

Corstorphine Community Council Meeting (Online)



Date/time: Tuesday 15 August 2023, 7.00 pm

Attendees: Councillors: Cllr Beal, Cllr Thornley

Community Councillors and Associated Groups: Steve Kerr (Chair), Vikki Brown (Minutes), Angela Benzies, Jane Kerr (Corstorphine Trust), Margaret Mackay (Scottish Women's Institute), Deborah McCall, Tommy McLean, Jonathan Melville, Frank Ross, David Sutherland (Corstorphine Community Centre), Keith Walker, Chris Young (Low Traffic Corstorphine).

Public: 23 members of the public were in attendance

Guests: Paul Matthews (Aecom), Andrew Easson, Anna Grant, Francis Newton (all City of Edinburgh Council)

Apologies: Cllr Hyslop, Cllr Bennett, Cllr Euan Davidson, Ian Kirkpatrick (Corstorphine Churches Together), Robert Stokes (Forrester Park Residents).

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

Declarations of Interest: None

Police Report – via email from PC Sam Davison

Community Police Officers can be contacted at EdinburghCPTNorthWest@scotland.pnn.police.uk. The latest Police reports can be accessed at <http://corstorphinecc.uk>.

Corstorphine Connections Update – Paul Matthews (Aecom) and Andrew Easson (City of Edinburgh Council)

Paul Matthews provided update as Martyn Lings is on annual leave. Phase 2 construction works are scheduled to start w/c 21st August 2023. Footway widening will be carried out at various locations within the LTN area. Work had been scheduled to be undertaken during the school holidays to minimise disruption but unfortunately works were delayed. High Street will be closed for 3 weeks Mon-Fri. Bus diversion will be in place and writing to residents in affected area. Schools are aware and school crossing patrols have been informed. More detail is available on the Corstorphine Connections pages on the CEC website. <https://www.edinburgh.gov.uk/cycling-walking-projects-1/corstorphine-connections/3>

There had been issues with weeding of planters but an improved maintenance programme has now been agreed with the contractor. Traffic data was taken just before the school broke for summer and results will be posted on the Corstorphine Connections pages at the end of August. Manse Road signage and road markings have been reviewed and improved and continuing to monitor. Vandalism on 22nd/23rd July resulted in pole with cameras being cut down and graffiti. The pole has been replaced and graffiti removed. Police are undertaking criminal investigations.

The project is still in the trial period so please continue to feedback to Edinburgh.Consultation@projectcentre.co.uk

Future of West Edinburgh, West Edinburgh Placemaking Framework and Strategic Masterplan – Francis Newton and Anna Grant (City of Edinburgh Council)

Francis Newton gave a presentation on the future of west Edinburgh. The presentation slides can be viewed [here](#). The Council are planning to create a new neighbourhood along the A8 corridor, next to Edinburgh Airport. The site is 190 hectares which is a fairly significant area and will have around 11,000 new homes alongside shops, schools, healthcare and leisure facilities. They plan to also make sure it is well connected, providing active travel links and public transport to the surrounding areas and the rest of the city. Further detail can be viewed at <https://www.edinburgh.gov.uk/downloads/file/33522/west-edinburgh-placemaking-framework-and-strategic-masterplan-draft-for-consultation>.

Most concerns raised by attendees related to the impact on the transport network, already saturated roads and services such as health centre and schools which are at capacity with the existing population of the area. There was a desire for better use of rail provision in the area at Edinburgh Gateway by introducing new routes and connecting to local bus services. It was also raised that the Lothian Bus number 31 route has already been extended leading to ridiculous journey times. It was noted that the Transport Appraisal is detailed on the City Plan webpages. Drop in events are being held **at the Marriott Hotel** on 30 Aug 2023 at 15:30 - 19:30, **Webinar via Microsoft Teams** From 7 Sep 2023 at 18:00 - 19:30 and **Webinar via Microsoft Teams** From 15 Sep 2023 at 10:00 - 11:30. The consultation closes on 4th October 2023.

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Councillors Reports

Cllr Thornley

- Torwood/Meadowplace path – waiting on approval for plans from Transport Scotland.
- North Gyle Flood Group – Residents have formed group and held meeting with various stakeholders
- Glasgow Road speed limit reduction – now scheduled for March 2024.

Cllr Beal

- Corstorphine Connections LTN
- Bowling Green in St Margaret's Park – will be a consultation on how community want to see it used.
- Paddockholm drop kerbs installed.
- Gyle Park flooding – hoping it will be done in the next few weeks.

Councillors Q&A

- Significant number of overgrown hedges in the area again. Any cutting programme in place? Cllr Beal advised that following up on particularly overgrown hedge on Sycamore Place. Not being done fast enough.
- Estate agents on St John's Road (Leslie Deans & Co) have closed permanently due to repeated flooding. Anything being done to address issues at bottom of Clermiston Road to ensure more businesses aren't lost? Cllr Beal advised he was not aware of any issues and would hope that businesses would get in touch with the Council if they are experiencing drainage issues.
- Atrocious surface on pavement outside new flats on Meadowplace Road – may still be temporary finish but need to make sure it is reinstated properly. Cllr Beal advised that he would keep an eye on it.
- Any update on replacement Post Office? **Action: Follow up with Euan Hyslop.**
- Planters at Gylemuir are not being looked after and have been moved out of position. They were meant to be temporary as part of Spaces for People, what is happening to them?
- Could Councillors please follow up on hanging baskets as they are disgraceful.
- Path through Old Corstorphine Parish Church is in very poor state of repair. Got minutes saying that money had been put aside to resurface. Would appreciate if could follow up. **Action: Steve Kerr to find out what happened.**

Community Engagement

- Community Engagement Report to be circulated. **Action: Vikki Brown to circulate.**
- Befriending. Tommy Mclean going to attend meeting tomorrow to discuss lack of befriending services in the area. Vikki Brown flagged that the Community Council had received an email regarding befriending from Age Scotland and offered to share on social media channels. **Action: To be forwarded to Tommy Mclean for info.**
- Corstorphine Christmas Support Project – all volunteers welcome. 7 out of 8 schools have signed up for this year. Any help would be gratefully received. Will be looking for donations of food and household items.

AOB

Community Council boundary review. Last done in 2011 and much changed in that time. The boundary can't be reviewed without reviewing the whole scheme. Steve Kerr stated that Corstorphine Community Council area is far to large an area for us to represent and feels that it needs to be broken into smaller areas. Drumbrae Community Council collapsed through lack of people willing to serve. There will be an opportunity to give views online in due course.

Corstorphine Community Centre (CCC) update: Community Asset Transfer going through at the moment so looking at major refurbishment of Westfield House including installation of lift. Likely to take around 1 year. Planning application in for old Community Centre site. If it goes through, CCC will get more funds from sale. Application is for 11 flats with no parking (which is a CEC requirement). Could ask developer to come along to a future Community Council meeting if of interest.

Meeting ended at 21.06. The next meeting will take place Tuesday 12th September.