

## Minutes - 9th November 2015

**Committee present** - Alan Denham, Rupert Lezmore, Ross McCabe, James McLennan, Gavin Barrie, George Millar, Margaret Richardson, Jim Bishop

**Others Present** - Neil McFarlane (CEC Roads Manager), Toni Giugliano (SNP candidate), PC Sarah Hall (Drylaw Police Station)

**Apologies** Nigel Bagshaw, Ian Hewitt, Neil Watt

### Police Scotland Report

The police believe that they are better at identifying trends in crime

- There is 25% less reported crime than this time last year
- 20% decrease in violent crime
- 10% decrease in anti-social behaviour
- Incidences of robbery are down
- Incidences of housebreaking is down despite a big spike at the start of the year.
- 30% decrease in vehicle crime

There are several investigations in drug dealing

Road safety is a priority although incidences of serious injury or deaths are low

The police are taking part in more high visibility patrols as well as a plain clothes initiative

The police are undertaking bail and curfew checks.

The police encourage citizens to follow them on twitter: @EdinNorthPolice

### Chair's Report

It will cost £150+VAT to put up the CBCC banner at the Blackhall dip.

The Committee agrees that the EACC AGM should be postponed.

### Secretary's Report

The CBCC is concerned about dwindling numbers of attendees at the meetings, especially with the ex-officio members.

The Performance report by Michelle Fraser has been issued. Members are encouraged to read and comment.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Nothing to report

### **Planning Report**

The refused permission for a large illuminated hoarding on the corner of Craigcrook and Queensferry Roads (facing east) has been appealed.

However:

- The local residents don't believe that the illustration submitted is accurate
- Lack of visibility on the corner may cause traffic safety issues

### **CEC Councillors' Report**

No Councillors present

### **Matters Arising**

Neil McFarlane joined the meeting to appraise the Committee of what is currently happening on the CBCC area's roads:

- Craigeleith Hill Crescent / Craigeleith Hill Road junction missing traffic lights & removal of car parking spaces to improve visibility: Although still on the To Do list as there haven't been any serious accidents this is low priority. Injuries need to be recorded, not just accidents.
- TROs are subject to public scrutiny so submitting applications may take time due to possible objections.
  - Recent accidents on Strachan Road may be due to parked cars.
  - There are possible HGV restrictions to be put in place on Strachan Road, subject to TRO.
- New broadband ducting to be installed into mostly residential areas, started in due course.
- The 20MPH restriction zones may be reviewed at a later date as the TRO hasn't yet been finalised. Feedback can be given to 20mph@edinburgh.gov.uk
- Some streets will have to be traffic calmed when the 20MPH zones are instated.

**AOCB**

There seems to be an increase in dog waste in Queensferry Road park- this should be reported to Michelle Fraser at the CEC: [Michelle.Fraser@edinburgh.gov.uk](mailto:Michelle.Fraser@edinburgh.gov.uk)

Flouting of opening time licence by McDonalds needs to be reported to Cllr Nigel Bagshaw:  
[Nigel.Bagshaw@edinburgh.gov.uk](mailto:Nigel.Bagshaw@edinburgh.gov.uk)

Two mature trees have been cut down on Craigeleith Road but no one appears to have been notified about this.