

Minute of the Blackhall / Craigleith Community Council of 16th June 2014 held in Stewarts Melville Dining Hall

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

Apologies:Cllr Hinds

Minutes of the previous meeting: Minutes of 12.05.2014 were approved.

Presentation about Stewart Melville extension: Cancelled due to the absence of the presenter.

Police Report: PC Michael Hogg, a number of police are being trained to enforce the speed limit at Queensferry Road through Blackhall. Cllr Bagshaw suggested that the introduction of 20 mpg zone would help the situation. Police still concerned about the breaking into sheds. Reports of youths using stolen motorbikes on the cyclepaths. Thanks were passed to the police for the policing of the moonwalk.

Chair's Report: Proposed that the Blackhall Signage should not be pursued – this was agreed. An update was given on discussions with Lothian Buses and Sainsbury's regarding a re-instatement of the 41 Bus service going into Craigleith Retail Park. Suggestions for applications to the Neighbourhood Environmental Programme was invited. The Council Community Wardens would appreciate any suggestions for local environmental projects.

Planning: Local development plan at Cammo development with resultant increased traffic on Queensferry Road. Objection approved and will be submitted by Alan Denham. Reports of a possible development at the 'horse field' on Craigcrook Road and the petrol station on Craigleith Road is to be developed. An additional access to the cycle path was suggested by Ian Hewitt. There was the suggestion of a new crossing on Queensferry Road around the dip, near the church. Cllr Bagshaw is keen to resurrect this issue, which had been discussed previously. This lead into discussion about the cycle network around that area. Margaret Richardson mentioned

her concern about the lack of pedestrian crossing at the Flora Stevenson roundabout.

Local Development Plan: Cllr Barrie reported the Local Development Plan would go through the City Council on Thursday 19.06.2014.

Independence Referendum Hustings: Feedback was given by Rupert Lezmore on the progress of the arrangements for the Scottish Independence Referendum Hustings to be held on Thursday 14 August. Suggestions were offered as to format and content of the debate.

AOB: An accident at the Craigleith Retail Park was reported. It was agreed that the CBCC banner is to be replaced.

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 15th September 2014 at 7.30pm.