

Minutes Craigleith and Blackhall Community Council  
Monday 1 October 2012 Stew-Mel Dining Hall

Present: Ian Hewitt (Vice-chair), Alan Denham (Treasurer), Andrew Niven, Deputy Head Boy Stew-Mel, Clare Lynch, Deputy Head Girl Mary Erskine's, John Young, Margaret Richardson, Neil Watt, Cllr Bagshaw, Cllr White, PC Bush

Apologies: Alisdair Watson, Dave Halbert, Maureen Kane, Eddie Thorn, Cllr Hinds, Alastair Nairn, Cllr Barrie, Jack Burton

Minutes of Previous meeting: Approved by Alan Denham, and seconded by Neil Watt.

Police Report: PC Bush advised crime levels were similar to last month although there had been a spike in bike thefts. She handed out a flyer re L&B Police initiative to register and UV mark bikes with sessions on 24 Oct and 28 Nov. Neil to highlight in next EH4 article. Following up our request, PC Bush also updated on the Telford Road traffic camera, which was operating fine and had recorded 387 speeding offences in 2012.

Chair's report: The jet wash application at the Shell petrol station had been formally opposed by CBCC although the applicant can appeal or adjust the proposal. Sainsbury's lighting still knackered and Sainsbury's giving CBCC the cold shoulder – will continue to press. Hillpark drain issue resolved itself – the residents decided to pursue directly with the council.

Treasurer's and Planning/CEC Councillors' report: little of note. £1662.25 in the bank. Jet wash application now with the Development Management sub committee. Proposed hotel at Crewe Toll at pre-application stage. Royal Victoria Hospital development also with the Planning Committee. Cllr Bagshaw and Cllr White also updated on above issues.

Matters arising:

Youth members - Andrew and Claire very warmly received at meeting. Good to have a fresh perspective. Stew-Mel had recently won the schools debate, piling the pressure on Andrew and Claire to inject new life into future meetings of the CBCC!

Guided Walks – will leave till Spring and incorporate Stew-Mel open doors day.

Superfast Broadband – Neil updated on the councils Connected Capital Programme. All about superfast broadband rollout across city and plugging the gaps left by commercial rollout. Not much scope for CBCC to get involved right now but Neil will keep CBCC updated.

Business – Orchard Park North update: John Y updated with excellent

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news on the plans to develop the park. £25k available to improve pathways, access steps, shrub/stone beds a la Orchard Park North and funds available either for a fitness trail or child's play equipment. CBCC agreed to pursue child's play equipment option but only after canvassing local residents via leaflets, advertising on website and highlighting in next EH4 article.

Next meeting: 12 November at 7.30pm in Stew-Mel Dining Room.