

Minute of the Meeting of the Craigleith and Blackhall Community Council on 15 September 2014 in Stewart's Melville College Dining Hall

Present: Eddie Thorn (Chair), Ian Hewitt (Vice Chair), Alan Denham, George Millar, Neil Watt, Jim Bishop, Maureen Kane, Rupert Lezemore, Margaret Richardson, Liam Keegan, Cllr Bagshaw.

Apologies : Ross McIlhennay, Cllrs Barrie and Whyte

Minutes of Previous Meeting: Minutes of the meeting of 16 June 2014 were approved.

Ravelston Quarry: Following a presentation by Dr Ali Afshar from AMA Developments Limited on the plan for housing at Ravelston Quarry, the CBCC members asked questions about the quality of the design, drainage provision, access onto Ravelston Dykes and public access through the proposed development. No plans have been submitted and the CBCC appreciated the early consultation from the developers.

Chair's Report: In his report, Eddie Thorn proposed and the CBCC subsequently agreed to adopt the model constitution for community councils.

Treasurer's Report: CBCC's balance, including a recent grant of £611, stood at £2,131

Planning Report: Alan Denham updated on a few local applications of note at Groathill Road South, Stewart's Melville and the Royal Victoria Hospital (for fuller discussion at the next CBCC meeting). CBCC then discussed the Local Development Plan, which outlined potential development on the 'Horsefield' on Craigcrook Road, local shopping centre and the Royal Victoria. CBCC agreed to submit a response to the CEC consultation objecting to building on the greenbelt and lack of regard to impact on traffic on Hillhouse and Queensferry Roads. Councillors' Reports: Cllr Bagshaw updated on the current CEC 20mph speed limit consultation. There was a lively discussion about the consistency of the proposal, with a variety of speeds ranging from 20-40 mph likely to be applied to roads across the CBCC area.

Police Report: no Police Scotland representation.

Improvements to pedestrian/cycling crossings: Neil Watt updated on the recent engagement with the Blackhall Primary and Royal High Parent Teacher Councils, and Drum

Brae Community Council, on what improvements could be made crossing Queensferry-Hillhouse Roads. CBCC agreed there was a good opportunity to tie into 20mph proposals and agreed to support the principle of requesting an additional crossing between Blackhall Dip and Bank of Scotland, and other improvements (eg bike friendly Toucan crossings) at other spots along the main road. Cllr Bagshaw agreed to follow up with Neil Macfarlane.

Next Meeting: The next meeting of the Craigleith and Blackhall Community Council will be held in the Dining Hall of Stewart's Melville College on Monday 6 October 2014 at 7.30pm.