

## **Minutes - 8th February 2016**

**Committee present** - Ian Hewitt, Alan Denham, Rupert Lezemore, Margaret Richardson, Jim Bishop, Cllr Lesley Hinds

### **Also present**

3 Postgraduate students from the University of Edinburgh Architectural Conservation Programme

3 Members of the Cramond / Barnton Community Council.

One other member of the public.

**Apologies** - Cllr Gavin Barrie, Nigel Bagshaw, Deidre Brock MP, Neil Watt.

### **Visitors - Lothian Buses**

Mr Ian Bieniowski Commercial Planning Officer for Lothian Buses attended the meeting to discuss possible rerouting of airport bus service via Queensferry Rd and other service issues in the west of Edinburgh.

- A local resident asked if there was any plans for a direct bus from Craigleith to the Gyle. The answer was that it was not seen as commercially viable.
- The issue of possible rerouting of airport bus service via Queensferry Rd. The proposal is not seen as commercially viable due to:
  - The service would be slower and less reliable than along St John's Road.
  - There are no bus priority measures along Queensferry Road and there are generally long tailbacks so Lothian Buses would have to advertise a slower route.
  - Lothian Buses would require extra buses: around £250,000 per annum.
  - Population density is lower in the area and therefore capacity is assumed to be lower.
  - There is no intention to remove the 100 bus service in favour of the trams which broadly run along the same route. They are seen as compatible options.
  - Lothian Buses view the interchange to the 38 at western Corner and 21/32 at Drum Brae to be suitable alternatives.

- The issue of the Park & Ride service not currently routed through North Edinburgh, as there is a large amount of traffic coming from Fife / West Lothian to the Western General and other destinations

- The tram is being promoted as the P&R service.
- There are the same arguments as above about reliability.
  
- Other points made:
  - Lothian buses is 91% owned by City of Edinburgh Council
  - £1m / year is used as a subsidy for non-commercially viable but necessary services
  - Lothian Buses are developing new integrated card systems.
  - Deregulation allows Lothian Buses to be more flexible for new routes and so is open to suggestions to tailor the network to suit local needs.

#### **Police Scotland Report - No Police present**

#### **Chair's Report**

The drawings are available to view of the proposed Maidencraig Crescent double yellow lines.  
EACC: The Chair plans not to attend as the CBCC do not believe the body is currently relevant.

#### **Secretary's Report**

Secretary will produce posters / flyers for the Scottish Parliament Hustings arranged by CBCC.

#### **Planning Report**

The plants in the containers at the dip have been replaced.  
The Hillhouse Road Care Home planning application decision is still pending

#### **CEC Councillors' Report**

Potholes on the streets- Cllr Hinds will report them as a matter of urgency.

## **Matters Arising**

- Replacement of trees at the back of the retail park where it meets the gardens of Craigleith Hill / Row / Grove. The Chair will speak to the manager.
- The matter of potholes on the streets- Cllr Hinds will report them.
- Scottish Parliament Hustings has been arranged for 28th April, St Columba's Parish Church.

## **AOCB**

Date of the next meeting: Monday 14 March 2016