

Corstorphine Community Council Monthly Meeting - Online

Date/time: Tuesday 16 May 2023, 7.00 pm

Attendees: Councillors: Cllr Beal

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, Keith Walker, Chris Young.

Public: 7 members of the public were in attendance

Guests: Martyn Lings, City of Edinburgh Council

Apologies: Cllr Davidson, Cllr Hyslop, Cllr Thornley, David Sutherland (Corstorphine Community Centre)

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

Co-opting of individuals and organisations: Frank Ross was co-opted onto the Community Council. 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

Cones will be in place to enforce the 'no right turn' at Featherhall Avenue. Will be monitoring closely and have option to implement other measures if necessary.

Various methods of communication being used including press, media, lamp post wraps and letters.

Intention is for the pavement on Kirk Loan to be widened in the longer term but due to the current height of the kerb stones which are very low it is difficult to implement a temporary solution.

If continual parking issues, extra support can be requested. Useful for Community Council to feedback on problems.

The dropped kerbs and red strips on Saughton Road North are informal crossing points only. At stage 1 consultation, it was indicated that these locations would be useful points at which to cross the road. The experimental nature of the project does not allow for zebra crossings or more formal crossing points to be installed.

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 May report was not available at the time of the meeting. The latest Police reports can be accessed at <http://corstorphinecc.uk>.

There has been another break in at a local business (Bennitos, St John's Road).

Councillor Reports and Q&A

Cllr Beal

- Edinburgh Leisure have handed back the bowling green at St Margaret's Park to the Council. Happening at a few parks across the city. From discussion with the area manager, believe that a consultation is in plan. **Action: Cllr Beal to confirm situation.**

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.
- Steve Kerr chaired a meeting with members of the Forrester Park Residents Association and representatives of the company which now owns the Forrester Park garages. Robert Stokes noted that it was a positive start and looking at next steps.

- Steve Kerr has written to the Finance and Resources committee regarding the affordable housing payment for the St John's Road development site.

Environment – Steve Kerr

- Concerned about the loss of community amenity and lack of communication regarding bowling green at St Margaret's Park. Had hoped that the Community Council could look at getting a masterplan in place in the absence of an active 'Friends' group. Hoping to apply for funding to engage local landscape architect who was instrumental in Saughton Park regeneration. Tommy McLean noted the importance of getting input from the community. Steve Kerr agreed and added that it would be vital for key stakeholders and infrastructure to be taken into account.
- Following up with Craig Ormond at Mactaggart & Mickel regarding community use of the site on St John's Road while it is dormant.
- Jane Kerr has provided specification for replacement noticeboards for Corstorphine Trust and Community Council which were removed during demolition works, hoping to have new boards in place soon.
- Tommy McLean will contact Craig Ormond regarding potential to use rear of site hoardings for a mural project.

Corstorphine Business

Networking meeting planned for 24th May at Turnhouse Golf Club. Any local businesses interested in attending, please get in touch by emailing corstorphinebiz@gmail.com.

Community Engagement

- Friends of Gyle Park – New lights are now functional – 'switch on' event at 9.30pm, 16th May to celebrate. Congratulations to everyone who helped to deliver the project.
- Space to Be (previously Burger King unit at The Gyle) is available for community use. More information at <https://www.spacetobe.live/>
- North West Neighbourhood Network grants available. Keen to receive applications from organisations who haven't applied previously.
- The Community Payback team are looking for projects in the area, suggestions welcome.
- The cosy corner at St Ninians Church is changing name to 'Friendly Corner'. Sessions will take place Tuesdays and Thursdays from 11am-1pm. Access via St John's Road entrance. All welcome.

AOB

- Edinburgh Partnership Board Roadshow taking place 13th June at 2pm.
- Church of Scotland decisions regarding property disposal must be taken by end of December 2024 for disposal by 2025.

Meeting ended at 20.33. The next meeting will take place Tuesday 20th June.