

Minutes Monday 9 February 2015

7.30pm, Dining Hall, Stewart's Melville College

Present

Committee; Ian Hewitt, Alan Denham, Margaret Richardson, George Millar, Jim Bishop, Rupert Lezemore, James McLennan

Ex-Officio; present Nigel Bagshaw, Gavin Barrie

Also present; Dave Halbert, PC Peter Sparrow, Suzanne Lyle, Steve Whitlock

Apologies Maureen Kane, Neil Watt, Ross McElhinney, Eddie Thorn

Minutes of the previous meeting

- The committee discussed the Council's response to the query regarding the zebra crossing at the Orchard Brae roundabout.
- It was felt that the Council was looking after Orchard Park better but this should be a continuing situation.
- Parking on the pavement on Telford Road: despite the police being aware of the matter and equally unhappy about the situation, nothing is currently being actioned.
- 20mph zone in Edinburgh is going ahead on all roads except major trunk roads which will stay at 30 or 40.

Police Scotland Report

- Shed break-ins on the decline Housebreaking on the rise: break-ins through patio doors, theft of jewellery and car keys (and subsequently cars). Burglar alarms appear to be a deterrent.
- Stats: 1 crime over the 5 year average: a small increase. Police are currently undertaking an operation to target car crime.

Chair's Report

IH brings to committee's attention the Neighbourhood Partnership 'Nature in your Neighbourhood' meeting 23/03/2015

No action will be taken on the Northfield Development fund

GM will attend the EACC meeting

Secretary's Report

None

Treasurer's Report

The CC has roughly £1,100 in funds

Planning Report

AD asked whether the CC should be encouraged to oppose the Cammo development on the grounds of an increase in traffic through our area- a conservative estimate of 13%.

#43 bus to be discontinued in March.

CEC Councillors' Report

- The Councillors discussed the Cammo development
- The Councillors brought to the CC's attention the forthcoming budget debate and encouraged the reading of the report
- Local street lanterns changed to LEDs in some cases are being changed back.
- Councillors will look into poor condition of pavement slabs
- Councillors will look into how to stop pavement parking

INP Committee Representatives' Reports

None

Matters Arising

- RVH site trees There was no tree preservation order as it was improperly raised. As yet no one in the Council has taken responsibility for this oversight. Councillors will look into it. Street furniture outside RVH gates GM&RL reported that the missing street furniture from the island outside the RVH site top entrance appears to have been incorrectly replaced on the island outside the RVH site bottom entrance.

- Donation to Blackhall Primary Gym The CC will support an application to INP for funds once the planning permission has been granted.

- General Election Hustings The CC decided not to host a hustings for the general election on the basis that the CBCC area spans two Westminster wards and thus would require hosting

two hustings events.

- Groathill Avenue developments These developments are currently held up by the public consultation on the cycleways. There is lack of clarity over who owns the Council tip site which is also currently earmarked as a tram safeguard. Cllr Barrie will enquire.
- Extension of Community Council area to include Blackhall library The CEC appears amenable to the suggestion but it was rejected by the CC.
- Community Council Recruitment RL raised the issue of increasing CC membership, preferably with an more representative demographic, and asked for suggestions how to achieve this. The following were proposed: an advertisement in EH4; a leaflet drop; posters on libraries, shops etc; on CC noticeboards; members to send communications to neighbours; NW etc; putting flyers in pizza delivery etc. Members to consider what steps they would be able to take.

AOCB

- #42 bus will change its route to include the retail park from the autumn service changes
- Reports of large amounts of rubbish in the retail park including poor state of the area surrounding the recycling bins. Cllr Barrie will investigate.
- Concern was raised about the single parking space on the corner of Orchard Road and the Orchard Brae roundabout causing traffic congestion.
- Orchard House is currently on the market again.

Date of the next meeting: **Monday 13 April 2015**