

Meeting Minutes Monday 8 June 2015

7.30pm | Dining Hall, Stewart's Melville College

Committee present Ian Hewitt, Alan Denham, Rupert Lezemoore, Margaret Richardson, Neil Watt, Ross McElhinney

Ex-Officio present Gavin Barrie, Nigel Bagshaw, Cameron Buchanan MSP

Also present PC ??? (Drylaw Police Station)

Apologies Eddie Thorn

Minutes of the previous meeting

Ian updated on action since the last meeting in relation to CCTV on the cycle path, parking on pavements on Telford Road, CBCC attendance (and participation!) at Blackhall Sports Day (where a commitment was made to provide two trophies in perpetuity) and Cllr Barrie's has requested an update on the problem with weeds on the Criagleith Hill roundabout.

Police Scotland Report

Police Scotland updated on the recent helicopter use and back up from units across Scotland to support the recent housebreaking and car theft problems. Numbers were down under Operation Rack but PS were still keeping it a high priority with plain clothes officer patrols, strong recovery rates and discussion with COPFS regarding the treatment of those arrested on supervision orders. Police Scotland agreed to report back on the CBCC request for PS to support CCTV, racing on Queensferry Road, speeding from the Blackhall Dip and opportunities to promote home security assistance they provide.

Chair's Report

Ian reported back on his attendance at the Association of Community Council event and Cllr

Barrie agreed to follow up around various governance issues that the CBCC were concerned about. Some of the trees in Orchard Park are in bad condition and may be taken down. CBCC also discussed the application from McDonalds on Telford Road for a later (1am) night catering licence and lack of neighbour notification compared to planning legislation. It was agreed that CBCC would object to the proposal. Ian also agreed to seek further feedback from the Walking and Cycling Neighbourhood partnership event as CBCC were surprised that three benches were the recommended outcome.

Treasurer's Report

The Accounts had been audited, signed and sent to the City Council.

Planning and Transport

- 20 mph zone - after discussion, it was agreed that the Community Council would not submit further comments and it would be left to individual members to offer comments.
- Cammo - proposed housing at Barnton Junction. The Scottish Government had dismissed the appeal (although the Reporter had been supportive) on the basis that the requirement for housing should be assessed initially in the context of the Second Proposed Edinburgh Local Development Plan.
- Edinburgh City and other Councils are consulting on the issues for inclusion in the Strategic Development Review, which will determine the scale and pattern of development in the longer term. Consultation period is 21 July-15 September. Councillor Bagshaw said that it would be the main opportunity for public consultation - the main issues are additional housing and whether it should be developed in the green belt.

CEC Councillors' Report

- Councillors Bagshaw and Barrie had nothing to report.
- In light of the forthcoming traffic orders to restrict parking on Groathill Avenue, Ian Hewitt asked about the scope for improved bus services from Ingliston Park and Ride to the Western General. The Councillors said there was no scope for financially supported bus services as the Council budget is fully committed. NHS Lothian should be contacted to see if they can take measures.
- Alan Denham asked about the overdue report to Transport and Environment Committee on financially supported bus services and the implications for service 13.
- He also commented on the traffic arrangements on Queensferry Road and the priority given to traffic on the road at the expense of local traffic on Strachan Road, Craigcrook Road/Quality Street, Clermiston Road, leading to delays and pollution. He asked whether the arrangements could be reviewed.

- Jim Bishop commented on the poor maintenance and increase in weeds in the area eg roundabout at Queensferry Terrace/Queensferry Road junction. Alan Denham also noted the very poor standard of maintenance at Coates Crescent/Atholl Crescent gardens adjacent to the main tram stop into the city centre.

Date of the next meeting: Monday 12 September 2015