

Minutes - 11 January 2016

Committee present - Ian Hewitt, Alan Denham, Rupert Lezemore, James McLennan, Cllr Gavin Barrie, George Millar, Jim Bishop, Neil Watt

Also present - PC Emily Grimwood, PC Molly Matheson

Apologies - Nigel Bagshaw, Deidre Brock MP, Margaret Richardson, Cllr Lesley Hinds

Matters arising from last month's minutes

- Minutes approved
- Lighting will be improved on Craigeleith Road and Orchard Road as there will be pruning works where the street lighting is affected by foliage. Problems with street lighting can be reported online by quoting the numbers on the lamppost.
- The recycling bins in the retail park are now under the control of Sainsbury's who can arrange for an uplift whenever required. They promised to monitor them.
- The trees in the planters at the Blackhall dip are to be replaced.
- McDonalds is being observed by the Council licensing team to ensure compliance with the licensed opening hours.
- The retail park manager has given as much assurance as they can that there will be little or no car transporter activity behind Sainsbury's on Sundays.
- The Chair will speak to the retail park manager about the reinstatement of the trees along the boundary line with the houses.

Police Scotland Report

The police reported that:

- Petty pieces of electronics and jewellery are being targeted during housebreaking.
- There has been an increase in the vandalism of vehicles.
- Maidencraig and House O'Hill have been targeted recently for housebreaking.
- Garden tools from sheds are being used as opportunistic methods for housebreakings.
- The police are making a concerted effort to have patrol son the area.

Cllr Barrie is establishing the status of the CCTV camera installation at the entrance to the cycle path.

Chair's Report

- The Chair will invite Lothian Buses to the next CBCC meeting.
- Bus service 55 has been reduced to an X55, reducing the options for buses into the city.
- The new crossing on Telford Road will involve the infilling of the bus stop layby as is CEC policy.
- There have been concerns about the new yellow lines on Groathill Road. They will be allowed to settle in before any objection is raised.
- The Chair posed the question of how the CBCC should prepare and encourage individuals to stand.
- The Chair proposed that the CBCC should arrange a hustings for the Holyrood elections.

Secretary's Report - Nothing to report

Treasurer's Report - Nothing to report

Planning Report

- The Seaforth Drive application has been withdrawn.
- The appeal of the planning decision to not allow the hoarding on the corner of Craigcrook and Queensferry Roads has been rejected by the Scottish Government.

CEC Councillors' Report

- Cllr Barrie will share the criteria for new road crossings.
- Cllr Barrie will investigate whether the phasing on the traffic lights at the exit from the retail park can be changed at the weekends.
- The new City Plan will divide the city into four sections.
- The Neighbourhood Partnership will stay as it is for the time being.
- In a response to the recent publicity about high levels of emissions in our area, Cllr Barrie

responded that CEC has never had a policy of assessing emissions and that current calls for it to do so were based on testing vehicles which is one of the purposes of the MOT.

Matters Arising - All responded to during the meeting

AOCB

- It was suggested that the number 100 bus could run along Queensferry Road, as the Tram to the airport is now running close to St John's Road. Cllr Barrie Tweeted this suggestion. The suggestion can be put to Lothian Buses when they attend a meeting.

Date of the next meeting: Monday 08 February 2016