

Corstorphine Community Council Monthly Meeting - Online

Date/time: Tuesday 21 February 2023, 7.00 pm

Attendees: Councillors: Cllr Davidson

Community Councillors and Associated Groups: Steve Kerr (Chair), Vikki Brown (Minutes), Angela Benzies, Jane Kerr (Corstorphine Trust), Ian Kirkpatrick (Corstorphine Churches Together), Margaret Mackay (Scottish Women's Institute), Tommy McLean, Jonathan Melville, Robert Stokes (Forrester Park Residents Association), David Sutherland (Corstorphine Community Centre), Keith Walker, Chris Young (Low Traffic Corstorphine).

Public: 7 members of the public were in attendance

Guests: Martyn Lings, City of Edinburgh Council, Daisy Narayanan, City of Edinburgh Council

Apologies: Cllr Beal, Cllr Thornley, Deborah McCall, John Kerr, Fiona Moug (Treasurer), Nathan Readie.

Minutes of January Meeting: Proposed Keith Walker/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: Chris Young and Pete Gregson are standing as prospective Councillors in the Corstorphine/Murrayfield by-election.

Corstorphine Connections Update – Martyn Lings, City of Edinburgh Council

The pocket park and ground markings are now in place at Featherhall Crescent, a new informal crossing has been installed on Saughton Road North and traffic calming measures implemented on Dovecot Road.

School Engagement is complete and an exhibition with outline designs will be held at the Dower House.

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 Police report for January/February can be accessed [here](#).

Daisy Narayanan – 20 Minute Neighbourhoods/Placemaking

Daisy gave an overview of the various action plans which sit within the overall City Mobility Plan which was approved a few years ago. You can view the slides which were presented at the meeting [here](#).

People, place and movement are the main themes with approximately 110 actions across all plans. The circulation plan includes strategic maps for each mode of transport and details conflict points. Approval has been given to go to a consultation phase and the desire is for any consultation to be as meaningful as possible. Daisy offered to talk with Scottish Women's Institute if they would find it of help/interest. 20 minute neighbourhoods can be very different depending on topography and area – it's about living well locally, high quality transport links and creating a high quality of life and access to services. Daisy advised that there is a lot of misinformation circulating and there is no question of people being fined for travelling outwith their local area.

Councillor Reports and Q&A

Cllr Davidson

- Road safety at Corstorphine Retail Park
- Litter issues around Gylemuir – officer response was that there wasn't litter but this is not the case so trying to progress and get bins installed.
- Flooding, gullies.

Questions/Comments to Councillors

- It was flagged that there are lots of potholes and it looks like a lot of the issues are caused by poor work undertaken by utilities providers.

- Hustings for the Corstorphine/Murrayfield byelection: Monday 20th February at Corstorphine Community Centre and 28th February in Murrayfield.

Planning

- The Planning Convenor role is vacant at present. Please get in touch with admin@corstorphinecc.uk if you would like to find out more about volunteering.

Corstorphine Business – Angela Benzies

- Continuing regular activities.
- Looking at holding a social meeting to increase numbers.
- No update following the closure of the Post Office within RS McColls on St John's Road. **Action: Vikki to contact Euan Hyslop to see if any progress has been made following petition and writing to the Royal Mail.**
- No progress to note with the proposed weekend market at St Margaret's Park. Steve Kerr advised that latest update was that the focus remains on existing markets (Stockbridge, Leith and Grassmarket) and no manager has been recruited to run the Corstorphine market.

Community Engagement – Tommy McLean

- [Space to Be at the Gyle](#) – now open on Wednesday afternoon. Official opening on 8th March.
- 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.
- [Warm centres](#) – leaflets out now detailing locations available. Numbers making use of the service hasn't been as high as expected.
- [Voluntary Sector Forum Leaflet](#) – Volunteers needed to help with delivering leaflets. Please get in touch with Tommy if you can help. There will be no leaflet in April. Funding to produce the leaflet is only available until May but hoping to be able to continue if possible.
- Community Centre Update (David Sutherland) – challenges with utilities and bills/heating, trying to make savings where possible. Some site clearance has been undertaken of public hall site on Kirk Loan in advance of the planning application going through. Sale won't be concluded until planning given.

AOB

- Some rationalisation of Church of Scotland churches in the area will be required due to financial and resource constraints. No further details available at present.
- Issues being experienced with the Community Council email system which seems to particularly affect Gmail users. We apologise for any inconvenience and are trying to find a solution. If you have not received a reply from us, please check your spam folder. It may also help to add our email address to your safe sender list and address book.

Meeting ended at 20.51. The next meeting will take place Tuesday 21 March 2023, 7.00 pm online. Please note that the April meeting date will be 25th April.

POST MEETING NOTE

The March meeting has been postponed until Tuesday 28th March, 7.00pm online.