

Minutes of the Meeting of the Craigleith and Blackhall Community Council

11 June 2012 in Stewart's Melville College Dining Room.

Present: Eddie Thorn (Chair), Maureen Kane (Sec), Alan Denham (Treasurer), Margaret Richardson, Dave Halbert, Jack Burton, Alastair Nairn, John Adams, John Young, Alasdair Watson, Cllr Hinds, Cllr Barrie, PC Bush. Guest: Estelle Taylor.

Apologies: Neil Watt, Cllr Bagshaw, Mark Lazarowicz

Minutes of Previous Meeting: Approved by John Adams, seconded by Alastair Nairn

Police Report: A drink driving campaign and Cycle Path safety patrols are new initiatives. Small scale crime statistics for the area were reported. Maureen Kane (Sec) asked for update on recent RTAs on Queensferry Rd. PC Bush explained that accidents were 'damage only' and traffic analysts reported that there were no more accidents at this junction than anywhere else. Eddie Thorn felt that police dealt efficiently with reports on suspicious characters on Craigleith Rd. John Young thought better rules for the walkway/cycle path should be established.

Chair's Report: There will be no meeting in July due to lack of venue and poor July attendances in previous years. CBCC continue to meet the annual quota of meetings.

INP Report; The Health and Leisure and Children and Youth groups require more members. Councillors' Reports: Cllr Hinds will investigate timescale for notification for Priority Parking. A Pedestrian Crossing is proposed near the Church at Gardiner Rd and Cllr Hinds will forward a list of other proposed Pedestrian Crossing in the area to the Sec. CEC will review roads/pavements over the summer. Cllr Barrie helped with the permit difficulties for Blackhall Sports Day and explained the problem. The four Councillors meet regularly and make a concerted effort to address local issues. Councillors confirmed that budgets were now set. Cllr Hinds will raise the issue of funding for Orchard Park North steps at the next business meeting.

Secretary's Report: Weekly Updates are sent. A complaint was received from a resident about the effectiveness of Sainsbury's Notice board and the EH4 article. Other enquiry topics were raised at appropriate points in the meeting.

Treasurer's Report: The accounts stand at £1253.53 with some payments still to be processed.
Planning Report: Cllr Hinds reported that the double yellow lines on March Rd would be shortened. Road works will cause major disruptions on Hillhouse Rd in July.

Matters Arising

Youth Members: Alasdair Watson reported on email correspondence with Stewart's Melville re youth members. Dr Scott will contact Alasdair Watson with the names of two pupils, yet to be selected, who will attend the September meeting. Maureen Kane Sec will forward students minutes and agenda nearer the time.

Painting Competition: Eddie Thorn handed book tokens into school and will forward photos of painting and Blackhall Sports Day to Dave Halbert for website.

Notice Boards: Dave Halbert believes a notice board at Thane House is possible and will write to proprietor.

Blackhall Sports Day: John Adams described his role at the event. Dave Halbert suggested that CBCC be actively involved and set up an activity or challenge e.g. orienteering course. Eddie Thorn suggested the matter be looked at next year.

Guided Walk: Ian Hewitt was not present, therefore item not addressed.

Business

Meeting Dates: Dates for Sept, Oct, Nov, Dec 2012 are on the website.

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Silverknowes CC: Alastair Watson enquired into the reasons for no CC in Silverknowes. Eddie Thorn explained that the boundaries of the CBCC do not include the Silverknowes area though Cllr Hinds believed there was a process which might make it possible.

The next meeting is 3 September in Stewart's Melville dining room.