

Craiglockhart Community Council

Minutes of the Public Meeting

Time: 7p.m.

Date: 27 January 2020

Venue: Napier University, Craiglockhart Campus

Chair: Jim Brydon

1. Welcome, apologies for absence and any declarations of interest

Apologies were received from four Community Councillors (Peter Mavor, Eleanor Young, John Corbett, Hilda Henderson*) and David Key, Councillor.

In attendance were circa 20 members of the community, five Community Councillors (Jim Brydon, Paul Mowat, Neena Agarwal, Bryce Morrison **, Anni McLeod ***) and two CEC Councillors - Andrew Johnston and Gavin Corbett.

* Friends of Easter Craiglockhart Hill representative

** Water of Leith Conservation Trust representative

*** Friends of Wester Craiglockhart Hill and Greenbank Community Woodland

2. Minutes from previous meeting of 25 November 2019

Jim Brydon (JB) confirmed that the action points from the previous meeting were covered by the agenda items for the meeting.

Approval of the minutes was proposed by Paul Mowat (PM) and seconded by Anni McLeod (McL).

3. Co-opting new members to the Community Council

Co-opting Kevin McKay and his re-appointment as Treasurer was proposed by Paul Mowat (PM) and seconded by Anni McLeod (McL). The other Community Councillors present at the meeting voted in favour of this proposal.

Nick Stewart (NS) was introduced to the meeting attendees. Co-opting NS was proposed by JB and seconded by Neena Agarwal (NA). The other Community Councillors present at the meeting voted in favour of this proposal.

Post meeting: the new role of Engagement Officer was recorded in the November 2019 minutes. CCC has earmarked a meeting early in March 2020 to consider how it will move forward with this.

4. Community Police Report

JB welcomed Colin Spence (CS), representing the South West Community Police Team, to the meeting. CS summarised the key elements of the Community Police Report for January 2020. This included: 75 incidents, 24 crimes recorded and 6 house break-ins. No trend in these statistics was provided. The Report is copied at the end of these minutes.

High value bike thefts was one feature discussed at the meeting. Unfortunately no one cause has been identified behind these thefts. The possibility of people being followed was one concerning suggestion. Accordingly people were asked to be mindful of this as well as considering alternative routes home.

Investing in shed or garage security was reinforced. For example, use of a padlock and chain for bikes with a ground anchor if possible. If anyone is seen acting suspiciously people should call 999 or 101, as appropriate.

5. Graffiti Presentation – Gareth Thomas (CEC Graffiti Working Officer)

JB welcomed Gareth Thomas (GT) to the meeting. GT provided the following insight as to his role and how the issue of graffiti is being addressed.

GT has been in role since June 2019. His immediate priority is to look at how the Council deals with graffiti and the resources required. In March 2020 a report is to be tabled at the Culture & Communities Committee proposing a strategy and policy that will provide the context for detailed procedures to be set out.

Resources of around £500k per annum was suggested by GT at the meeting. Andrew Johnston (AJ) who sits on the Finance Committee provided additional context by reinforcing the budgetary challenges facing the Council for the next fiscal year, 2020/21, and the absence of any appetite to levy additional charges on households.

To successfully manage the issue of graffiti a Citywide response/campaign as well as the need for a joined up approach between utility companies, transport bodies, educational bodies and the Council was reinforced by GT. A project in South side (i.e. South Bridges to Minto Street) due to commence in March 2020 will provide valuable learning.

Currently the Council has the authority to issue Graffiti Notices. After 28 days it has the authority to step in and recover costs if no contact or agreement has been reached with the other party. A fee of around £85/square meter was mentioned. Where Council property is affected a 24 hour removal turnaround exists if the content is offensive and 10 days if the content is non-offensive.

Timely removal of graffiti relies on an effective reporting mechanism and the establishment of a 'tagging'/graffiti database. Regarding the former GT confirmed that on-line recording (i.e. <https://www.edinburgh.gov.uk/graffiti>) was the preferred course of action people should take rather than phoning the Council. For utility company property direct contact should be made with them.

6. Planning Updates

Peter Mavor (PM) ran through the current position on each as follows:

- **John Clark Car Showroom**, 1 Lanark Road – Initial approval for 50 units in Sep '19. Negotiation of a Section 75 agreement is required before final planning permission granted. Next deadline is 2/3/2020.

- **Blue Goose**, 27 Lanark Road – Although planning permission was granted in Oct '19, the developer is still considering their options for the site and there is no definitive start date at this time.
- **Westside Motors**, 35 Lanark Road – The re-design of the site, due to a border issue, has attracted three objections: CCC, Longstone CC and Water of Leith. The planning application should be tabled for approval at the Development Management Sub Committee in February '20
- **Former Alfa Romeo Car Showroom**, 116 Colinton Road - Affordable Housing contribution negotiated and agreed with the District Valuer at CEC. Next deadline is 11/3/2020.
- **Premier Store & Sitting Room Pub**, 120-122 Colinton Road - Work is expected to start mid February 2020 with a 12 to 14 months construction period. The Co-op is almost signed up, subject to licence approval.
- **Redhall House** - Planning approval was granted in Nov '19 conditional on the Community Council's three precedent conditions. Next deadline is 20/5/2020.
- **10 Glenlockhart Bank** - Planning Permission for the erection of a new private dwelling house on the site of a swimming pool was rejected. This decision is to be contested at the Local Review Body on 26/2/2020.

