

Minutes of the Craiglockhart Community Council Meeting

Time: 7p.m.

Date: 25 November 2019

Venue: Boroughmuir Rugby Club, Meggetland

Chair: Peter Mavor

1.Election Results

Andrew Johnston, Returning Officer confirmed that 6 Community Councillors had been elected as follows:

Neena Agarwal, Jim Brydon, Eleanor Young, John Corbett , Paul Mowat and Peter Mavor.

In addition three local interest groups would be represented being:

- The Friends of Easter Craiglockhart Hill – Hilda Henderson
- Friends of Wester Craiglockhart Hill and Greenbank Community Woodland – Anni McLeod
- Water of Leith Conservation Trust – Bryce Morrison

2.Election of Office Bearers

Chair- Peter Mavor (PM) proposed by Jim Brydon and seconded by Eleanor Young(EY)

Secretary- Peter Mavor- proposed Eleanor Young and seconded by Anni McLeod

Treasurer- Kevin McKay is prepared to continue as Treasurer. It is the intention that he be co-opted onto the CCC at the next meeting and then formally re-appointed.

Engagement Officer- this is a new role. CCC will consider how we move forward with this.

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

Apologies were received from David Key, Councillor

In attendance were circa 60 members of the community, six Community Councillors (Peter Mavor, Jim Brydon , Anni McLeod, John Corbett, Hilda Henderson, Eleanor Young), and two CEC Councillors- Gavin Corbett and Andrew Johnston

Also in attendance as presenters: Bryce Morrison from Water of Leith Preservation Trust and Justine Stansfield from CEC

4. Minutes from previous meeting of 23 September 2019

PM confirmed all action points are covered by agenda items for this meeting. arising. Minutes were proposed to be approved by PM and seconded by JB.

5. Community Police Report

No representation at this meeting due to resources being diverted to Edinburgh's Xmas events. John Corbett summarised the latest Police Report:

- Couple of drunk/drug driving arrests on Colinton Road
- Several bike thefts
- Person spotted looking through letterbox of property in suspicious manner.
- Drugs found in stopped Vehicle
- Several windows damaged on Lanark Road

6. Waste Management Presentation – Justine Stansfield

Key Points from presentation:

-CEC target is 50% of waste to be recycled. Currently CEC at 40% but better than Glasgow, Aberdeen and Dundee

-Reduce, Re-use, Recycle are the priorities and in that order.

-Scotland wide target is 70% recycled by 2025

-Survey of landfill waste from households showed 60% of it could actually be recycled with food at 37% by far the biggest contributor.

-On-street Communal bins are being reviewed to improve recycling rates and also take into account streetscape impact

-Millerhill- Facility there uses food and non-recyclable material to create heat and power for circa 30k homes. High temperature clean combustion used as well as anaerobic digestion of food.

-Packaging- sorted by picking lines and sent off to make new materials

-Garden Waste- used to make compost, which is sold, to public

-Glass- sold to Viridor- used for raw materials, new glass containers, and fibreglass

-Textiles- sold to Nathans- re-used or recycled into e.g. rags

- 50% of recycling reprocessed in Scotland, 20% England and rest in Europe

In answer to questions from the meeting:

Justine confirmed:

- Glass recycling is only bottles and jars
- All tubs trays and pots can be put in recycling including black ones (black goes to energy from waste if not recycled)
- Food waste- ask for additional bin if you need one
- Textiles- all grades collected
- Changeworks do targeted customer surveys.
- Useful Food waste video on YouTube. **Action-Justine to send link to CCC**

7. Engagement from City of Edinburgh Council

CCC are expected by CEC to appoint an Engagement Officer and write a relevant report but paradoxically CEC officers do not engage well with the CCC. John Corbett outlined some of the concerns, in particular lack of engagement re Development Trust.

AJ agreed our experience is, sadly, not unusual. Our Councillors will raise issues directly when requested. Serious budget cuts means less officers although this is not always an acceptable excuse.

GC answered question from audience re affordable housing. Land values are high in CCC area making provision of affordable housing harder locally. In certain cases it should be possible though and the developers should be engaging earlier with Housing Associations

4. Planning Updates

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

- **Westside Motors**- New submission for increased number of flats. Our objection to this stands.
- **Blue Goose Pub**- Reporter now approved and permission granted
- **1 Lanark Road –(Clarks Motor Choice)**-Recently approved by CEC
- **116 Colinton Road (Alfa Romeo Garage)**—Recently approved by CEC
- **120-122 Colinton Road**- Approved by CEC
- **Redhall House** – Now approved by CEC including important caveats requested by Community Council

Comments from the meeting

- Congratulations on getting Redhall moved forward after a long battle
- Kayak Club- concerns raised re number and unsightly appearance of “temporary” shipping containers. After debate it was agreed **Action- AJ to**

seek an update on what the long-term plans are and grass cutting in the vicinity.

5. Any other business

Bryce Morrison from Water of Leith Preservation Trust gave the following updates

-Water of Leith- update given on Trust activities- clean-ups/repairs etc.

-Saughton Park- reverse Archimedes screw being installed as mini-hydro generation to heat and light Saughton Park . Winter Open Day on 14th December

-Colinton Tunnel- Murals are progressing- Robert Louis Stevenson connection being utilised. worth a look!

-Redhall Walled Garden- Open Day 7th December 12-3

-Katesmill Bridge- part-removed by volunteers to make safe/establish state of foundations. Grant application for repair being progressed by Caroline from Natural Heritage. CEC have requested a warning sign on Katesmill Road.

-Redhall Weir Bridge- Been inspected by engineers and report awaited

Thistle Tennis

Ron Fotheringham outlined residents concerns. Structure is an eyesore and may not meet planning permission given. The matter has been reported to the CEC planning Enforcement Officer and their report is awaited.

A separate question was raised on the origin of the saplings planted on the rough grass ground.

Action AJ to update CCC and others who have contacted him

Anti-Graffiti Campaign

AJ confirmed Graffiti Office has offered to attend January 2020 meeting of CCC. Offer accepted. **Action- AJ to confirm**

Hilda Henderson confirmed the Friends of Easter Craiglockhart Hill have been supplied with a Graffiti Removal Kit by CEC

Detailed discussion carried forward to next meeting.

Parking Restriction Proposals

Initial views expressed on this big topic including:

- many streets in the area have no off-street parking available
- current proposal will push the problem elsewhere – including Lockharton area
- the Lockhartons in particular are a bit “land-locked” with no obvious other place to go if problem gets worse
- Concerns from Owners of C-Listed buildings on Colinton Road that their very limited parking availability will reduce further
- Park and Ride in the area is a problem
- Some owners want more “resident only” parking
- A “whole area” solution is needed

Gavin Corbett responded that the Consultation is still open to anyone and he provided the link by which to access it. He encouraged feedback. He confirmed that in his opinion sometimes the Consultants do sometimes make mistakes. People can also express their views direct to him and to Andrew Johnston.

Street Safety- a resident raised issue of trees/bushes protruding onto and obstructing pavements. The issue is caused by lack of maintenance. If CEC owned this can be reported to them. If privately owned it was suggested by EY that a polite note through the Owners letterbox had worked for her in the past. If no response to that then again it /drug can be reported to CEC.