

Craigleith/Blackhall Community Council

Minutes of Meeting Monday 21 August 2019

Held in Blackhall St Columba's Church Small Hall

Present : Darlene Jeffrey, Stuart Pinkerton, Alan Denham, Martin Riddell, James McLennan, Michael Cockburn, Inverleith Ward Councillors Hal Osler, Max Mitchell, Gavin Barrie; 2 members of the public.

Apologies : Emma Phillips, Duncan Osler, Deidre Brock MP, Police Scotland representative;

Following the recent Elections for Community Councillors, the initial part of the meeting was chaired by Councillor Hal Osler in her capacity as Returning Officer. The following persons were appointed as Community Councillors for Craigleith / Blackhall

Alan Denham
Darlene Jeffrey
Jim McLennan
Paul Moran
Duncan Osler
Emma Phillips
Stuart Pinkerton
Martin Riddell
Grant Roger

Additionally Michael Cockburn continues to represent Blackhall St Columba's Church

From the councillors above, the following were proposed and seconded for the posts:-

Chair - Stuart Pinkerton
Secretary - Alan Denham
Treasurer - Martin Riddell
Community Engagement - Emma Phillips

Stuart Pinkerton chaired the remainder of the meeting.

Blackhall Dip Christmas tree - agreed to pay for the Christmas tree at a cost of £300 + vat, subject to CC banner being present.

ATM Blackhall Dip - following the closure of the former post office in the Dip, the ATM had been removed. Christine Jardine MP was seeking support for the reintroduction of an ATM - she had written saying that the forthcoming LINK scheme could provide a means of replacement where there was support from the local community. The meeting agreed that there was a need for a replacement ATM - Christine Jardine subsequently informed.

City Plan 2030 - the forthcoming session at Blackhall Library noted

Community Council Cheque Signature - in order to maintain 3 people signing cheques, Stuart Pinkerton agreed to be the third person, following Rupert Lezemore standing down from the Community Council.

Matters arising from meeting on 19 September

Pedestrian traffic lights at Blackhall Library - following concerns about the speed of the traffic on Queensferry Road and vehicles ignoring the red lights with the consequent danger to pedestrians, the Secretary had contacted the City Council. Alan Denham reported the response, which was noted. In the latest 3-year period to April 2019 there were no personal injuries reported to the Police at this pedestrian crossing. Because the collision rate is not causing concern, it means that works, for say an overhead traffic light, cannot be recommended at this time. It was also noted that Queensferry Road is being considered for a speed reduction to 30mph as part of a wider review of traffic conditions on Queensferry Road.

139 Craigleith Road - following the presentation of concerns by local residents from Craigleith Hill at the previous meeting, Councillor Max Mitchell had met with both residents and Council Waste officials and reported that a more satisfactory solution to the location of wheelies on waste collection days had been agreed.

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20mph scheme - noted that the reduction of the average speed of 1.37mph reported to the Transport and Environment Committee had been hailed as a success. Councillor Hal Osler said that Councillors will need to look further at what measures need to be taken where there were issues on particular roads. Craigcrook Road was once again cited as a local problem.

Maidencraig Crescent - Martin Riddell expressed concern about lorry parking blocking access.

Craigcrook Road/Jeffrey Avenue junction - concerns expressed both about the cone at the damaged manhole and the dangerous manoeuvre for traffic and the lack of action to address the problem, and the poor condition of the road surface at the junction.

Seaforth Drive - blocked gully drains leading to flooding.

Stockbridge - 8 months gas works including road closures noted

Overhanging/overgrown trees at street lights - particular problems at Maidencraig Crescent and pedestrian link between Hillpark Way and Queensferry Road were noted. Councillor Gavin Barrie said that the Council's web site provided a means of reporting such problems.

Police Scotland were not able to attend the meeting but provided the following written report :-

Over the past month, we have been carrying out the following activities in the area:

- Regular foot patrols around the area and within the retail park;
- Anti social behaviour patrols in the run up to Halloween and Bonfire Night;
- Parking patrols around local schools at pick up time, in response to concerns raised for local residents

Next meeting : Monday 18 November at 7.30pm Blackhall St Columba's Church

Alan Denham, Secretary
26 October 2019

