

Minutes - 14 March 2016

Committee present - Ian Hewitt, Alan Denham, Rupert Lezemore, George Millar, Jim Bishop, Cllr Gavin Barrie, Cllr Nigel Bagshaw

Also present - Emma Phillips, PC Emily Grimwood

Apologies - Margaret Richardson, Deidre Brock MP, Neil Watt, James McLennan, Jim Bishop, Cllr Lesley Hinds

Visitors

Kristina Woolnough: Blackhall Nursery Board

Blackhall Nursery Board are undertaking a community consultation for their proposal to build a new nursery school and public facilities on the derelict quarry behind Blackhall Primary. This is where they currently occupy an inappropriate and poorly maintained building. Under new legislation this type of land can be acquired by a community trust which would be able to bid for public grants. The proposal is that this would neither be a state or private nursery but to be run by a trust and self-funded through the state funding of nursery places.

CEC Councillors' Report

- The CEC are expecting to increase parking restrictions to other areas.
- Councillors are hoping to arrange for a city engineer to attend a CBCC meeting / conduct a site visit to the traffic lights at the exit to the retail park.
- Councillors are hoping to have traffic light priority / phasing changed for exit from the retail park.
- Retail park managers and Lothian Buses are keen to have these changes made also.

Police Scotland Report

- Violent crime is down by 20%
- Serious assaults are up but the definitions have been changed.

- Robberies are down by 50% year-on-year
- Housebreaking is down
- Shed break-ins are up
- There has been an increase in arrests for motor crime but this may be due to increased police vigilance in this area.

The message from the police is that citizens should not be afraid to contact the police, please don't assume that someone else has reported it. The police achieve good results due to citizen vigilance.

Call 101 for 24 hour non-emergency reporting.

Chair's Report

- Ross McElhinney has resigned from the CBCC. The Community Council thanks him for his service.
- The format for the Scottish Parliament Hustings was discussed. It has been arranged for 28th April, St Columba's Parish Church.

Secretary's Report

It was reported that the car transporters are still operating on Sundays and still too near the adjoining gardens.

The secretary requested that members provide examples of the CBCC's achievements for use in publicity.

Treasurer's Report

The public liability insurance is up for renewal. It was agreed that the CBCC would continue to use the insurance arranged by the CEC.

Planning Report

- The demolition order for the buildings in the Royal Victoria Hospital site was noted. It was also noted that there was no provision for entrance / egress of demolition traffic to/from the site.
- The planning application for the Hillhouse Road Care Home was refused due to the TPO

in place on the site.

- The Transport and Environment committee has recommended that the #13 bus will continue to be supported.

Matters Arising

Concerns were noted that Edinburgh Leisure were taking over the Royal High's sports facilities which could result in restrictions in the use of the facilities.

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Date of the next meeting: Monday 14 March 2016