

Minutes - 9th November 2015

Committee present - Alan Denham, Rupert Lezmore, Ross McCabe, James McLennan, Gavin Barrie, George Millar, Margaret Richardson, Jim Bishop

Others Present -Neil McFarlane (CEC Roads Manager), Toni Giugliano (SNP candidate), PC Sarah Hall (Drylaw Police Station)

Apologies Nigel Bagshaw, Ian Hewitt, Neil Watt

Police Scotland Report

The police believe that they are better at identifying trends in crime

- There is 25% less reported crime than this time last year
- 20% decrease in violent crime
- 10% decrease in anti-social behaviour
- Incidences of robbery are down
- Incidences of housebreaking is down despite a big spike at the start of the year.
- 30% decrease in vehicle crime

There are several investigations in drug dealing

Road safety is a priority although incidences of serious injury or deaths are low

The police are taking part in more high visibility patrols as well as a plain clothes initiative

The police are undertaking bail and curfew checks.

The police encourage citizens to follow them on twitter: @EdinNorthPolice

Chair's Report

It will cost £150+VAT to put up the CBCC banner at the Blackhall dip.

The Committee agrees that the EACC AGM should be postponed.

Secretary's Report

The CBCC is concerned about dwindling numbers of attendees at the meetings, especially with the ex-officio members.

The Performance report by Michelle Fraser has been issued. Members are encouraged to read and comment.

Treasurer's Report

Nothing to report

Planning Report

The refused permission for a large illuminated hoarding on the corner of Craigcrook and Queensferry Roads (facing east) has been appealed.

However:

- The local residents don't believe that the illustration submitted is accurate
- Lack of visibility on the corner may cause traffic safety issues

CEC Councillors' Report

No Councillors present

Matters Arising

Neil McFarlane joined the meeting to appraise the Committee of what is currently happening on the CBCC area's roads:

- Craigleith Hill Crescent / Craigleith Hill Road junction missing traffic lights & removal of car parking spaces to improve visibility: Although still on the To Do list as there haven't been any serious accidents this is low priority. Injuries need to be recorded, not just accidents.
 - TROs are subject to public scrutiny so submitting applications may take time due to possible objections.
 - Recent accidents on Strachan Road may be due to parked cars.
 - There are possible HGV restrictions to be put in place on Strachan Road, subject to TRO.
- New broadband ducting to be installed into mostly residential areas, started in due course.
- The 20MPH restriction zones may be reviewed at a later date as the TRO hasn't yet been finalised. Feedback can be given to 20mph@edinburgh.gov.uk
 - Some streets will have to be traffic calmed when the 20MPH zones are instated.

AOCB

There seems to be an increase in dog waste in Queensferry Road park- this should be reported to Michelle Fraser at the CEC: Michelle.Fraser@edinburgh.gov.uk

Flouting of opening time licence by McDonalds needs to reported to Cllr Nigel Bagshaw: Nigel.Bagshaw@edinburgh.gov.uk

Two mature trees have been cut down on Craigleith Road but no one appears to have been notified about this.