

# **Craiglockhart Community Council Public Meeting**

Minutes of the Public Meeting held at Napier University on 28<sup>th</sup> January 2019 at 7pm  
Welcome and Apologies

In attendance :

CCC: Jim Brydon, Paul Mowat, Ursula Adams, Norma Hogg, Eleanor Young, Anni McLeod

ECC: Cllr Andrew Johnston , Gavin Corbett

Apologies: Peter Mavor, Kevin McKay, John Corbett, Neena Agarwal

Approximately 14 members of the community (MoC)

## **1. Minutes of Last Meeting**

A short service will be held at Happy Valley on Remembrance Sunday.

Cllr Corbett reported that discussions are ongoing regarding the designation of Craiglockhart as a ‘village’ which would enable progress to be made in erecting roads signs to this effect.

Minutes were approved & seconded (NH & PM)

## **2. Police Report PC Simon Wotton**

PC Wotton was very happy to report very low levels of local crime in the immediate vicinity. He also reported that 2 arrests had been made in the South West area recently accounting for some 90 bicycle thefts. There had been one serious assault in the area but the assailants were known to one another and should not pose a threat to other residents.

A new Community Officer has been appointed to replace PC Pennycooke. However as Community policing is under review due to a reduction in Council funding the appointment of PC Gavin Mears may be impacted. There are currently 11 in the South West Edinburgh area although there are currently 15 posts. In response to a question regarding whether the community can influence the Council policy regarding Community policing, PC Wotton explained this is purely a budgetary issue and residents can raise with local Councillors if they have strong views on the subject.

## **3. Planning Update**

- 27-35 Lanark Road (Westside Motors) – the site has been on sold with its planning permission. It is likely to be several months before there is any further progress.
- Former Alfa Romeo garage – covered later on the agenda
- 120-122 Colinton Road – plans have been resubmitted. CCC have supported the plans and only one objection has been submitted.
- Blue Goose (Lanark Road) – this planning application has been rejected by ECC Planning Committee principally due to impact on Water of Leith and the lack of attempt to include affordable housing. The developer is likely to appeal.
- 1Lanark Road (Clark Motors) – CCC concerns are being considered (traffic, parking etc)

- Redhall House – now progressing through planning with CCC and local resident support. Key elements of agreement are that refurbishment is completed prior new builds and that remaining land is protected/held for public use.
- Paties Road – presentations were made early Dec. Nothing further to report. Cllr Johnston is keeping an eye on this.
- 130 Slateford Road – this application will most probably go through as unopposed.
- Boat Club – similarly likely to progress unopposed.

#### 4. South Morningside Parking Consultation

This consultation took place over 12 months ago and a detailed report is now available which will be put on the CCC website. This has no direct impact on CCC residents. However the extension of parking restrictions around South Morningside may in time spill over into Craiglockhart. The policy adopted by the Council is part day restriction as it is relatively inexpensive to implement but removes the ability of commuters to park for a full day in these areas. Meanwhile Meadowspot residents (within CCC area) are monitoring the Royal Edinburgh proposed extension plans as this is likely to impact on Myreside Road parking which is already seeing evidence of increased parking since the new entrance to the hospital was opened.

#### 5. AOB

Refuse collection over Christmas was raised by a resident. Cllr Johnston reported that the Council had a plan for the Christmas period, regarding which residents had been notified, which had not worked for a number of reasons including shift changes in the latter part of the year. He confirmed this is a current issue across Edinburgh and would be addressed urgently at the next Council meeting as the service had clearly failed.

Cllr Corbett added that the increased volume over Christmas combined with reduced staff had led to this major capacity issue. The scale of the problem is appreciated by Councillors and it will be addressed. He urged residents to continue to report issues via the website.

Wooden Bridge in Colinton Dell – this has been closed due to safety issues. Residents expressed disappointment at the situation and were advised by Cllr Corbett that the solutions will be considered at a meeting later in the month.

City Wide Graffiti Campaign – Ursula Adams proposed that the Council should adopt this campaign and gave several examples of actions which could be taken under the auspices of such an initiative. She asked the attending Councillors to take this idea

forward to the Council and in this has full support from local residents. Cllr Johnston will take this forward.

Street Lighting – evidently this area is due to be upgraded and Cllrs were asked if this is likely to happen and to what timescales. Also residents wanted to know if malfunctioning lights should be reported meanwhile. Cllr Corbett remarked that he believed the program is on schedule. Residents however are of the view that this is not the case and cited cases where the Council website is giving out information on the replacement program which is not accurate. Residents believe the processes have deteriorated since the reporting system was put on line (formerly it was possible to report by telephone). Cllr Corbett acknowledged that it is frustrating for residents where they report lighting issues and no action is taken. He undertook to pass on all community comments.

## 6. Alfa Romeo Garage, Colinton Road

Paul Mowat gave an overview of the latest outline plans from the developer of this site. He stressed that the architects had made early contact this time and are keen to engage with the local residents. The overall plan has been reduced in scale from 37 to 19 units with 2 retail units on Colinton Road and an area of green. 6 underground car parking spaces had been included and it appeared that there might be a parking space for every unit although this is not certain.

The drawings will all be put on the CCC website and as the developer is happy to meet with residents, a meeting will be arranged as soon as possible to enable this interaction to take place within the next few weeks.

There being no further business the meeting concluded at 8pm.

Next Meeting:           Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March  
                                  Edinburgh Napier University Craiglockhart Campus