

Minutes of the Meeting of the Craigleith and Blackhall Community Council on Monday 3 September 2012 in Stewart's Melville Dining Hall.

Present: Ian Hewitt (Vice-chair), Maureen Kane (Sec), Alan Denham (Treasurer), John Young, John Adams, Jack Burton, Dave Halbert, Neil Watt, Alasdair Watson, Cllr Bagshaw, Cllr Barrie, PC Cavaroli Guests; Irene Hamilton, Robin Hamilton

Apologies: Eddie Thorn (Chair), Alastair Baird, Margaret Richardson, Cllr Hinds, Mark Lazarowicz, Marco Biagi.

Minutes of Previous Meeting: Approved by Alan Denham and seconded by John Adams.

Police Report: PC Cavaroli reported that crime stats for the area were down from last year. Ian Hewitt asked about speed limit enforcements on Telford Road. PC Cavaroli said he would try to produce figures for the next meeting. He reminded the committee that free Crime Prevention Surveys were available by contacting Fiona Blenkiron at Drylaw Police Station. Neil Watt will mention this in the next EH4 article.

Planning and Treasurer's Report: : (See appendix 1 & 2) Alan Denham reported that 10 residents had lodged objections to the jet wash at the Shell petrol station on Craigleith Road and a petition had been raised. However a letter from Dave Halbert to the planning committee meant that the CBCC submission had been withdrawn. Dave Halbert explained that he had submitted his letter as the CBCC submission had not been discussed by the CBCC and that no effort had been made to establish all sides of the planning application. Discussion on this was followed by a vote at which the majority of the committee felt that the submission was satisfactory. Dave Halbert asked for his dissent to be minuted. Alan Denham will write to the Council to resubmit the objection. Jack Burton felt that an extraordinary meeting should have been called. Maureen Kane suggested a policy should be established to deal with similar problems in the future. Nigel Bagshaw suggested contacting Eileen Hewitt to check the Standing Orders. Maureen Kane will contact Eileen Hewitt.

Chair's Report: Ian Hewitt invited Sainsbury's management to the meeting to discuss the lighting but did not receive a reply. The possibility of police involvement was discussed. Cllr Bagshaw will contact the management.

Secretary's Report: Weekly updates were forwarded to the committee. The CC elections take place next Oct as they cannot happen in the same year as the Council elections.

CEC Councillor's Report: Cllr Bagshaw intended to request a planning brief for the RVH site at the next Council meeting. Councillors met with some Grigor residents and discussed several ways to deal with speeding in the area and several ideas would be followed up after consulting other residents. Cllr Barrie explained procedural changes in planning. He also reported that Sainsburys would take responsibility for the recycling on their premises. Alasdair Watson complained to the councillors about misleading wording on council leaflets explaining bin collection. Alan Denham was concerned about fortnightly collection and pointed out that in theory, if a resident was on holiday for a fortnight, their green bin would not be collected for five weeks.

Matters Arising:

Youth Members: Maureen Kane emailed Iain Scott and invited two pupils to join the CC as youth members however, they did not attend. Alasdair Watsons pointed out that the Head Boy and Head Girl may not yet have been elected and contact should be made again before the next meeting. Maureen Kane will contact Iain Scott again.

Notice Boards: Dave Halbert is still waiting to hear about the notice board. Sainsbury's have still not moved the notice board despite appeals by Ian Hewitt.

Orchard Park North: John Young explained that more funds were available from the Parks Dept and once quotes had been obtained then the CC would be consulted about the park's contents.

Business: Maureen Kane reminded the committee that Community Empowerment Bill was on the CBCC website and questionnaires could be submitted by individuals. Dave Halbert had tried to make a chart to collate the answers as a council but the task was too time-consuming and complicated.

Hillpark French Drain: Irene and Robin Hamilton attended the meeting as they have problems with drainage in Hillpark. They had three aims: to bring the affected owners and organisations round the table together for the first time to share information and experience; to clarify conflicting written statements to affected owners and to work towards a sustainable resolution.

Ian Hewitt looked at the plans and suggested that he be given the opportunity to resolve the problem. Irene and Robin Hamilton agreed. Ian will talk again to the relevant people.

AOCB

Guided Walks: Ian Hewitt suggested guided walks should be established in the area. He will organise a date.

Interschool Debate: Dave Halbert invited members to judge at the debate. Some individual members would make arrangements with him.

Next Meeting: Monday 1 Oct 2012 at 7.30pm in Stewart's Melville Dining Room at 7.30pm

Appendix 1

Craigeith/Blackhall Community Council

Treasurer and Planning/Road Report

3 September 2012

Treasurer's Report

Bank statement as at 5 July - £1055.71

27 August – grant from City Council of £606.54 notified

Planning Report

Jet wash application, 139 Craigeith Road – for discussion (submission to Council – see Appendix). After submission of the objection to the City Council on behalf of the Community Council, the City Council received correspondence from a member of the community council who requested that the objection should be withdrawn. This subsequently took place. As at 3 September there is no objection before the Council.

Proposed hotel, Crewe Toll – pre-application exhibition 7/8 September

Training on new planning web site

Roads Matters

Proposed puffin crossing outside Blackhall St Columba's Church – objection submitted

Establishment of pedestrian crossings on Crewe Road South, on Orchard Road at Comely Bank Roundabout