

Corstorphine Community Council Monthly Meeting - Online

Date/time: Tuesday 15 November 2022, 7.00 pm

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

Community Councillors and Associated Groups: Steve Kerr (Chair), Vikki Brown (Minutes), Angela Benzies, Jane Kerr (Corstorphine Trust), Ian Kirkpatrick (Corstorphine Churches Together), Tommy McLean, Jonathan Melville, Fiona Moug (Treasurer), Nathan Readie, Robert Stokes (Forrester Park Residents Association), Chris Young (Low Traffic Corstorphine)

Public: 1 member of the public was in attendance

Guests: Martyn Lings, City of Edinburgh Council. Richard Bright, Fife Hyland, Robert Newton (West Town)

Apologies: Cllr Hyslop, Cllr Ross, Claire Connachan (Planning), Margaret Mackay (Scottish Women's Institute), David Sutherland (Corstorphine Community Centre), John Kerr.

Minutes of September Meeting: Proposed Ian Kirkpatrick/Seconded Cllr Beal

Co-opting of individuals and organisations: none.

Declarations of Interest: none.

Corstorphine Connections Update – Martyn Lings, City of Edinburgh Council

Work around Corstorphine Primary and Carrick Knowe Primary school entrances are now complete. Ian Kirkpatrick noted that he had viewed the Manse Street entrance to Corstorphine Primary and thought the new additions are very good. Kirk Loan pavement widening – engaging with residents and positive feedback received so far. Procurement process is ongoing. A preferred tenderer has been identified and hoping to have in place by the next meeting. Interviewing artists with view to creating street artwork. In dialogue with developers of building site on St John's Road/Manse Road to ensure co-ordinated approach to works.

Query regarding installation of bollards at entrance to St Margaret's Park on High Street to prevent pavement parking. **Action: Martyn Lings to confirm if part of project or if School Travel Team should be contacted.**

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](#). (Please note that the link takes you to the October Report due to the cancellation of the October meeting). Issue noted during meeting of damage to cars parked on Gylemuir Road, possibly being stripped for parts.

Councillor Reports and Q&A

Cllr Beal

- Issue with 'ponding' in Gyle Park. Scottish Water are aware and hoping it can be resolved soon.
- Clermiston Road drains have now been cleared – work is carried out 30 – 40 days after resurfacing.
- CityPlan 2030 – hope will be presented in next month or two.

Cllr Davidson

- Carrick Knowe Scout Hall are trying to buy small parcel of land outside hall, assisting where possible.
- Craigmount High School are aiming to resume foreign trips following relaxation of Covid restrictions.
- Trying to arrange meeting with Road Safety Team.

Cllr Thornley

- Flooding in several different streets in North Gyle. If anyone is aware of anyone affected, get in touch.
- Resurfacing work being undertaken in Craigmount
- Double yellow lines being implemented in Gyle Park Gardens to address problem airport parking.

Questions/Comments to Councillors

- Any update on Controlled Parking Zone plans? Possibly by end of 2022 but to be confirmed **Action: Cllr Davidson**
- Damaged gate at South Gyle train station. Nathan Readie has been trying to get something done about it, any assistance appreciated.
- Garage plots at Forrester have been purchased for potential development. Steve Kerr has offered to facilitate a meeting with the new owner and the residents association, Councillors welcome to attend.

Planning – Claire Connachan

- Planning report was unavailable at the time of meeting. The report will be circulated as and when available.

Corstorphine Business – Angela Benzie

- Corstorphine Business meet on the last Tuesday of the month at Prana Grill.
- Corstorphine Business have taken a stall at Corstorphine Community Centre Christmas Fayre on 3rd December.
- Currently recruiting for project support role, if interested get in touch.
- Still trying to identify who the Small Business Champion is within the new Council administration. Cllr Davidson and Cllr Thornley thought appointment likely to be made in December.
- Steve Kerr stated that it would be great to have a session with Edinburgh Association of Community Councils (EACC) about business and how Corstorphine Business have built their organisation.
- Steve Kerr noted that there has been no further update regarding the weekend market at St Margaret's Park. The latest update was that the market manager had indicated that existing markets are the current priority and that no manager has been recruited to run the St Margaret's Park market at this point.

Environment

- Steve Kerr has spoken with Daisy Narayanan regarding 20 minute neighbourhoods and placemaking. Hopeful that the Community Council can make progress on this in 2023. **Action: Vikki Brown to invite Daisy Narayanan to meeting early in 2023.**
- Expansion of 20mph speed limit review and circulation plan will be tabled at the Transport and Environment Committee in December.
- Post Meeting Note: The 20mph and rural roads speed limit review consultation can be accessed [here](#). Consultation closed 8 February 2023.

Community Engagement – Tommy McLean

- The community engagement update can be accessed [here](#). (Please note that the link takes you to the October Report due to the cancellation of the October meeting).
- Social Isolation group mapping exercise to highlight low and no cost services in the area – Will be circulating information soon, please get in touch if aware of any groups that should be listed.
- Youth Decides project – up to £500 available but projects must be driven by young people. Closing date 25th November 2022.
- Corstorphine Christmas Support Project – helping families in need. Will mainly be via local primary schools but happy to help other organisations aware of families who need support. Self-referrals will also be accepted. Donations starting to come in, drop off points throughout Corstorphine. Generous grant received from Neighbourhood Network. Delivery drivers are needed. Please spread the word.

Corstorphine Community Centre Update

- Still some spaces available at Corstorphine Community Centre Christmas Fayre on 3rd December.
- The final application for the Community Asset T of Westfield House has now been submitted to Edinburgh Council
- Application made to Scottish Land Fund for financial support for the purchase/refurbishment.
- Contract signed for sale of old Public Hall site, subject to planning approval being obtained for its development.
- Westfield House is becoming busier and busier with new groups being formed all the time and an increasing number of organisations renting space. Charity shop could be busier though, so any help to spread the word that they are open would be appreciated.

- Steve Kerr noted that there has been a lot of work undertaken over a long period of time with regard to the Community Centre – well done to all involved.

AOB

- NW Locality Community Planning Partnership – Steve Kerr due to chair meeting but may be unable to attend.
- Next meeting of EACC 24th November.
- St Ninian’s Christmas Fayre takes place Saturday 26th November from 10am – 1pm.
- Steve Kerr laid wreath on behalf of Community Council at Remembrance Day service. Well attended and brilliantly organised by the Corstorphine Trust.

Meeting ended at 8.51pm. The next meeting will take place Tuesday 20 December, 7.00 pm online.