

# Corstorphine Community Council Meeting (Online)



**Date/time:** Tuesday 21 November 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), Ian Kirkpatrick (Corstorphine Churches Together), Tommy Mclean, Deborah McCall, Jonathan Melville, Frank Ross, David Sutherland (Corstorphine Community Centre), Chris Young (Low Traffic Corstorphine).

**Public:** xx members of the public were in attendance

**Apologies:** Cllr Davidson, Martyn Lings, Robert Stokes, Keith Walker.

**Minutes of October 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 Davidson is moving to CID for a 2 year secondment. Steve Kerr noted that PC Davidson has been exemplary and his passion for community policing is evident. PC Susan Fulton will be primary contact going forward. It has been agreed that Steve Kerr will liaise in lieu of attendance at Community Council meetings. Community Police Officers can be contacted at [EdinburghCPTNorthWest@scotland.pnn.police.uk](mailto:EdinburghCPTNorthWest@scotland.pnn.police.uk). The latest Police reports can be accessed at <http://corstorphinecc.uk>.

## Corstorphine Connections Update

Martyn Lings was unable to attend the November meeting but will be in attendance at the December meeting. Cllr Scott Arthur to attend February meeting as further data should be available by that date. It was noted that Cllr Davidson's motion at Transport & Environment Committee implied that the majority of fines were incurred by local residents but there was no evidence provided to support this claim. **Action: Steve Kerr to raise with Cllr Davidson.** Angela Benzies noted that the December Community Reference Group agenda would include item on local businesses. Still looking for volunteer from Corstorphine Business to attend and asked that businesses get in touch if would like to provide feedback. Deborah McCall voiced concern that the corner on Featherhall Avenue is still dangerous and that parking restrictions need to be enforced. Frank Ross added that double yellow lines need to be reinstated in Carrick Knowe following installation of new crossings. Speeding is still an issue on Saughton Road North. Speed limit is 20mph but still seeing vehicles travelling at 50-60mph. Better enforcement needed. The site compound on Featherhall Avenue will be tidied and grass reinstated.

Please submit ETRO responses by 23 November to [Edinburgh.Consultation@projectcentre.co.uk](mailto:Edinburgh.Consultation@projectcentre.co.uk)

## Councillors Reports

Cllr Beal

- Hope to get LTN comparative data in November.
- St Ninians Road parking issues. Pavement parking ban coming in next year and will have an impact.
- Road safety team meeting – please get in touch with Cllr Beal with any issues.

Cllr Thornley

- Design review of path from Meadowplace Road to Torwood Crescent means delay – now scheduled for May 2024 but hoping to get urgent repairs addressed earlier.
- Pre-approval for development in Cammo.
- Flooding issues in North Gyle
- Gogarloch Estate – reports of people trying cars and house doors. Even if attempts unsuccessful, please let Councillors know so that they are aware of scale of problem.
- Jane Kerr asked Cllr Beal if issues with high volumes and speed of traffic on Saughton Road North could be addressed at Road Safety Team meeting.
- Money was set aside for accessibility improvements at Traquair Alley as part of Kaimies Road pedestrian crossing project. Not enough money to buy land at Sylvan House to allow improvements to be made.

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- Concern was voiced that the pavement parking ban could lead to more gardens being converted to paved parking which could lead to further flooding issues. Cllr Beal advised guidance is covered under planning 'Sustainable Urban Drainage Strategy' (SUDS).
- Tommy McLean asked that safety issues with the entrance to the car park at Corstorphine Retail Park be raised at the Road Safety Team meeting. The pavement also needs to be reinstated outside the new flats on Meadow Place Road.
- Keith Walker requested that the path outside Corstorphine Old Parish Church is resurfaced as it is in a terrible state. **Action: Steve Kerr to check at Neighbourhood Network meeting whether there was money set aside for this.**
- Deborah McCall asked if there is a schedule for clearing drains or do you have to request for a drain to be cleared. Cllr Beal advised that there is a schedule but if issues, worth reporting. If reporting, please alert Cllr Beal so that he can keep track. Schedule may be able to be adjusted if needed.
- Issue with path in St Margaret's Park – roots from trees causing very uneven surface. Cllr Bennett was looking into ownership issue. **Action: Cllr Beal to follow up.**

## Planning

- Andy Wallace has volunteered to help with Planning role and has created a [draft report](#).
- 23/06355/FUL – Change of use from residential care home to housing. 19 new flats proposed 40 metres east of 35 Station Road.
- Proposals launched for Edinburgh Arena near Hermiston Gate/Edinburgh Park. Find out more at <https://www.edinburghparkarena.com/> Two in-person public exhibition events will take place at 1 New Park Square, Edinburgh Park EH12 9GR on Monday 04 December 2023 (3pm-7pm) and Tuesday 09 January 2024 (3pm-7pm).

## Business

Angela Benzie noted that Corstorphine Business is grateful to Andy Wallace for his time and expertise helping with their website. Small Business Saturday takes place on 2<sup>nd</sup> December. If businesses would like to sign up there are lots of webinars and mentoring available.

Corstorphine Business have created a [Santa Trail](#) – lots of businesses have contributed.

Forever Edinburgh – free listings available and lots of marketing expertise. If you know of a local business who may benefit, please let them know.

Next meeting 28 November. AGM in January. Welcome new members and open to all businesses.

## Community Engagement

- Corstorphine Christmas Support Project – helping 90 families so far. Donations welcome. Further information at <https://corriehelp.wordpress.com/corstorphine-christmas-support-project/>
- Cala Homes are looking at providing support to various community projects over 5 or 6 years as part of their west Edinburgh developments.
- 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. Please take some time to take a look and if you spot anything that needs updated or amended, get in touch.
- Andy's Mans Club can be found at Space to Be Monday evenings at 7pm
- Looking for volunteers to help distribute future issues of the Voluntary Sector Forum leaflet. Please get in touch with Tommy Mclean if you can help.
- Friends of Gyle Park information sessions held. Feedback and suggestions have resulted in a few changes to the plans for the Paths for All project. More trees to be planted and benches installed. Issues following work done by Scottish Water will be fixed but likely to be Spring/Summer 2024.

## AOB

Congratulations to Steven Rafferty, Head Teacher at Forrester High School who has been awarded best Head Teacher at the Forth Awards.

Steve Kerr and Tommy Mclean have both been nominated for roles with Edinburgh Association of Community Councils.

Review of Community Council Scheme and Boundaries – closing date 8<sup>th</sup> December. **Action: Steve Kerr to circulate response.**

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No update regarding noticeboards or community use of site whilst awaiting building work to commence at Mctaggart & Mickel development site on St John's Road. **Action: Steve Kerr to request update.**

St Margaret's Park Bowling Green Consultation – Community Council have been approached but date for meeting not yet set.

Meeting ended at 20.39. The next meeting will take place Tuesday 19 December.