

Craiglockhart Community Council - Minutes of the Public Meeting

Date: 17 May 2021 at 7pm using MS Teams

Chair: Peter Mavor

1. Welcome, apologies for absence

Apologies – Cllr David Keys, CCC- John Corbett, Kevin McKay, Jim Brydon, Nick Stewart

Attendees

- Circa 15 residents
- Community Councillors -Peter Mavor(PM), Eleanor Young(EY), Neena Agarwal(NA), Anni McLeod (AM) (FoWCH), Hilda Henderson (HH) (FoECH), Bryce Morrison (BM) (WofL Trust)
- CEC Councillors - Andrew Johnston (AJ), Gavin Corbett (GC)

2. Minutes from previous meeting - 22nd March 2021

- Kayak Club Temporary Shipping Containers – the club has been registered as a charity and has a lease of the land until 2024. Nothing more is expected to happen in the near future.
- Safety issues at the Hairdressers at corner of Craiglockhart Drive South due to large vehicles parking outwards towards the middle of the road. It was suggested a “No End” parking sign (similar to one at Bruntsfield) could be erected. **ACTION GC**
- Railings removed on Col Rd – GC confirmed removal was part of the Spaces for People and de-cluttering of pavements.
- Minutes were approved by HH and seconded by NA

3. Community Police Report – the expected police report was not forthcoming and we were advised that the format etc of the report has not yet been agreed. We hope to receive one for our next meeting and that it contains only matters pertaining to Craiglockhart and not the overall area of Fountainbridge & Craiglockhart. **ACTION AJ to follow up with Police**

4. AGM postponed – our AGM has been postponed due to our accounts not yet finalised and our Treasurer not being available this evening. It will be held at a future 2021 meeting.

5. Planning Updates

5G Mast in Craiglockhart Avenue – there were 97 objections to this application and 5 in favour. PM thanked Will Pickvance (a resident) for his efforts in spreading the word about this proposal among residents.

GC explained that he had discussed the possibility of locating the mast inside the steeple of Craiglockhart Church with the CEC Planning Officer who was going to discuss with the agent for the applicant. GC said he was hopeful that the application would not progress as proposed. He will report back to residents/CCC asap. **ACTION GC**

Bill Watt (whose house is closest to the proposed mast) expressed his thanks to GC for his help.

Proposals for further masts are expected but they should appear on the CEC Weekly Planning Lists, we will circulate any information on them to our residents asap as we do with any application which might significantly affect our area. **ACTION CCC**

Redhall House – No progress has been made, as Section 75 has still not been signed by the owners. The owners intend to finance the renovation of Redhall House from the sale of another property they own but the sale is not yet complete. The deadline for signing the Section 75 is now the end of June. Hopefully enough progress with the sale will have been made by then to get the S75 signed. CCC is still hopeful that the matter can be successfully concluded.

5. AOCB

Dell Bridges – Estimates for repair are Pipe Bridge - £18K, Weir Bridge - £65K

After previous discussions, many residents have expressed an interest in contributing to the repairs of the Pipe Bridge. In the first instance, CEC have been asked to produce a detailed spec for the repairs including costs. WofL Trust will then apply for various grants to raise the necessary funds. They will be supported by Craiglockhart and Colinton CCs who will look to raise some funds from local residents. PM will speak to Longstone CC to see if they wish to join the initiative. **ACTION PM**

Many areas of the Dell require improvement and maintenance and it would be good to tackle all of the work, including the repair of the Weir Bridge, as one project. GC to ask WofL Trust to draw up a list of all work required. GC is presenting a motion to the full CEC council meeting on 27 May proposing that the council to support the necessary investment in the WofL Dells to address the repairs to the Weir bridge, Grotto and paths. **ACTION GC**

Landslip on Easter Craiglockhart Hill – GC reported that CEC and Quartermile agreed that Quartermile would undertake work required both to fix the landslide and also to prevent any recurrence. However, no progress has been made and the “temperature needs to be raised further” as the path has been out of action for almost a year. CCC to be advised by GC and AJ what further action CCC can take in “order to raise the temperature.” **ACTION AJ & GC**

Space for People project – The CEC Transport Committee will meet in June to decide which changes will be made permanent.

Community Engagement – Kevin and Neena have worked together on this but more help is needed. CCC Cllrs are asked to contact Peter, Kevin or Neena if they would like to help **ACTION CCC Cllrs**

Steps from Redhall House Drive to Water of Leith – these steps have been in a state of dis-repair for quite some time. The WofLTrust have offered to undertake the repairs for free, if residents of Redhall estate provide funds for the materials required. Cost will be a few hundred pounds. **ACTION PM**

6. Date of Next Public Meeting -26 July 2021