

## **Craigleith/Blackhall Community Council**

### **Minutes of Meeting Monday 17 December 2018**

#### **Held in Blackhall St Columba's Church Small Hall**

**Present :** Emma Phillips (Chair), Alan Denham (Secretary), Martin Riddell (Treasurer), Peter May, Claudia Romero, James McClennan, Paul Moran, Michael Cockburn; Inverleith Ward Councillors Hal Osler, Gavin Barrie, Iain Whyte; PC Holly Matheson, PC James Pollok. In attendance 2 residents from the local community.

**Apologies :** Rupert Lezmore, Councillor Max Mitchell,

**Minutes of 19 November 2018 meeting - approved.**

**Matters arising** from the November meeting. The issue of red light jumping at Blackhall Library and elsewhere was discussed. This is a matter for the Police rather than the Council. The view was that the scope for changing traffic light phasing was limited. Agreed that the Secretary would go back to Council officials.

**Police Scotland Report -** PC Holly Matheson had now returned to full duties following her accident.

A further surgery had been held in December at Blackhall Library;

20 mph speed checks had been held;

anti-social behaviour had been monitored - quiet until recently;

Stewart Melville's College area - parking being monitored as residents' drives are being blocked by parents dropping off pupils;

motor bikes on cycleways - Police Scotland are encouraging residents to be more informative about sightings;

drugs - not a major problem in Blackhall although some evidence of cannabis use in Raveston Woods.

**Chair Report -** Emma Phillips (Chair) said that there had been numerous complaints about wheelie bin collections. Polite notes about inconsiderate parking in part of Blackhall had not always been appreciated by drivers. If there is to be a controlled parking zone to address the problem, then it needs to be taken forward in the first instance through the Community Council. Martin Riddell commented on the parking in the Maidencraig area causing problems for access and collections by wheelie lorries.

#### **Community Council matters**

Alan Denham (Secretary) gave an update on recent applications. Further application for an infill house at 46 Craigleith Road had been refused by the Development Management Committee. The Community Council had submitted a comment on the Papa Johns application, consistent with the City Council policy on opening hours. There was no news about the appeal at Hillhouse Road Woods Care Home from the Scottish Government Reporter.

The Community Council had received a number of consultations from the City Council and NHS. A master plan for the long term redevelopment of the Western General Hospital is currently being prepared. James McLennan had attended a public presentation and it was agreed that we would provide a written response on behalf of the Community Council.

Councillor Barrie said that it was important to consider the benefits of the Hospital eg its specialism in oncology.

Community Council scheme update - Emma Phillips agreed to provide comments.

City Archives - little experience and in the restricted time for comments agreed not to comment .

20 mph scheme - City Council are seeking views by March 2019 - agreed that the next Community Council meeting should consider this as a main agenda item.

### **City Councillor Reports**

Councillor Gavin Barrie commented on the tree surgery being undertaken at Orchard Park because of health and safety issues - some trees had been felled while other were subject to pruning. The cost of a replacement tree was £250.

Councillor Hal Osler said the changes to wheelie bin collections continue to cause problems . There were still problems after 7 weeks - particularly Friday collections - while in other Council areas the problems had been resolved after 4 weeks. There appeared to be management accountability issues. Also the new system does not report on routes not completed or missed bins. There were also reports of wheelie bins disappearing.

**AOCB - Royal Victoria Hospital site, Craigleith Road** - site clearance was now taking place. There was likely to be news shortly on future proposals.

**Dog fouling** - Craigcrook Road - Councillors said that they should be informed of problems

**Next meeting** - Monday 21 January 2019 in Blackhall St Columba's Church Small Hall at 7.30pm

Alan Denham  
Secretary  
4 January 2019