

Craigeleith / Blackhall Community Council

Minutes of Meeting - Monday 19 December 2022

Held at Blackhall St Columba's Church

Present - Stuart Pinkerton (Chair), Alan Denham (Secretary), Martin Riddell, Michael Cockburn, 6 others

Apologies - Susie Ross, Grant Roger, Duncan Osler, Darlene Jeffrey, Councillor Hal Osler

Minutes of 21 November 2022 meeting - approved

Police Report - Police Scotland was unable to attend the meeting but PC Euan Sinclair provided a written report, which was summarised at the meeting. The main points were :-

- during November Police Scotland met with staff at Craigeleith Retail Park in relation to anti-social behaviour issues. CCTV trawls were carried out and a number of youths identified. As a result there has been a decrease in the number of calls to the Retail Park;
- pre-Christmas and other events city wide have involved local police but there is still a good level of cover by community officers.

Community Council matters :-

Fields in Trust Consultation (Edinburgh Council), Ravelston and Orchard Parks - the Chair gave a brief outline of the background linked to the loss of open space safeguarded by Fields in Trust designation in Ravelston Park arising from the development of the proposed nursery. The losses are intended to be offset by safeguarding Orchards Park with a Fields in Trust designation.

During discussion the additional protection was welcomed but noted local concerns that the designation in Orchard Parks will not be a direct substitute as it would benefit Orchard and Craigeleith residents rather than Blackhall residents who currently use Ravelston Park.

Agreed that the Secretary would draft comments for the consultation.

Planning application 10 Columba Road - noted that Edinburgh Council had refused planning permission for the redevelopment of the house and site for 10 flats - reasons include over-development of the site as well as impact on the amenity of nearby residents.

Ward Councillors Reports

Although no Ward Councillors were able to attend the meeting, Councillor Hal Osler had provided a written report which was summarised :-

Parking review - recently considered by the Transport and Environment Committee. Although there had been an original agreement to monitor the pressures in Blackhall East - Groathill, Seaforth and Forthview areas - the recent action by the Council had been to restrict monitoring to the Drylaw and Telford areas. A subsequent amendment by the LibDems means that it was accepted that Blackhall East should also be included in the monitoring.

Crewe Road South junction with Carrington Road - to be considered under the Accident, Investigation and Prevention aspect of the Road Safety Action Plan.

Proposed pedestrian crossings - the Road Safety Action Plan lists Blinkbonny Steps and Telford Road as locations for new pedestrian crossings in the future.

Lights in Ravelston Park - noted problems with the lights - possibly timer issue.

During discussion the problem at Maidencraig Crescent Steps was raised . Agreed that funding opportunities should be identified to provide improved steps and ramp.

AOCB - Litter bin removal at bus stops - although intended to remove pressure on bin collectors, it had resulted in increases in litter at bus stops. There discussion questioned whether there was any intention to replace bins and if so, could any of them be emptied by local wheelie uplift vehicles.

Date of next meeting - 16 January 2023 at 7.30pm to be held at Blackhall St Columba's Church Small Hall.

Alan Denham

Secretary, Craigeleith/Blackhall Community Council

30 December 2022