

Craigleith / Blackhall Community Council

Meeting Minutes

Monday 10 October 2016 | 7.30pm | Dining Hall, Stewart's Melville College

Committee present

James McLennan, Peter May, Emma Phillips, Robin Cathcart, Claudia Romero, Alan Denham, Rupert Lezemore, George Millar, Neil Watt, Cllr Gavin Barrie, Cllr Nigel Bagshaw, Cllr Ian Whyte

Also present

Fergus Henderson, Friends of Ravelston Woods and BCT
Dave Halbert

Apologies

Cllr Lesley Hinds, Alex Cole-Hamilton MSP, Martin Riddell

Meeting initially convened and chaired by Cllr Gavin Barrie

Election of Community Council Office Bearers

Chair – Emma Phillips was proposed by Neil Watt and seconded by Rupert Lezemore
Vice Chair – Rupert Lezemore was proposed by Emma Phillips and seconded by Robin Cathcart
Secretary – Robin Cathcart was proposed by Emma Phillips and seconded by James McLennan
Treasurer – Alan Denham was proposed by Emma Phillips and seconded by Neil Watt

Meeting Chaired by Emma Phillips after office bearers voted-in

Scheme for Community Council and future meetings

There was an overview of community council funding and reimbursement. The CBCC receives 2p per person in the community council area, which equates to £651/year for us. Community Councils can also claim reimbursement for the previous year's meeting venue expenses. There was suggestion to look at and change future meeting venue, time and days, however it was agreed to maintain current meeting details until the end of 2016. Mondays and Tuesdays are the best evenings for the CEC Councillors.

The new community council would like to formally thank Iain and other community councillors for years of effort and hard work.

Meeting operations

There was a long discussion about future meeting structure, location and timing. It was agreed that the council would like to change the format to include more invited speakers that could be of interest to more residents to improve attendance. Also the location of the meetings could be changed to someplace more open and inviting to residents. Councillors said that Mondays and Tuesdays are best for their schedules, and that most other community council meetings start at 7 instead of 7.30. The November meeting will be an opportunity to agree to future formats and logistics. The Community councillors discussed the local priorities they were proposed/elected to progress and Neil Watt agreed to prepare and circulate a draft community council business plan for consideration at the next meeting

- Action Neil to circulate draft CBCC business plan prior to next meeting

Blackhall Christmas Dip Donation

The CBCC have in the past donated £250 towards the Blackhall Dip Christmas tree lighting and have again been asked to donate.

- A motion to continue funding this year of £250 was decided by vote, with one "no" and the remainder of votes "yes". It was agreed that as the Blackhall Dip is beneficial to the Blackhall portion of residents and less so to the Craigleith residents, future Craigleith activities should

be funded to equal measure and future consideration should be given to assuring representational spending.

- CBCC budget will be presented at the next meeting and a total annual budget available to external bodies for donations will be agreed.
 - Action Alan D to present budget details at next meeting

Community Council operation

There was a discussion about boundaries and potential changes due to the change in Edinburgh Council wards and the technicalities of who is allowed to vote at CBCC meetings. It was agreed that we would like to have more formal instruction from the council regarding how the community council can function and that we would ask for a council representative to provide an induction for all members. **Update, the council should have emailed all community council members to a council-wide induction on Sat. Dec 3rd. RSVP is required by 25 November.**

Date of the next meeting: 1930, Monday 14 Nov. 2016, Stewart's Melville College Dining Hall