

Craigleith and Blackhall Community Council

Minutes of meeting held on Monday 17 November 2025

At Blackhall St Columba's Church

Present: Community Council – Stuart Pinkerton (Chair), Duncan Osler, James Burr, Peter May, Darlene Jeffrey; Inverleith Ward Councillor Hal Osler, Max Mitchell

In attendance – 9 members of the public

Apologies – Alan Denham (Secretary), Grant Roger (Treasurer), Russell Murdoch, Police Scotland

Minutes – of 20 October 2025 – Approved (Alan Denham to attached final consultation response to November minutes)

Police Report – PC Colin Cursiter provided a written report:

There were 165 calls to Police over this period (16 less than last year)

There was a reported housebreaking in the area. Police attended and there was an attempt made to the garage at the side of the house which was unsuccessful. No entry was gained to the house.

A number of minor vehicle accidents were reported. Happy to say there were no injuries, and 2 drivers have been charged in relation to careless driving. We are looking to get back to carrying out speed checks in the weeks running up to Christmas.

Police received a report of a stolen bike at Craigleith, and then the following day, a further theft/robbery of a delivery riders bike took place at the retail park. Some excellent work by a member of the public at Maiden Craig led to a detailed description of the suspects and direction of travel passed. This led to a swift apprehension and charges brought.

Operation Crackle was implemented at the end of October, concluding on the 6th

Community Council Matters:

Removal of bus stop on Queensferry Road – Confirmation from Councillor Osler that the damaged bus stops are being replaced. The order for the new frame is in and temporary bus stop in place until new bus stop frame is available.

Ward Councillor Reports:

Councillor Max Mitchell report on:

- The issue of google maps not reflecting the new speed limits. Following contact from Max, google maps has been updated for all of the local speed limit changes
- Tram consultation has received over 7k responses as of the weekend ahead of consultation closure.
- Gullies, with the change in weather there has been a significant amount of complaints of block gullies which are being worked on by the council. Reminder that blocked gullies can be reported on the app.
- Planning Committee – a proposal to change the planning rules from all planning permission with ≥ 20 negative responses needing to go to planning committee, to only those select by the planning team as needing taken forward to committee was declined. A change that has been made is that negative comments need to be related to an planning challenges.
- White line paint has been obtained ahead of updating white lines across the city. Noting specific challenges on visibility of these on Queensferry Rd.
- Upgrades at junction of Hillhouse Rd and Strachan Road delayed until next year.

Councillor Hal Osler report on:

- Bus trackers at bus stops, following request for electronic trackers on Queensferry Rd. Existing trackers still being replaced and will then be followed by trackers at new bus stops where demand/need identified.
- Graffiti on bus stops noted and council/LRT working through removing. However noted as when removed, new graffiti is being added.
- Report noted of possible vermin at the top of Strachan Rd, Council are unable to intervene where members of the public are leaving food out.
- Blackhall School playground – working with different departments to obtain improvements.
- Improvements to the bottom of Ravelston Rd expected in the next 18months.

- Caravans on Fettes Ave. Hal raised an amendment to remove the 9hr parking bays, for £1/hr to align to the other parking bays in the area and TEC. Amendment not supported and Hal now looking at other opportunities.
- Noting with bad weather the increase in issues with flooding and leaves.

AOCB:

Maidencraig steps – resident noted email to Councillor Osler. Councillor Osler noted she had received the email and had forwarded it to appropriate officers. Councillor Osler noted that this is an ongoing conversation after the last approach was stalled by the Trams project potentially changing the designation of the route.

Next meeting - to be held on 15 December 2025

Stuart Pinkerton

Chair

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