

Corstorphine Community Council Monthly Meeting - Online

Date/time: Tuesday 20 September 2022, 7.00 pm

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

Community Councillors and Associated Groups: Steve Kerr (Chair), Vikki Brown (Minutes), Angela Benzies, Ian Kirkpatrick (Corstorphine Churches Together), Margaret Mackay (Scottish Women's Institute), Deborah McCall, Tommy McLean, Jonathan Melville, Nathan Readie, David Sutherland (Corstorphine Community Centre), Keith Walker

Public: 4 members of the public were in attendance

Guests: Martyn Lings, City of Edinburgh Council

Apologies: Claire Connachan (Planning), Jane Kerr (Corstorphine Trust), Fiona Moug (Treasurer), Robert Stokes (Forrester Park Residents Association), Chris Young (Low Traffic Corstorphine), PC Sam Davidson.

Minutes of August Meeting: Proposed Cllr Alan Beale/Seconded Jon Melville.

Co-opting of individuals and organisations: none.

Declarations of Interest: none.

Matters Arising:

- No further update regarding application for funding for St Margaret's Park from Shared Prosperity Fund.
- Cllr Ross has written to Edinburgh Leisure regarding better promotion of lawn bowling at St Margaret's Park. They will consider and look at for next season.

Corstorphine Connections Update – Martyn Lings, City of Edinburgh Council

- Market volatility and inflation is creating challenging procurement conditions. Use of a different framework is giving a more positive picture and hoping to appoint contractor in October with implementation starting in November.
- Signage at school entrances will be installed shortly and working with schools to get planters completed.
- Exceptionally low kerbs on Kirk Loan mean that extending the pavement surface in a temporary way will not be possible but could look at installing temporary kerbs and wands similar to those used on Corstorphine High Street.
- Baseline monitoring report is being finalised and will be sent out soon.
- Artistic commission – will be going out to find artist, preferably local. It was suggested that contacting local universities for an artist/designer. It was noted that the artistic element is funded as part of the original project.
- Tommy McLean highlighted that the project team should contact Kirk Loan Housing Project at an early stage re Kirk Loan pavement widening to ensure that any access requirements are taken into account.

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

Police Report – via email from PC Sam Davison

Community Police Officers can be contacted at EdinburghCPTNorthWest@scotland.pnn.police.uk. The official monthly report can be accessed [here](#).

- It was noted that there is no obligation for Police to attend Community Councils, update should be by newsletter.
- Neighbourhood Watch get a lot of scam updates and warnings and it was highlighted that it may be useful to share this type of information. It was noted that scams do tend to get highlighted along with security advice in the Police Report.

Councillor Reports and Q&A

Cllr Hyslop

- Attended Corstorphine Primary Bike Bus which was a really positive experience, well done to all who help to make it happen. Takes place on the last Friday of the month and would encourage folk to take part.

Cllr Ross

- Clermiston Road resurfacing – gullies are meant to be taped and protected and cleaned afterwards and Cllr Ross has now seen photographic evidence that this had been done. Doesn't take away from the fact that gullies are blocked.
- Pedestrian crossings on St John's Road – timings seem to have gone again.

Cllr Beal

- After resurfacing, 32-40 days before cleared but will follow up.

Cllr Thornley

- Noted thanks to Cllr Ross for information re Clermiston gullies as going to be resurfacing at Craigmount so useful to know.
- Friends of Gyle Park AGM will take place on 29th September, please go along if you can.

Cost of Living Energy Challenges

Ian Kirkpatrick noted plan to heat one of the church halls three mornings a week to provide a cosy space along with a warm welcome and a hot drink. Need to co-ordinate with other local provision to ensure not duplicating other provision and ensure that somewhere warm is available on all days. Tommy McLean noted that the Libraries and the Community Centre will be encouraging people along and that it would be great to co-ordinate to ensure as wide coverage as possible. An energy saving advice session will be taking place at the Community Centre on 27th September. Margaret Mackay noted that the Women's Institute also have a list of energy saving ideas.

Cllr Hyslop noted that there is a motion at Full Council and a list of locations should be coming out soon. The Dower House in conjunction with the Corstorphine Trust will be hosting a warm space too. **Action:** Cllr Ross to contact Radio Forth to see if they would consider compiling a list of warm spaces available across the city.

Planning

- No planning report available for September.

Corstorphine Business – Angela Benzies

- Regular meetings taking place last Tuesday of each month at Prana.
- Receiving new applications and growing slowly.
- Doing what we can to support people and look at new opportunities and events
- Noted gratitude to Nathan Readie for putting Corstorphine Business in touch with Crime Prevention contacts following recent spate of break ins.

Environment

- LTN update as covered by Martyn Lings.
- St Margaret's Park – no funding application update available at present.
- Edinburgh Association of Community Councils – next meeting will include a presentation by Andrew Field regarding Community Engagement and how this is delivered.

AOB

- Jon Melville has kindly agreed to lay wreath on 13th November on behalf of Community Council if Steve Kerr is unavailable.
- Considering moving meetings from Zoom to Teams to make it easier for Council officers and Community Police to join. Consideration also being given to future of meetings and whether a return to face to face meetings may be preferred. **Action: Vikki Brown to look into change of platform and collate views/preferences re meeting face to face or online.**
- Nathan Readie meeting to discuss City Fibre issues (particularly in South Gyle) on Monday 26th September at 4.30. All attendees welcome and anyone who can help put pressure on to get action on the ground greatly appreciated.
- Margaret Mackay noted issues with litter – undertakes regular litter picks in the Craigmount area and believes that the issue may be related to the High School. Cllr Ross felt that the situation pre covid had improved and perhaps a message/reminder from the Head Teacher may assist. Cllr Hyslop agreed to raise with Head Teacher at Craigmount.
- Update re rationalisation of church congregations in the area – there is a ten-year plan and it is not envisaged that there will be any movement in next three years so nothing imminent. Margaret Mackay noted that it was lovely to hear Moira MacDonald on the Sunday Service and see her at St Giles too.

Meeting ended at 8.58pm. The next meeting will take place Tuesday 25th October, 7.00 pm online via Zoom.