

Craigeleith/Blackhall Community Council Minutes

Date of Meeting:	6 th December 2016
Chair:	Emma Phillips, CBCC Chair
Venue:	Stewart's Melville College
Prepared by:	Robin Cathcart, CBCC Secretary
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In Attendance:	Emma Phillips, Cllr Nigel Bagshaw, Peter May, Neil Watt, Rupert Lezemore, Dave Halbert, Alan Denham, Jim McLennan, Robin Cathcart, Cllr Gavin Barrie, George Millar, Cllr Iain Whyte

	Action With
1. Apologies: Claudia Romero, Martin Riddell, Emily Grimwood – Police, Cllr Lesley Hinds, Alex Cole-Hamilton MSP, Deidre Brock MP	
2. Approval of minutes from last meeting (14th Nov 2016):	
3. Adoption of Constitution and Standing Orders: Pursuant to CBCC members review of the CEC Model Constitution and Standing Orders for Community Councils, both documents were approved via an uncontested vote for adoption. Action: Send copy of signed Constitution and standing Orders to CEC and post on the website.	Robin
4. CEC Councilors' Report <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Cllr Barrie was glad to attend the St. Columba's Remembrance Service• Library budget cuts will be significant. Residents and CBCC members are encouraged to email the CEC Cllrs in charge of the library changes to ask specifically how Blackhall Library will be impacted (staffing, hours, services).• Traffic is set to increase on Queensferry Road, due to approved residential housing developments in Cammo, Maybury and South Queensferry.• Lack of pedestrian crossing at the roundabout by Flora Stevenson Primary was discussed. This issue was reviewed by CEC about 5-6 years ago. It was suggested that this review should be looked at to determine its findings before a renewed look at the crossing at this roundabout. The CBCC transportation and crossing meeting in March should note that this area is one to take a look at. Also the lollipop	All

<p>staffing and their locations should be looked at. The Flora Stevenson Primary Parent Council should also be asked for input.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The quality of road surfacing at Craigleith Hill Estate was brought up. Nigel will ask the gardens and crescent about specifics. • A greenman may be installed at the Craigcrook Rd and Quality St junction on Queensferry Road due to a resident notifying the CEC of this safety issue with an unlighted slip road. • The question about why the CEC lighting team didn't also bring forestry staff to trim trees near lights that recently had LED lightbulbs was asked again. Gavin has asked forestry staff, but they are very busy and had not had time to respond to his question. 	
<p>5. Police Scotland Report</p> <p>Emily Greenwood sent a report saying that break-ins for the area are low for this time of year.</p> <p>N.B. the next CBCC meeting (16 Jan, 2017, 7:30 at St. Columba's) will have police attending and will focus on crime and safety</p>	
<p>6. Communications</p> <p>The old website administration passwords will be handed over to the CBCC. Dave H. will email details to Emma. Dave will raise a final invoice and send it to Alan.</p> <p>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> <p>A group of CBCC members will draft a communication strategy.</p>	<p>Emma/Dave /Alan</p> <p>Neil</p>
<p>7. Draft CBCC Plan</p> <p>Neil presented the draft plan and it was agreed that it would be a living document that could be updated as new priority areas are identified.</p>	
<p>8. January Meeting - 16th January, St. Columba's Church Hall, 730pm</p> <p>A flyer will be drafted by Martin for circulation at various locations in the area and for use on the website and social media. The Cllrs asked for it to be put on Facebook so that they can share it. It will be a normal CBCC meeting followed by invited speakers to specifically discuss crime and safety issues in the area. The police will be asked if they can provide bike marking for residents' bikes brought to the meeting.</p>	<p>Martin/Emma/Claudia/Robin</p>
<p>9. Future Meeting Dates/Locations</p> <p>There was a discussion of potential locations in the area that could serve as one-off or reoccurring meeting venues.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Waitrose's Community Room is free and can hold up to 30 people. • Blackhall has 2 halls that may be booked. Robin will ask the school custodian (Terry) for details. • Fetlor is not yet open but should be a good option for the future 	<p>Robin</p>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • St. Columba's Church is another option at £12/hour but availability may be difficult • Blackhall Library is free, but meetings would need to close by 745pm due to staffing restrictions. Staffing levels may also diminish after CEC budget cuts. • Stewart's Melville Dining Hall has been booked for CBCC through until the spring. Emma and/or Robin will send details to Rupert to liaise with them about current bookings. It was agreed to keep the 8 February 2017 booking here so that the next two meetings can be set now. • Scottish Health Services Centre (polling place) is at the edge of the hospital • Holiday Inn is £80/evening and therefore too expensive • Blackhall Mosque is £50/3 hours but also too expensive for our short meetings. If we have longer meetings/events, the mosque may be a good option. 	Emma/Robin /Rupert
<p>10. Matters Arising:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Royal Victoria Hospital demolition has begun. They will keep the gates, stables and old house • Craigcrook Road development has new specifications, CBCC will resubmit previous response • Edinburgh Airport consultation is open. All CBCC members voted in the affirmative to support a response indicating that the Lothian Bus Airport Shuttle should receive EDI subsidies for public transportation to this area. 	Alan Alan
<p>11. AOCB:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Banners at roundabouts was brought up. There is a 28 day limit to their presence and the enforcement section should be notified of any banners that are exceeding this time limit. Jim will send a notification • The Blackhall Dip Christmas Tree lighting was very well attended. A big thanks to Imogen of Maddie and Marks was noted, as she is instrumental in the planning of this annual community event. • Recapping actions for CBCC on the Library budgets are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Write to the Finance and Resourced Committee and individual members, noting that Blackhall Library is the second most used local library in Edinburgh. Ask for clarification on the hours and staffing changes to both Stockbridge and Blackhall Libraries and on what basis (i.e. footfall?) these changes are being proposed. ○ Ask for a CBCC member deputation to the Finance and Resourced Committee 	Jim Emma