7. Any Other Business

- **Water of Leith Bridges** - Bryce Morrison confirmed that the National Heritage Officer has seen a design solution and cost estimates for Katesmill bridge and Redhall Weir bridge. A grant application has been submitted to the FCC Communities Foundation. A decision to proceed, or not, will be taken on 4/3/2020.
- **Thistle Tennis Club Structure** – Planning Enforcement Officers have visited the site. No matters regarding the padel tennis court structures were raised requiring action. The meeting confirmed that public awareness of the development beyond the 20 meters radius requirement was one area for improvement. Adverts placed in the Edinburgh Gazette and the Edinburgh News were not considered an adequate mechanism.
- **Kayak Club Temporary Shipping Containers** – Council Officers have asked the club to make improvements. Temporary permission granted to the club for the containers has a further two years to run. In light of this, the site of the club will not change in the short term. The meeting suggested that other sites and options excluding Meggatland should be considered.

An attendee at the meeting highlighted his Health & Safety concerns about children playing on, and jumping between, the shipping containers.

Action: AJ to feedback this observation to the club and the Council

- **Edinburgh Community Solar Co-operative** - Gavin Corbett (GC) outlined the background to the Co-operative. Set up in 2015 to meet the Council's carbon-neutral pledge, the Co-operative install solar panels in Council owned buildings. It was initially funded through a Community Share issue, supplemented by a Community Benefit Fund. Following the popularity of the first share issue a second share issue (£250/share) is planned for February/March 2020. Craiglockhart Leisure Centre has been identified for the installation of solar panels.

- **Paties Road Tree Planting** - A question was raised regarding the purpose and origins of the saplings planted on the boggy grass area.

Action: GC to establish purpose and nature of the saplings

Post meeting: GC was able to establish that long biodiversity grass has been planted to provide more habitat and assist in water take up. The spacing of the trees has been designed to maintain access for anyone wishing to walk through the area. Initial feedback from park users has been positive.

- **Craiglockhart Rd. South & Craiglockhart Ave. Junction**- Despite approval being given for new street markings (i.e. double yellow lines) some time ago the Traffic Order has still to be implemented.

Action: GC to follow up on the delayed implementation

8. Date of Next Public Meeting

Date: Monday 23 March 2020

Venue: Craiglockhart Parish Church

Time: 7pm



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Community Council Meeting

CPT Ward 9 – PC50

Not Protectively Marked

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Craiglockhart Community Council Meeting		
Rank / Name of Officer Attending	PC Colin Spence	
Date of Meeting – 27/01/2020	Time – 19:00	End of Month – January
Information (this month / local priorities / incidents)		
PC in attendance	This past month Pc’s Wotton and Mears have been concentrating much of their time within the PC48 Beat; combating anti-social behaviour in and around Rosemount Buildings, and Fountainbridge, there has however been active engagement on the canal paths to educate users across all areas.	
Community Police Station	This past month your local Policing Team have conducted numerous joint visits with CC and Dunedin Canmore Housing Officers. Served Court Citations, executing Warrants and Dealt with youth ASB along the Canal path and associated areas. Assisting in keeping Craiglockhart a safe place to live and work.	
E Division Priorities	This past month Edinburgh Division has been focussed on solving crimes of violence; hate crimes and protecting visitors and residents.	
PSOS Priorities and values	This past month Police Scotland has been striving to work with fairness, integrity and respect.	

South West Community Police Team

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Community officers have been involved in a number of planned operations, these have seen direct action to tackle current issues.

Op Monadra – Doorstep crime

Op Heddle – Cycle safety week

PC50	Incidents	Crimes recorded	Solved
January	75	24	0

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Ward Priorities

Priority 1	THEFT HOUSEBREAKING
Priority 2	ASSAULT / VIOLENT CRIME
Priority 3	ROAD SAFETY
Priority 4	THEFT OF PERSONAL PROPERTY
Priority 5	HATE CRIME

Housebreakings

13/1 Craiglockhart Grove- Shed
13/1 Grrrenbank Drive – Garage broken in to and insecure car entered.
21/1 Elliot Park – Attempt HB Garage.
22/1 Greenbank – Bike Shed – Lock forced.
23/1 Craiglockhart Grove – Garage
23/1 Elliot Road – Jewellery and cash stolen

Assault

No assaults recorded.

Road Safety

13/01 Craiglockhart Avenue – fail to stop and report road accident.
17/01 Craiglockhart Crescent - fail to stop and report road accident.

Theft

9/1 Elliot park – Number plates stolen
20/1 Napier Uni - Watch stolen from changing room – Left unattended.
20/1 Craiglockhart Road – tools stolen from van.
22/01 Craiglockhart Grove – Camera stolen from insecure vehicle.

Hate Crime

None Reported

ASB / NPS / incidents of note

27/12 Little John Road – car vandalised
11/1 Water of Leith Heritage Centre – windows smashed
18/01 Colinton Castle Sports Club – Fence screens damaged.

Miscellaneous Information

Ward 9

Comprises of 3 Policing Beats, with 2 City of Edinburgh Council Funded Officers,

Police Constable 0276E Simon Wotton and **Police Constable 5539-E Gavin Mears**

Ward 9 comprises 3 Policing Beats: -

PC48 - Westend / Tollcross

PC49 – Hutchison / Slateford / Fountainbridge

PC50 – Colinton / Craiglockhart

Policing

The Community Policing Team Inspector covering Wards is **Police Inspector Murray Tait**

The CPT Sergeant covering ward 9 is **Police Sergeant David Moran**

The CPT consists of 3 teams of community-facing Constables, and the emphasis will be on community working, in a bid to solve local issues.

In non-emergencies, should you wish to contact us, please do not hesitate to do so.

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Police Surgery – Last Thursday of the month – Fountainbridge Library 2pm.