

Craigeleith/Blackhall Community Council Minutes

Date of Meeting: 14th November 2016
Chair: Emma Phillips, CBCC Chair
Venue: Dining Hall, Stewart's Melville College
Prepared by: Robin Cathcart, CBCC Secretary
In Attendance: Emma Phillips, Cllr Nigel Bagshaw, Peter May, Neil Watt, Rupert Lezemore, Martin Riddell, Dave Halbert, Alan Denham, Jim McLennan, Claudia Romero, Stuart McLean, Ross Murray, Robin Cathcart, Cllr Gavin Barrie

	Action With
1. Apologies: Deidre Brock MP	
2. Approval of minutes from last meeting (10th Oct 2016): Proposed by Jim McLennan Seconded by Neil Watt	
3. Adoption of Constitution and Standing Orders: All Edinburgh Community Councils are required to adopt new constitutions and standing orders after triennial elections. Stuart Murray and Ross McLean, work at Edinburgh Council, assisting community councils. They explained the procedure and answered questions in regard to these two documents. The CBCC members agreed to review both sets of documents ahead of the December meeting and will discuss formal adoption of them then. Action: Circulate to members and list Constitution and standing orders on 6 Dec. agenda	Robin
4. CEC Councilors' Report If problems are still noticed regarding refuse, residents are encouraged to get in touch with the CEC and report any issues. Cllr Barrie has not received information after his email to inquire about why the pruning of overhanging trees was not scheduled in conjunction with new LED light bulb replacement. Cllrs Bagshaw and Barrie discussed the CEC decision to relax bus lanes. Bus lanes will be relaxed to extend only to peak time with 12-hour lanes mostly being phased out. Library funding was asked about in light of the recent CEC consultation and CEC Cllrs were asked if libraries shall see staff laid off in favor of volunteers or card access. Cllr Barrie said that some staffing may be	

<p>cut but that libraries wouldn't see a complete changed staffing to volunteers. Although committed volunteers are encouraged to help out at libraries.</p>	
<p>5. Police Scotland Report No police staff were present at the meeting</p>	
<p>6. CBCC Priorities for 2017 It was agreed that future meetings would have themes on a bimonthly basis to focus ideas/concerns and to increase participation from the general public. The themes months agreed are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> January: Crime and Safety – organised by Martin, Claudia and Emma March: Traffic/Bikes/Transport/Crossings/Street Lighting - organised by Neil, George and Peter April: Something around the council elections (To be confirmed) May: Parks/Recreation/Green Spaces - organised by Claudia Robin and Neil September: Childcare/Nursery/Schooling - organised by Rupert and Emma November: Planning (Broad Picture) - organised by Alan and Rupert Additionally a local business event was suggested (To be confirmed) 	<p>Martin, Claudia, Emma</p> <p>Neil, George, Peter</p> <p>Claudia, Robin, Neil</p> <p>Rupert & Emma</p> <p>Alan & Rupert</p>
<p>Action: Members listed above to organise speakers/topics/outreach for themed meetings</p> <p>Changing the meeting venue was suggested as another means to increase resident attendance/participation in CBCC meetings. Options for both fixed and rotating venues were discussed. A list of potential venues was drawn up and will be investigated in more detail by members at the December meeting. Rupert agreed to co-ordinate these.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Blackhall Library: Available 3rd Monday of the month, but would need 7pm start and prompt 830 finish. No cost. Waitrose Sainsburys (would need 8pm finish) Church at St Columba's (Alan to ask) Blackhall Bowling (Emma to ask) Fetlor Western General (Listed as a possible but not preferable location) Holiday Inn Blackhall Primary <p>Action: Rupert to collate availabilities and logistics for venues</p>	<p>Rupert</p>
<p>7. CBCC Reports</p> <p>Planning: Pending planning applications that the CBCC agreed to comment on are the McDonalds resubmittal for extended hours. CBCC planned to resubmit our letter citing the same grounds against an extension. For the carehome planning resubmittal on Hillhouse Woods behind March/Queensferry Roads, CBCC will resubmit our previous response against this application and state that it is virtually</p>	

<p>the same as the April application and does not make a case for building on the greenbelt. A response is due for the Craigcrook Castle carehome application, and a response has been drafted. A residential development in Ravelston quarry was discussed and all members voted to object to this application.</p> <p>Vote: to object to the Ravelston quarry residential development application.</p> <p>Action: Alan to submit CBCC responses to CEC</p>	Alan
<p>Community Requests:</p> <p>There was a request to discuss the issue of firework misuse. The group felt that this was more of a police matter and all residents are asked to report this behavior directly to the police and to not use twitter to report crimes, as the police cannot respond to complaints unless they are received on by calling into the station either in person or over the phone.</p> <p>The airport masterplan is out for consultation.</p> <p>Action: Alan will circulate and collate airport responses</p>	Alan
<p>8. Matters Arrising</p> <p>Martin Riddell expressed his interest in being co-opted onto the CBCC.</p> <p>Proposed by: Alan</p> <p>Seconded by: George</p> <p>Action: Robin to notify CEC about Martin's co-option onto CBCC</p>	Robin
<p>9. AOCB:</p> <p>none</p>	
<p>10. Next Meeting:</p> <p>Tuesday 6 December 2016, Stewart's Melville College, Dining Hall</p>	