

The Minutes of the Meeting of Craigleith and Blackhall Community Council
14 May 2012 in Stewart's Melville Dining Hall.

Present: Eddie Thorn (Chair), John Young (Vice-Chair), Maureen Kane (Sec), Alan Denham (Treasurer) Dave Halbert, Margaret Richardson, Neil Watt, John Adams, Alasdair Watson, Ian Hewitt, Alastair Nairn, John Young, Liam Keegan, Callum McLeod, Cllr Bagshaw, Cllr Barrie, Cllr Hinds, Cllr Whyte.

Apologies: Mark Lazarowicz, Jack Burton

Minutes: Approved by Ian Hewitt and seconded by Eddie Thorn. Amendment requested by Alasdair Watson; Under Youth Member heading, should read: Alasdair Watson had conversation with Depute Principle Head Master regarding boarders who may join the committee.

Police Report: PC Ran McDonald reported that traffic was main problem in the area. Park Smart initiative had taken place around Blackhall PS. There were a small number of thefts around the area and this number was increasing.

Chair's Report: A thank you letter for funding was received from John Adams. Mark Lazarowicz sent letter re; vat on alterations to listed buildings. Paintings for competition were gathered and ready to be judged at the end of meeting.

Treasurer and Planning Report: The accounts at end of financial year 2011-12 was £1835.53, however, taking into account cheques yet to be processed the balance will be £1125.54. An objection to double yellow lines at Strachan Rd/March Rd will be submitted.

Secretary's Report: The CBCC application for small grant from NEP was rejected. All other information was emailed to the Committee on a regular basis.

Councillors' Report: Eddie Thorn (Chair) welcomed the new and returning Councillors. Councillors plan to meet regularly. The realigned bus stop at WGH seems to have addressed problem. There was no further news on TPOs in RVH; Alan Denham will submit request for planning brief and Councillor Whyte will support this. The Edinburgh Plan of CEC administration was available to read.

Neighbourhood Partnership; John Young attended the opening of the Fitness Trail.

Matters Arising

Appointment of Office (AGM): The positions of Chair, Secretary and Treasurer were approved by the Committee. Ian Hewitt wanted to be Vice-Chair and John Young was happy to

stand down as he only took the position at the request of the Chair. Ian Hewitt's appointment was approved.

Business

Ravelston Woods; The CC welcomed the document and felt it contained nothing controversial though the information was outdated and there was no contact numbers.

AOCB

Notice Boards: Ian Hewitt will ask Sainsbury's Management to relocate the CBCC notice board to a more prominent position. The cost of moving the notice board to Thane House cost £300-£500. Permission will be required. Alan Denham confirmed that CC insurance will cover board. Cllr Hinds suggested making contact with Drylaw CC as they may have a spare board. Dave Halbert suggested a board be erected at Maidencraig Cresc and he will investigate price.

Press Officer: Neil Watt emailed action plan to members. He agreed to write EH4 article. He suggests advertising in NEN. Ian Hewitt wanted to proceed with a guided walk in the area. He wanted dates to be decided but a walk after Blackhall Sports Day was too soon. Possible dates would be the last Sat in June and the first weeks in Aug. Members were encouraged to attend the Sports Day where a flyer would be distributed. Alastair Nairn felt CC issues should be highlighted. Neil Watt will investigate the possibility of free printing. Dave Halbert will purchase a gazebo

Orchard Park North: In the absence of funding from INP, a general agreement was reached to go ahead and accept the proposals by Ritchie Fraser for steps. John Young thought that the proposals would not alter the use of the park. Dave Halbert wanted a sports day for Craigleith similar to the one organised by Blackhall. John Young will contact Ritchie Fraser.

Gutter Clearances: Margaret Richardson pointed out that the gutters were full of weeds. Cllr Whyte explained that CEC banned the use of chemicals. John Adams said the drains in Maidencraig Court had not been cleaned. Cllr Hinds will contact appropriate department (probably Cleansing Dept).

Inverleith Summer Programme: Callum McLeod explained that a wide programme of activities was available and he was trying to target young people in the area. Leaflets would be circulated around schools etc in the area.

Pedestrian Link/Toucan Crossing: Lights in this area are broken. Ian Hewitt explained the problem.

Road Works: Road works will cause considerable chaos around the Retail Park. Ian Hewitt had

plans of the proposed work. Dave Halbert will put link on the website.

The next meeting is at 7.30pm on 11 June 2012 in Stewart's Melville College Dining Hall.