

Minutes - 11th April 2016

Committee present - Alan Denham, Rupert Lezmore, George Millar, Jim Bishop, Cllr Gavin Barrie, James McLennan, Margaret Richardson

Also present - PC Charles Davidson, Emma Phillips, Robin Cathcart

Apologies - Cllr Nigel Bagshaw, Deidre Brock MP, Neil Watt, Ian Hewitt,

CEC Councillors' Reports

- Cllr Barrie had nothing to report from citizens of the area.
- Cllr Barrie provided an update on the situation with the school closures. Despite the causes for the closures everyone, especially the CEC Education officials, have been working exceptionally hard to resolve the problem and have the school students able to continue their studies and complete their exams with as little disruption as possible.
 - Cllr Barrie responded to concerns raised about Edinburgh Leisure taking over managing school sports facilities. Activities that are running at a loss would not be allowed to continue but there should be no other adverse effects of this
 - It was reported to Cllr Barrie that the relocation of the bus stop on Queensferry Street was creating a poor passenger experience.
 - There was nothing to report from Cllr Bagshaw.

Police Scotland Report

- Statistics could not be produced due to a police computing systems issue.
- There have been reports on an increase in break-ins.
- High performance vehicles have been targeted for theft recently.
- The police are looking into how they can assist with the issue of the retail park traffic lights giving priority to exiting vehicles.

Chair's Report

The Chair outlined the arrangements and tasks for the forthcoming Holyrood election hustings.

Secretary's Report

Sunday's 'Playing out': The secretary reported the closing off of Craigleith Hill Gardens on Sunday to enable the local children to play in the street and for neighbours to get to know each other was a great success with all who participated enthusiastic to repeat the occasion on a more regular basis. The secretary wishes to thank the organisers and volunteers.

Treasurer's Report

Annual accounts to be issued at next month's meeting and will require approval.

Planning Report

There were very few planning applications this month.

Matters Arising

Issues for future meetings should include:

How to engage more local citizens to attend CBCC meetings?

What is within the powers of the CBCC

Should the night of the meetings be rearranged as it conflicts with school governance meetings.

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Date of the next meeting: Monday 09 May 2016