

MINUTES OF CRAIGLEITH AND BLACKHALL COMMUNITY COUNCIL  
11 NOVEMBER 2013, STEWART'S MELVILLE COLLEGE CANTEEN

Cllr Gavin Barrie, Returning Officer conducted the election of office bearers.

Eddie Thorn (proposed by I Hewitt, seconded by M Kane) was elected as Chair  
Ian Hewitt (proposed by E Thorn, seconded by A Denham) as Vice Chair  
Alan Denham (proposed by E Thorn, seconded by I Hewitt) as Treasurer  
There were no proposals for the role of Secretary and it was agreed that the Secretary's duties would be shared. □

Apologies were received from Cllr Hinds.

Minutes of the last meeting were agreed.

Maureen Kane was thanked for all her work in the past as Secretary.

Police Scotland Report

Acting Inspector David Happs reported on recent crime in the neighbourhood: one robbery on the walkway, cases of bogus workmen and shed break ins. □ Speeding on Strachan Road was not identified as a problem though the Edinburgh Council 20 mph zones should have impact. □ Police Scotland are hosting a public discussion on community council survey at Blackhall Library on 16 November between 10-12.

Chair Report

Agreed that CC should contact local schools Stewarts Melville, Broughton and Royal High seeking youth representatives

Agreed to liaise with The City of Edinburgh Council, North Office, and to request a professionally designed badger and tree logo for the Blackhall Village sign.

Agreed that CC should formulate a CC Business Plan that would take into account the views

and opinions of the community.

CC agreed to co-opt Margaret Richardson.

#### **Secretary Report**

A communication from the War Memorials Trust has been passed onto Blackhall St Columba's Church of Scotland.

#### **Treasurer / Planning Report**

Balance of £1626 in the CC bank account.

Meeting to discuss Edinburgh Council local development plan on 28 November. £30,000 has been allocated by Inverleith Neighbourhood Partnership to improve the junction at Davidson Mains/ Craigeleith spur and walk/cycle pathway. Edinburgh Council to develop proposal.

Meeting at 9am on 19 November to discuss the junction with Edinburgh Council Transport Depart. at corner of Craigeleith Cres. and Queensferry Rd.

CC likely to support retaining Blackhall Primary school at polling station as part of wider review if polling stations and districts.

#### **CEC Councillors' Report**

Cllrs Bagshaw, Barrie and Whyte updated on Strachan Road speeding problems reported, no identifiable section 75 progress though Ian to provide further info to Cllr bagshaw, likely continued support from Edinburgh Council of the No 13 bus route, and issues associated with class sizes and composite classes at Blackhall Primary.

#### **AOCB**

Street lighting on Craigeleith Road still inadequate and blisters not working. Cllr Barrie to look into issue and report back.

CC agreed to discuss Community Council business plan and support for Blackhall Athletic FC at the next meeting.

Next meeting: 7.30 pm Monday 9 December 2013 in Stewarts Melville canteen.