

Craigeleith/Blackhall Community Council Minutes

Date of Meeting: 6th February 2017
Chair: Emma Phillips, CBCC Chair
Venue: Stewart's Melville College, Dining Hall
Prepared by: Robin Cathcart, CBCC Secretary
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In Attendance: Emma Phillips, Peter May, Claudia Romero, Jim McLennan, Robin Cathcart, Cllr Gavin Barrie, George Millar, Cllr Iain Whyte PC Emily Grimwood, Kristina Woolnough

	Action With
1. Apologies: Cllr Lesley Hinds, Alex Cole-Hamilton MSP, Deidre Brock MP, Cllr Nigel Bagshaw, Nigel Watt, Martin Riddell	
2. Approval of minutes from last meeting (6th Feb 2017): Approved by members	
3. Police Report <ul style="list-style-type: none">There have been a few break-in and attempts over the past month. One car was stolen. Crime seems to be concentrated most on the Hillpark part of Blackhall. The local police have been receiving more calls about suspiciously behaving individuals in the area, so that has hopefully been helping keep numbers down. Please keep up the vigilance and call on the non-emergency hotline if you see anyone acting suspicious in the area. If you see an active break-in, call 999 to report it.	
4. Meetings: <ul style="list-style-type: none">Meeting update: Rupert presented the schedule for our future meetings. They have been updated on our website at https://craigeleithblackhall.org/meetings/ It was decided to limit the summer recess to just July, so an August meeting will be planned.Hustings update: CBCC will hold a hustings before the local elections on 20th April at St. Columba's Church Main Hall 19.00. The deadline for applications to run for city council is 23rd March, so we will need to invite candidates quickly there-after once names and contact details are known. A PA system will need to be hired/borrowed. Emma will look into costs/options.Neil send an email to Blackhall Primary Parent Council to get feedback on improving cycling infrastructure and road safety. The PC will get back to him before our next meeting.	Rupert Emma Neil
5. Planning: <ul style="list-style-type: none">It's been a quiet period. Still waiting on several planning application decisions that CBCC responded to in writing.	

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Royal Victoria Hospital Site – George went to the site to check that the correct trees in the tree preservation order were being protected. It appears that for the most part they are, but there was one mistake of the wrong tree being cut and one tree that was meant for removal hadn't been cut. The first phase of development for the site is for a care facility to be constructed where the current demolition is taking place. A second phase of development for a residential development on the rest of the plot of land has not been permitted, so a formal process for that work will be needed before further construction. 	
<p>6. Councilor Update:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gavin gave an update on the next week's budget announcement. An extra £12.2 M (£10M for capital and £2.3M in revenue) for Edinburgh CEC is being given by the Scottish Parliament, but this is a one-off sum for this year and will not be reoccurring. The falling down schools report will be made available on Thursday 9th Feb. The report can be found here http://www.edinburgh.gov.uk/schoolsinquiry 	
<p>7. Inverleith Neighbourhood Partnership</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Emma gave an update of her meetings for INP. One issue in the grants being reviewed was if we should ask for grant applications to list if they are a living wage employer or a fairtrade company. A new waste management system is coming online and residents should see help to current levels of service. The next INP meeting topic will be health and social care, and the current CEC budget aims to deal with bed blocking, care homes and sheltered housing. The northwest locality plan is currently open for consultation Emma asked if recycling bins can be trialed at Ravelston Park 	
<p>8. AOCB:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> George spoke with the Sainsbury assistant manager to talk about banners that obscured views of traffic at the small round-about at the retail park. They have permission from council for them and they will check on the lights that need bulbs replaced on their property. Martin is collecting names, contact information and websites for Neighbourhood Watch groups in our area. Send him any details you have. Kristina with Blackhall Community Trust came to ask if BCT could be co-opted as a Nominated Member to the CBCC with Fergus Henderson (also chair of Friends of Ravelston woods) representing BCT. This request was approved. Robin will double check with CEC that the BCT can be co-opted per CEC rules on eligibility. Also it was requested that CBCC send a representative to BCT meetings, this was also approved. Parking ticket machines have been removed from Craigmyle Road and Craigmyle Hill Crescent. Gavin will ask about changes to parking and to see if that is why the meters have been removed. 	<p>George</p> <p>Martin/All</p> <p>Robin</p> <p>Gavin Barrie</p>