

Minutes of the Meeting of Craigleith and Blackhall Community Council on 14 November 2011 in Stewart's Melville College.

Present: Eddie Thorn (Chair), Maureen Kane (Sec), Jack Burton, Neil Watt, Margaret Richardson, Dave Halbert, Alasdair Watson, Euan Campbell, Liam Keegan, Ian Hewitt, John Young, Nicola Ross, PC Gordon Ross, Cllr Lesley Hinds, Cllr Tim Mckay.

Also present were residents: Gordon Stewart, Philip Mearns.

Apologies: Alan Denham (Treasurer), Mark Lazarowicz, Cllr Whyte, Cllr Mclvor.

Previous Minutes: Amended to include Jack Burton's apologies. Minutes approved by John Adams, seconded by Ian Hewitt.

Councillor's Report: Cllr Mckay was still concerned about safety outside Stewart's Melville College and noted that no lollipop person was appointed. He asked PC Ross for more data on house break-ins in Blackhall area. Cllr Hinds expressed residents' concerns about speeding in Davidson Park and will raise issue at next meeting. Euan Campbell reported that no food waste bins were uplifted in his street- Cllr Hinds will investigate. Eddie Thorn (Chair) noted lack of Council co-ordination with road works for utility companies. Cllr Hinds will bring Council Policy to next meeting if possible.

Residents' Matters: Philip Mearns complained that residents in his area parked in the disabled parking spaces denying him usage and his housing association does not take action. PC Ross explained that the houses are on private land and difficult to enforce compliance. Both Cllr Hinds and Cllr Mckay offered to investigate and Secretary will forward them Philip's email address.

Police Report: PC Ross said there would be a road safety campaign in the area to monitor speeding over a two week period. Police completed speed monitoring in The Dip and will soon take enforcement measures. Police received reports of motor cycles on the pathway but investigations over a two night period showed no activity. Local businesses with vehicles parked on the pavement around Maidenraig Court have been asked to show consideration to

residents. Dave Halbert reported pavement parking on Telford Rd. Neil Watt asked for crime stats at each meeting.

Secretary's Report: Emails sent weekly to Committee. Resident complained about lack of grass cutting on Orchard Park North – frequency of grass cutting would be sought. Scottish Parliament constituency boundary changes are now being reviewed.

29 Nov; INP Clean, Green and Safe meeting 30 Nov; INP Health
and Social Care meeting 7 Dec; INP Stockbridge House, Cheyne Street ,
7.30pm to 9pm.

Matters Arising: Notice Boards: Dave Halbert reported that Thane House would be happy to have a notice board placed outside its premises. Insurance would be required. Ian Hewitt said Sainsburys would accommodate a CC notice board but signage was required.

Blackhall Signage: Alasdair Watson described conflicting policies and problems with planning consent for a sign. He would continue to investigate and report back.

Orchard Park North:

No decision yet made on what should be done with £6000 awarded by Parks Dept to upgrade park. Doubt was voiced over surplus goal posts from Drylaw. John Young wanted decision to be made soon. Pathway improvements and benches were suggested. The matter will be put on agenda for next meeting.

Business:

HM Queen's Jubilee Celebration: Eddie Thorn (Chair) informed Committee about the proposed idea of communities around the country lighting a beacon to celebrate the forthcoming Queen's Diamond Jubilee celebrations. No interest was shown.

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Sainsburys Lighting: Ian Hewitt reported that inadequate lighting on Sainsburys walkway was still a problem.

Strachan Road Junction: Alan Denham (Treasurer) wanted the Committee's approval to formally object to the double yellow lines at the Strachan Road junction. He would like them to be extended to 25m. The Committee approved.

Time Bank

: Nicola Ross reported that time bank have set up a garden share project to grow food. The project brings together gardeners and people who have gardens but do not utilise the space. The participants would share the produce. Anyone who is interested should contact Nicola.

Local Geodiversity Site:

Ian Hewitt, on behalf of Alan Ross, asked CC for contribution of £100-£150 to reprint information leaflet about the Geology site behind Sainsburys. The Committee supported the idea in principle but requested a formal application.

EACC Report

: Dave Halbert reported that EACC wanted input to the Community Empowerment Bill. The role of EACC was discussed.

Next meeting 12 December 2011 at 7.30pm in Stewart's Melville College dining hall.

