

Minutes of the Meeting of the Craigleith and Blackhall Community Council on 12 March 2012 in Stewart's Melville College Dining Room.

Present; Eddie Thorn (Chair), John Young (Vice-Chair), Maureen Kane (Sec), Alan Denham (Treas), Alastair Nairn, Neil Watt, Ian Hewitt, Liam Keegan, Alasdair Watson, Dave Halbert, Jack Burton, Mark Lazarowicz MP, Cllr McIvor, Cllr Hinds, Cllr Whyte

Guest; Martin Jones, Nigel Bagshaw

Apologies: Cllr McKay, John Adams, Margaret Richardson

Minutes of Previous Meeting; Approved - Ian Hewitt, Seconded - Alan Denham with amendments.

Alasdair Watson asked for inclusion into Police Report to read; Alasdair Watson believed that there was a lack of investigation by police once a problem or crime was reported.

Police Report; No Community Police attended the meeting.

MP's Report: Mark Lazarowicz outlined his work as MP and highlighted; a campaign for safer cycling, energy issue with extension for debate in House of Commons, problems with the conflicting postal systems of Council and Post Office. Dave Halbert felt that there should be a policy for including cycle paths and pavements on all new roads but Mark explained that was reserved to Holyrood.

Cllrs' Reports:

Cllr McIvor welcomed attempts to change postal system. He also reported that the Housing Association, where disabled parking was a problem, had employed wardens. Queensferry Terr now had crossing patrol.

Cllr Whyte explained continuing problems with parking around the mosque and was meeting with residents and the Council traffic manager.

Cllr Hinds reported the problem with Ivy on cycle path to appropriate department. Ian Hewitt had observed motor cycles on cycle path; Cllr Whyte suggested problem should be reported to police who could then patrol the stretch of path.

Treasurer's Report; Alan Denham will accept Zurich Insurance Policy

Chair's Report: Eddie Thorn contacted Blackhall PS and arranged a competition for signage with book token as a prize.

Secretary's Report: All relevant information was forwarded in emails. M Kane (sec) went to FOI meeting. John Young and M Kane met with Ritchie Fraser to discuss North Orchard Park; application for steps and possible flower beds will be submitted in new financial year. John Young explained that existing funding would be carried over.

Matters Arising;

CBCC Promotion; Neil Watt circulated email with ideas to promote CBCC. Eddie Thorn (Chair) felt that communication with the community should be a priority. Committee suggestions included; organising hustings, adding member details to the website and listing them in EH4 magazine, engaging with young people, encouraging election of CC members, advertising in NEN and organising family cycle runs on cycle path. Neil Watt will consider ideas and report back. Eddie Thorn will contact church to organise hustings.

AOCB;

Dropped Kerbs; Alan Denham said that a Telford Rd resident complained that lack of dropped kerbs hampered mobility for disabled residents in the area. Cllr Whyte explained that the Council put in dropped kerbs where they felt they were most warranted. Cllr Whyte asked resident to contact him directly.

White painted lines; Ian Hewitt explained that white paint on lines over driveways in Groathill Ave was fading. Cllr Whyte explained that it was a budget decision not to repaint lines as it cost £70. Cllr McIvor will raise issue regarding quality of paint.

Sainsbury's; the entrance to Sainsbury's is to be altered and there is still no lighting along the path by the garage. Ian Hewitt spoke with the management and they have alerted the contractors to the problem but it was agreed that possible police involvement might be needed for responsibility enforcement. Sainsbury's should be invited to future meetings. A sign for the notice board is needed -Dave Halbert wanted a consensus on a design. Ian Hewitt forwarded information that Alan Ross has arranged for a team of people from Oatridge College to clear site at the back of the shop.

Co-opted Member; Dave Halbert asked for Bob Hodgart to be co-opted onto the CBCC as an observer but motion was not supported by the Committee.

Notice Boards; A notice board at Blackhall PS was unused and Eddie Thorn will seek clarification of use. Thane House had no objection to notice board on a wall but there may be possible problems with insurance. Dave Halbert will ask Thane House if they will include it on their policy. Maureen Kane will contact Murrayfield CC to enquire about insurance for their notice board in Roseburn. .

The next meeting will be held in Stewart's Melville dining room on Monday 16 April at 7.30pm.