and discussions have taken place around what to do with Craigmount High School in the interim.

### **Corstorphine Business**

- Met with Community Centre representatives to see what links could be made, use of the building and potential for Business Enterprise start up base.
- Attended Corstorphine Fair and launched new branding.
- Been getting to know the new Councillors.
- Next Corstorphine Business meeting will take place in July.

Steve Kerr congratulated Angela Benzies on her hard work and dedication in driving Corstorphine Business forward.

### **Community Engagement**

- The community engagement update can be accessed [here](#).
- Community Centre has preferred bidder for old site but no update as yet. Will be leasing Westfield House until Community Asset Transfer is complete. Renovations won't be able to start until that is done.
- Community Centre shop to be set up and groups will restart.
- West Edinburgh Neighbourhood Network grant awarded to Craigmount Parent Association to provide benches to use for eating outside. These will be available to the public too.
- Rannoch Centre summer youthwork
- Gyle Park Lighting – should be complete before dark nights set in.
- Looking to hear thoughts and suggestions regarding how can help people in cost-of-living crisis. Please contact Tommy Mclean with any thoughts and ideas.

### **AOB**

- Church of Scotland has fallen to 300,000 members and discussions are underway regarding combining congregations.
- Congratulations to Moira MacDonald who has been appointed as a Chaplain to the Queen.
- Consideration will be given to returning to face to face Community Council meetings in the future, perhaps alternate months or hybrid meetings may be possible. Thoughts welcome.

Steve Kerr wished all a peaceful and happy summer.

Meeting ended at 9.10pm. No meeting in July due to summer break. The next meeting will take place Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> August, 7.00 pm online via Zoom.