

Craiglockhart Community Council Public Meeting

Minutes of the Public Meeting & AGM held at Boroughmuir Rugby Club on 20th May 2019 at 7pm

Welcome and Apologies In attendance :

CCC: Peter Mavor (Chair), Jim Brydon, Paul Mowat, Ursula Adams, Anni McLeod, John Corbett, Kevin Mc Kay, Eleanor Young, Hilda Henderson, Bryce Morrison

CEC Cllr Gavin Corbett, Cllr Andrew Johnston

Apologies Cllt David Keys Neena Agarwal, Norma Hogg
Approximately 17 members of the community

1. Minutes of Last Meeting – Approved by Paul Mowat, seconded by Kevin McKay
2. Police Report - there were 87 calls received and 14 crimes identified. Registration plate theft has been a problem and it is thought that gangs are behind this. People are asked to watch out for people hunched down beside cars and advise the police if concerned. Police to advise Traffic Wardens of illegal parking in Meggetland Wynd.
3. Deborah Mackie (Local Manager for the SW Edinburgh Health & Social Care Partnership) gave a talk about the role of the Partnership. It covers day care, social care, Care Homes, Physios etc who are community based. The SW area covers 108,000 people and has 2 local authority care homes and 9 private care home. Deborah explained how important it was for good communication between all the different groups and providers of all the services.
4. AGM
 - Treasurers Report (Kevin McKay) - most outgoings were for hall fees, printing and the Happy Valley planter. Our income was our CEC annual grant. Proposed by John Corbett, Seconded by Anni McLeod
 - Friends of Easter Craiglockhart Hill (Hilda Henderson)- highlights of the year were the arrival in January of a Community Engagement Worker (Izzy) who has been superb, FOECH became a registered charity and a new path (funded by CEC and FOECH) was laid at the top of the woods. Events for the year are on the FOECH website which can be accessed from our own website. Please note their AGM on 27/06.
 - Friends of Wester Craiglockhart Hill & Greenbank Community Woodland (Anni McLeod) - highlights were the creation of a Management Plan to establish the area as a nature reserve, presentations were given on Bio-Diversity to the Edinburgh Green Spaces Forum, patrols of the area has stopped bikes creating tracks but fires remain a problem. Pupils from Firrhill School doing their JMA award have planted wild flowers in the Community Woodland.
 - Water of Leith (Bryce Morrison) - core activities have continued and there

have been the usual children's events, family events and walks and talks. A very successful bi-annual Duck Race was held and it has been the best ever plant sale netting £1,300 towards funds and thank are due to the many people who contributed to that. It has been business as usual but even more so thanks to a private sponsorship of an additional member of staff to work on the river. This has allowed more to be done to control non-native invasive species and to operate more hit squads with community volunteers, some 123 tasks in total. Taken overall, on the river and in the Visitor Centre, volunteers have given over 10,000 hours of their time. The Trust celebrated its 30th anniversary last autumn with a reception given by the Lord Provost in the City Chambers. The biggest news was a sizeable legacy of some £200,000. These funds will be used for projects along the river over a period of years but some will also be invested to provide a reserve to ensure the continuance of the Trust. This is really important because they are otherwise very dependent on grants and last year lost their Scottish National Heritage grant. Although they continue to be well supported by City of Edinburgh Council despite CEC budgets being under pressure. Events for the coming months are on their website and can be accessed from our own website.

- Craiglockhart Parish Church (Ursula Adams) – the church continues to be well used by many groups and many community based events have taken place including Film Nights, Musical Evenings and Treasure Hunts to name but a few. For the younger members of our community, Messy Church continues to be very successful and the youth group Impact is well attended by many from Craiglockhart and beyond. Maintenance is continuing this year with a new heating system being installed.

5. Planning

Paul Mowat gave an update on the Blue Goose, 1 Lanark Rd sites and Redhall House.

The main focus was the 2 Happy Valley sites where the developer had sent new plans to us for the old Alfa Romeo showroom that morning. Since no-one had had much time to look at the plans, it was agreed that they would be circulated by email to residents for consideration and comment and also put on our website.

6. AOCB

- Parking Initiative – CEC have held a review of parking in Edinburgh with most of the focus on areas close to Controlled Parking Zones and areas where parking is a known issue.
- Katesmill Bridge – The Water of Leith Trust are trying to get a quote for the rebuilding of the bridge which is cheaper than that obtained by CEC.
- Anti Graffiti campaign - A CEC group formed to consider the problem of graffiti has come up with six key recommendations. Cllr Andrew Johnston will circulate these to the CCC. A Project Officer is to be appointed very shortly and one of their tasks will be to create a " Tagging" database.