

Corstorphine Community Council Meeting (Online)



Date/time: Tuesday 24 October 2023, 7.00 pm

Attendees: Councillors: Cllr Beal, Cllr Davidson, Cllr Thornley

Community Councillors and Associated Groups: Steve Kerr (Chair), Vikki Brown (Minutes), Angela Benzies, Ian Kirkpatrick (Corstorphine Churches Together), Margaret Mackay (Scottish Women's Institute), Jonathan Melville, Frank Ross, David Sutherland (Corstorphine Community Centre), Keith Walker, Chris Young (Low Traffic Corstorphine).

Public: 14 members of the public were in attendance

Guests: PC Sam Davison, Police Scotland. Martyn Lings, City of Edinburgh Council

Apologies: Cllr Hyslop, Cllr Bennett, Jane Kerr (Corstorphine Trust), Deborah McCall, Tommy McLean, Robert Stokes.

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

Declarations of Interest: None

Police Report – via email from PC Sam Davison

PC Sam Davison recorded his thanks for the work done by the Community Council. He gave an overview of the area he covers and latest activity. There have been multiple break-ins reported of both homes and sheds. PC Davison advised that if going on holiday to take any car keys with you as thieves are targeting homes looking to take high performance vehicles. Anti-social behaviour issues at The Gyle and Corstorphine Retail Park. Some bonfires have been built at Pinkhill path area and will be keeping a close eye on these. Please report if you notice any bonfire building or anti-social behaviour. Investigating vandalism of Corstorphine Connections camera on Manse Road and also the bus lane camera at the Gyle. Reminder that there is a no entry sign at Featherhall Avenue. If found to be ignoring, it will result in 3 points and £100 fine. PC Davison took questions and encouraged residents to get in touch if he can be of any assistance. He advised that Corstorphine remains a very safe area and that crime levels are among the lowest he has seen since he started working in Corstorphine 7-8 years ago. Steve Kerr recorded his thanks to PC Davison for his support to the Community and taking the time to come along to the meeting. 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 – Martyn Lings

Saughton Road North will be closed for a two days to allow works to be undertaken. A bus diversion will be in place on 11-12 November and a taxi shuttle will be available again. The project team are aware of the 'ponding' issue on Corstorphine High Street and Kirk Loan and are working to resolve. Trying to ensure that signage is clear and concise. Camera will go live again on 20 October. Communications have been sent out by letter, email to mailing list, social media, press, on street signage.

The Corstorphine Connections project is being conducted as an ETRO trial which has a 6-month consultation period but the trial can last up to 18 months. Traffic monitoring should be undertaken when roads are clear of significant road works. It was not possible to complete the traffic monitoring analysis and give the community sufficient time to digest the results and respond before 23rd November (ETRO consultation end date) due to delays and interruptions. As it is important that everyone has the chance to feedback with the best information available, it will be permissible for anyone who has responded by 23rd November to retract or supplement their response based on monitoring data up to 3 weeks from the date it becomes available. Any new feedback which is not supplementing an ETRO response will not be considered as part of the ETRO consultation but responses will still be collected and presented to Committee alongside the ETRO consultation. This will ensure that all voices/views are heard.

Free membership to the City Car Club is available as part of the project. Use code EDILT. There are also opportunities available to try out cargo bikes and adapted cycles, further details available in the [September newsletter](#).

Concern was raised that the Community Reference Group (CRG) for the project is biased. Martyn Lings advised that they looked for different groups in the area and if people are aware of any groups who could be involved to get in touch. The attendees of the CRG have identified potential options to include representation for older residents in the area. Angela Benzies confirmed that Corstorphine Business have been invited to attend the CRG but were unable to find volunteer who was available. Believe that businesses are interested and important for people to feedback. Concern was raised about some

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businesses finding takings are down. Martyn Lings advised that he had not heard from any businesses around that issue but would listen to concerns if approached. He will also make further attempts to reach out to businesses.

Frank Ross stated that it was long overdue for pavement improvements to be made. His wife is a wheelchair user and Manse Road is still impassable. It is strange that people think it is ok for pedestrians to travel further but not ok to have to drive further. Pavement parking and blocking dropped kerbs is a big issue. Martyn Lings advised that he has been listening to feedback and more bollards than originally planned will be installed to prevent pavement parking.

Please submit ETRO responses by 23 November to Edinburgh.Consultation@projectcentre.co.uk

Councillors Reports

CLlr Thornley

- Gas works on Drumbrae South – contractor has had to come back to rectify issues with work done.
- North Gyle Flood Group – mini flood survey moving ahead and hoping for progress by the end of the year.

CLlr Beal

- Flooding – zoo area and Gylemuir park. Some temporary measures going in.
- A consultation will be carried out regarding the bowling green at St Margaret's Park.
- Corstorphine Connections LTN – ETRO process goes to Licensing Committee.

CLlr Davidson

- Verges around Carrick Knowe
- Bins in St Margaret's Park – not reduced, just relocated to entrances.
- Road markings. Frank Ross requested that attention is paid to the bus stop zones, especially at Carrick Knowe end.
- Path at Corstorphine Old Parish Church – another person has fallen due to surface. **Action: Euan Davidson to find out if money available to improve.**

Community Engagement

- Corstorphine Christmas Support Project – Frank Ross working with Tommy McLean. All volunteers welcome. Community Grant funding and Cala Homes may also be able to support as part of their Community Pledge.
- Community Council Scheme and Boundary Review consultation. The Community Council boundary is too large and is going to be expanded with new developments to the west. Drumbrae Community Council folded, Corstorphine Community Council is reaching breaking point. Can't have more than 40% seconded or brought on during period. If you feel Community Councils are important, please respond to the consultation.
- A new [website](#) has been created by Andy Wallace to detail all organisations in Corstorphine as per the directory that Tommy McLean and Elaine Lennon have created. It is accessible and can be translated into any language easily. If you can volunteer to help keep up to date please contact admin@corstorphinecc.uk to be put in touch with Andy.
- Friends of Gyle Park have been successful in securing Paths for All funding to resurface gravelled paths. Looking to have community engagement sessions at David Lloyd at beginning of November, dates to be confirmed.

AOB

Alan Childs advised that Parents at Craigmount High School (CHS) are concerned at more classrooms being built. CHS has little capacity for socialisation space and greenspace is now also going to be taken. There is a feeling that the Parent Council haven't been consulted or listened to. There are few sports facilities already and pupils have to travel for rugby and cricket. **Action: CLlr Alan Beal to advise.**

Alan Childs stated that he is concerned that most of the development west of Maybury lacks social spaces such as community centre, library etc and will result in people not having any way to form networks. What can be done to improve. **Action: Invite developers to future Community Council meeting to discuss.**

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Steve Kerr will be laying wreath on behalf of the Community Council at the Remembrance Service at the Old Parish Church.
Meeting ended at 20.52. The next meeting will take place Tuesday 21st November.