

Corstorphine Community Council Monthly Meeting - Online

Date/time: Tuesday 17 January 2023, 7.00 pm

Attendees: Councillors: Cllr Beal, Cllr Hyslop

Community Councillors and Associated Groups: Steve Kerr (Chair), Vikki Brown (Minutes), Angela Benzies, Jane Kerr (Corstorphine Trust), Ian Kirkpatrick (Corstorphine Churches Together), Tommy McLean, Robert Stokes (Forrester Park Residents Association), Keith Walker.

Public: 6 members of the public were in attendance

Guests: Martyn Lings, City of Edinburgh Council

Apologies: Cllr Thornley, Claire Connachan (Planning), Deborah McCall, John Kerr, Margaret Mackay (Scottish Women's Institute), Jonathan Melville, Fiona Moug (Treasurer), Nathan Readie, David Sutherland (Corstorphine Community Centre), Chris Young (Low Traffic Corstorphine).

Minutes of December Meeting: Proposed Cllr Hyslop/Seconded Ian Kirkpatrick

Co-opting of individuals and organisations: None. New members welcome - to discuss joining the Community Council, please contact Steve Kerr via admin@corstorphinecc.uk

Declarations of Interest: none.

Corstorphine Connections Update – Martyn Lings, City of Edinburgh Council

Work will be undertaken in two phases. Phase one starts 23rd January. Phase two will commence in Spring 2023 (date to be confirmed). Trying to ensure everyone is aware of the changes with lots of different engagement approaches including letters to local businesses and residents, door to door chats with businesses, emails and street notices. The best way to keep up to date with latest news is by signing up for the mailing list via the website <https://consultationhub.edinburgh.gov.uk/sfc/ccltnmail/>

The Experimental Traffic Regulation Order (ETRO) proposed to start on 24th February and will be up to 18 months in duration. First 6 months is the statutory consultation period. Comments can be emailed to trafficorders@edinburgh.gov.uk

Artist engagement sessions with schools and wider community taking place January and February. Please get involved as opportunities come forward.

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 January Police report is not available at this time.

Councillor Reports and Q&A

Cllr Hyslop

- Closure of Post Office on St John's Road (within RS McColl). Believe will have a big impact on the community and investigating whether provision could be relocated. Currently have approx. 400 signatures on petition.

Cllr Beal

- Flooding in Gyle Park – will liaise with Tommy Mclean before speaking with Scottish Water.
- Flooding issues around Ladywell Avenue, Dovecot Road, Castle Avenue, St John's Road near Magnet, Corstorphine Road near old hospital and Forestry Commission building.

Questions/Comments to Councillors

- Are there plans for cycle provision along A8 as an extension to CCWEL? Cllr Hyslop advised that he was not aware of any plans but would ask. **Action: Cllr Hyslop to find out if there are plans for cycle provision on A8.**
- Any progress regarding speed bumps on Drumbrae Drive? **Action: Cllr Hyslop to ask roads team.**

- Angela Benzies noted thanks to Cllr Hyslop for his work around the Post Office closure. Discussion took place regarding potential new locations if there was interest in relocating the Post Office and whether the new development on St John's Road might provide an opportunity.
- Still awaiting a response regarding the Garage plots at Forrester Park but will be in touch with Robert Stokes as soon as hear back.
- Angela Benzies enquired if the Small Business Champion had been confirmed. Cllr Hyslop advised that the new administration had decided not to have champions this term.
- Corstorphine Retail Park – Cllr Davidson and Cllr Beal meeting with road safety team, hoping to have update for next meeting. Vikki has written to the development representative to find out if they can attend a meeting/take forward community comments around junction safety.

Planning

- Claire Connachan is unable to undertake Planning Convenor role at present. If anyone is able to stand in, please get in touch with admin@corstorphinecc.uk.
- An initial proposal has been submitted to redevelop the Snooker Hall on Manse Road with plans to demolish the existing building and erect housing. Plans can be viewed on the [City of Edinburgh Council Planning Portal](#) using ref 22/06451/PPP.

Corstorphine Business – Angela Benzies

- Looking to chat with other organisations across Edinburgh and consideration being given to attending Edinburgh Association of Community Councils (EACC) to share experiences and make connections.
- Project work continues.

Environment

- Daisy Narayanan will be attending February meeting to discuss and progress 20 minute neighbourhoods and placemaking.
- Vikki Brown suggested that hanging baskets may help to improve the shopping experience on St John's Road. Brackets are already in place on lamp posts and may be option to utilise the contract that is in place for the Corstorphine Connections project for maintenance of baskets, watering etc. There was general agreement that this would be worth looking into.
Action: Vikki to investigate and report back at next meeting.
- West Neighbourhood Network next meeting 25th January – will be considering grant funding applications.
- EACC next meeting 26th January – presentation by Andrew Field on Community Engagement. Cllr Scott Arthur, Convenor of the Transport and Environment will also be in attendance.
- Locality Planning Partnership meeting – 6th February
- Edinburgh Partnership Board – 7th March.

Community Engagement – Tommy McLean

- The latest Community Engagement Report can be accessed [here](#).
- Community Grant Funding is available from the Western Neighbourhood Network to support local groups. Please contact Tommy McLean if need any assistance with applying.
- Social isolation groups and projects - keen to reach as much of the community as possible. [Directory](#) available and would be great to get word out more. Paper copies available at library and community centre.
- Christmas support project helped 120 local families via Primary Schools and Early Years centres. Thanks to all who contributed.
- [Warm centres](#) – leaflets out now detailing locations available.
- [Voluntary Sector Forum Leaflet](#) – for activities to be listed in the next issue of the leaflet, please get details to Tommy McLean by 20th January.
- Mental Health First Aid courses – interested organisations should get in touch with Tommy McLean.
- Gyle park still issues around flooding/reinstatement work. Being taken up with contractor.
- Hoping to start walking groups in Gyle Park.

- No police report available for the past couple of months. Would be good to have better links. **Action:** Cllr Beal to follow up on reporting statistics and whether can be broken down by ward.
- Tommy McLean asked if there was to be a return to in-person meetings. Steve Kerr advised that consensus seemed to be to alternate between online in autumn/winter and in-person in spring/summer.
- Pete Gregson suggested that if the Council own any shop units in Corstorphine, they may be able to make available cheaply to aid relocation of Post Office or maybe possible to ask for any developer contributions to be used.
- If the Snooker Club on Manse Road closes, it would mean loss of a service which could lead to more social isolation.
- Church of Scotland are looking at Carrick Knowe joining with Stenhouse. All churches have been rated and understanding is that churches with a poor rating (B) will be closed. All churches in Corstorphine area have been rated as an A. Ian Kirkpatrick believes there will be more information available by the time of February meeting.
- Mactaggart and Mickel have submitted an amendment to their planning application saying that they are unable to provide affordable units due to rising build costs and requested to pay 25% as alternative.

Meeting ended at 20.42. The next meeting will take place Tuesday 21 February 2023, 7.00 pm online.