

Corstorphine Community Council Monthly Meeting - Online

Date/time: Tuesday 25 April 2023, 7.00 pm

Attendees: Councillors: Cllr Beal, Cllr Bennett, Cllr Thornley

Community Councillors and Associated Groups: Steve Kerr (Chair), Vikki Brown (Minutes), Angela Benzies, Jonathan Melville, David Sutherland (Corstorphine Community Centre), Keith Walker.

Public: 6 members of the public were in attendance

Guests: Martyn Lings, City of Edinburgh Council, Craig Ormond, Mactaggart & Mickel

Apologies: Cllr Davidson, Cllr Hyslop, Jane Kerr (Corstorphine Trust), Ian Kirkpatrick (Corstorphine Churches Together), Margaret Mackay (Scottish Women's Institute).

Minutes of March Meeting: Minutes can be accessed at <http://corstorphinecc.uk/minutes/>.

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

The next phase of the Corstorphine Connections implementation is scheduled to start from 8th May 2023. This includes: A no entry north bound on Featherhall Avenue at the junction with St John's Road, a bus gate on Manse Road, at the junction with St John's Road. The bus gate will be operational Mon-Fri 8am-10am and 2.45pm-6.30pm. During these times only buses, black cab taxis and cycles will be permitted to pass through the bus gate. Bollard protection from pavement parking will be installed on Kirk Loan and pencil bollards will replace existing temporary cones on Featherhall Crescent at the junction with Meadow Place Road.

The Experimental Traffic Regulation Order (ETRO), and its consultation, are due to start on 24 May 2023. Keep an eye on the Corstorphine Connections website for the latest information including details of how to comment. <https://www.edinburgh.gov.uk/cycling-walking-projects-1/corstorphine-connections/1>

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 April report was not available at the time of the meeting. Reports can be accessed at <http://corstorphinecc.uk> as and when they become available.

Craig Ormond – Mactaggart & Mickel (Development on St John's Road/Manse Road)

Demolition has gone well and fencing now in place to keep site secure. The next major programme activity is for Scottish Power to relocate the substation. Developing drawings to construction detail and await building warrant and some site investigation. Likely to take on a contractor to deliver the build in partnership.

Eric Young & Co and Culverwell are agents for the site. Some interest in units but not committed to anyone as yet.

On behalf of a resident who was unable to attend the meeting, Steve Kerr asked whether there would still be affordable housing as part of the development. Craig Ormond stated that they are working with contractors on development costs – if the costs go beyond a threshold, there is an opportunity to make a cash payment as an alternative. Build costs and inflation mean that costs are high. Not a definitive decision as yet and still to be approved by City of Edinburgh Council. Tommy McLean voiced that it was very important to have affordable housing in the area and if none to be provided at this site, would the Council be able to ringfence the payment to ensure that it is used within the Corstorphine area? **Action: Steve Kerr to ask Finance & Resources Committee.**

Craig Ormond suggested that there may be potential for the site to be used by the community prior to build out phase. Examples given of other sites being used as community garden space and bike tracks. Steve Kerr noted that two community noticeboards (Corstorphine Trust and Community Council) have been removed as part of the demolition works and asked if these could be

replaced as soon as possible. **Action: Steve Kerr to liaise with Jane Kerr and revert to Craig Ormond with type of boards required.**

Councillor Reports and Q&A

Cllr Bennett

- Cones left at Featherhall Crescent likely part of Meadow Place Road building site
- Abandoned car at Clerwood Park
- Corstorphine Hill Avenue – potholes

Cllr Beal

- City of Edinburgh Council have approved figure for Community Asset Transfer for Community Centre
- Yellow lines on St John's Road refreshed
- Gylemuir park flooding

Cllr Thornley

- Antisocial behaviour and drag racing.
- Resurfacing at Craigmount Place – work not complete
- Torwood Crescent/Meadow Place Road path surface improvement delayed

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.
- Forrester Park garages. All U Store/Whitney family have acquired a large number of plots and looking to develop. Residents at Forrester Park had believed that these plots were part of their deeds. Meeting taking place on 10th May with invited parties to discuss.

Corstorphine Business – Angela Benzies

- Networking meeting planned for 24th May at Turnhouse Golf Club. Councillors and mailing list have been invited along with Rebecca Burnett, Business Champion. Hopeful Business Gateway may be able to attend.
- [Forever Edinburgh](#) aims to provide information for visitors and includes neighbourhood pages detailing local businesses such as speciality shops, restaurants and accommodation options. **Action: If you know of a local business who would like to be listed, get in touch.**

Environment – Steve Kerr

- Conference at the Royal Society of Edinburgh on 9th May – future relationship of Parliament and local authorities.
- 29th May – Future of Community Councils in Scotland. Association of West Lothian Community Council have written to all Community Councils to ask for meeting to discuss. Steve Kerr will update in due course.

Community Engagement

- David Sutherland delighted to confirm that City of Edinburgh Council have approved the Community Asset Transfer. Now need to go through legal processes. Will need money for refurbishment so need assistance from the Scottish Land Fund. Should know in the next 3 months whether successful in obtaining funding.
- Friends of Gyle Park – lighting project update. Lights now functional – couple of issues but coming to the end of the project. Have been successful in application to Paths for All for funding to resurface all paths which aren't currently tarmac/good surface. Only 70% of cost is funded so will require some more fundraising. Also planning to plant more trees and install more benches.
- Space to Be (previously Burger King unit at The Gyle) is available for community use. More information at <https://www.spacetobe.live/>

- Community Directory now complete and plan to keep updated on a 3 monthly basis. Contact Tommy McLean or Elaine Lennon if you have an activity or service you would like to be included or notice information that needs to be amended.
- VSF Leaflet – May issue out soon. Always happy for volunteers to help deliver! Contact Tommy McLean if you can help.

AOB

- Miller Homes developing Turnhouse Site. Public consultation events 30th May 2pm-6pm and 27th June 2pm – 6pm at Turnhouse Golf Club.
- Road Safety Team meeting regarding Saughton Road North. Get in touch with Cllr Beal if know of any other areas that need covered. Janis Ross Williamson highlighted issues with drivers ignoring the zebra crossing on Gylemuir Road and being driven at whilst crossing Glasgow Road on green man. Reported to police but nothing was done.

Meeting ended at 20.55. The next meeting will take place Tuesday 16th May.