

Meeting Monday 9 March 2015

7.30pm, Dining Hall, Stewart's Melville College

Committee present

Ian Hewitt, Alan Denham, Margaret, Jim Bishop, Rupert Lezemore, James McLennan, Neil Watt, Gavin Barrie, Iain Whyte, Lesley Hinds

Also present; PC Sarah Hall (Drylaw Police Station)

Apologies

Eddie Thorn, Mark Lazarowicz, George Millar, Margaret Richardson, Nigel Bagshaw

Minutes of the previous meeting

- The minutes were approved
- It was pointed out that several members attended the Neighbourhood Partnerships meeting.
- There has been no action on the Telford Road parking problem.
- The indefinitely delayed Cammo development will be responded to soon by the administration.
- If broken paving slabs are identified, they should be reported to the councillors.
- JB discussed the poor condition of some roads, Cllr Hinds responded that some extra money was being earmarked by the council for road improvements.
- RVH site trees: it was reported that one of the trees not on the 'approved' demolition list has been removed. Cllr Barrie reported that the Council is putting the TPO in as quickly as legislation allows.
- Blackhall PS gym planning has been approved.
- Groathill Avenue development: Action being taken by the Council to reclaim the land from the current occupier. Cllr Barrie is looking into it.
- The single parking bay on the corner of Orchard Road and the roundabout will not be easy to remove as it is a multi-use space.

Police Scotland Report

- Housebreaking in Edinburgh on the increase but not specifically in the CBCC area- this is the main focus for the police at the moment.
- The offenders are looking for high value items and car keys for cars parked in driveways.
- The police know who the offenders are and are putting into place bail conditions such as curfews.
- The police are working with Council Community Safety group.
- The police are working from reports from helicopters, dog handlers and the traffic division.

- The police are operating plain clothes officers, unmarked cars as well as high visibility patrols in the target areas.
- The most likely time for offences is 7-8pm
- JB is aware of 3 break-ins in his neighbourhood in the last few weeks.

Chair's Report

- Attended the Neighbourhood Partnership meeting
- Requested volunteers to attend other meetings
- Change to recycling: The next phase is Maidencraig in June.

Secretary's Report - none

Treasurer's Report

- End of financial year soon:
- Invoices due for the website

- Invoices due for the Information Manager

Planning Report

The CBCC voted to object to the application for a nursery in Craigcrook Road. As the result was non-unanimous it was decided that the CBCC will put in a strong comment not to support this application.

CEC Councillors' Report

There have been complaints that the light cast by the new LED streetlights is too low. Cllr Hinds will have the intensity increased where possible and letters will be sent out to residents explaining the situation.

INP Committee Representatives' Reports - none

Matters Arising

- Thank you to Maureen Kane for her service to the CBCC.
- Members to consider the CBCC remit and future direction of the CC.
- Regarding CBCC recruitment, NW would like to see more diversity.

AOCB - none

Date of the next meeting: **Monday 11 May 2015**