

1 Craigleith/Blackhall Community Council Minutes

Date of meeting Monday 12th June 2017

Venue Stewart's Melville College

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In Attendance Cllr Gavin Barrie, Cllr Iain Whyte, Cllr Max Mitchell, Emma Phillips,
Robin Cathcart, Martin Riddell, Rupert Lezmore, Alan Denham,
Peter May, George Millar, Fergus, Jim McLennan, Anne-Sylvia Todd

1. Apologies Cllr Hal Osler, Neil Watt
2. Minutes of the AGM of 8th May 2017 - these will be up for approval at the next AGM. Alan requested that a comment be added that 'The Certified Annual Accounts were approved'. The Minutes of the meeting 10th April 2017 – these were approved
3. Councillor Reports –
 - a. Edinburgh will be split into four Localities – with each Locality having its own NHS, Police, Fire and Social Work
 - b. There is no change to the current structure of the Neighbourhood Partnerships and any changes requires action by the Council
 - c. Emma reported that there were rumours that Community Councils were to be changed and that we had not received any communications on this. We were awaiting Council Governance which would be decided at a Council meeting on 29 June
 - d. Emma is to contact Peter Strong and will speak to the Stockbridge and Drylaw CCs
 - e. None of the Council Policy Committees have been appointed, but official business is still going ahead
 - f. The Victoria Hospital fire – was possibly caused by vandalism. It was agreed that we should invite the Fire Area Commander to come and speak to the CC
 - g. There were current proposals to build an improved path from Maidencraig to Queens Avenue – to be suitable for bikes and wheelchairs. But it was noted that there were parking problems near the steps
4. Chair reports
 - a. Blackhall Primary School and the Neighbourhood Partnership have won the right to bid for money for the School Library
 - b. Transport – there were an increasing number of heavy lorries using Strachan Road and Ravelston Dykes on their way to and from the building work at Donaldson's School site. The traffic was further increased by some Supermarket and Flower delivery vans. Overall, it was becoming increasingly more difficult for parents crossing these roads taking their children to the nearby school. Cllr Whyte had approached some of the companies involved and had requested them to stop using this route.
There was further discussion on the danger of the tight corner near Ravelston Dykes Lane. Fergus and Alan will investigate and report back on the width of the road

The No 42 LRT Bus - the Council has agreed to fund, for a six month period, the reintroduction of the route from Davidsons Mains to Craigleith Shopping centre. As yet. LRT have still to action this route change – Emma will chase this up

The No LRT 13 – Alan reported that there is a new contract for this service to continue

Hill House Road – it was reported that there were a large number of very deep pot holes. (Cllr Barrie to action?)

5. Planning –
 - a. The proposed Craigcrook Nursery was refused
 - b. There was a revised application for a Care Home at Craigcrook Road. Although the overall design is different for this 60 bed home, it was difficult to see what had been changed. It was agreed that Alan should comment as before by 29 June
 - c. Craigleith Road Garage is now closed and the petrol pumps are fenced in. This site was approved in outline one year ago. There is 2 years to take action to further develop
 - d. 46 Craigleith Road – notification of a request for a review meeting has been issued
 - e. Maidencraig Crescent hillside – there was a discussion re a possible development
6. Future Meetings – It was agreed that there be no meeting in July and that Rupert arrange a venue for the August meeting. There was a discussion as to our recent use of different venues and it was thought that it might be best to have just two or three venues
7. Ravelston Playpark – Robin reported that Blackhall Parent Group are to meet with Cllr Osler to see how they acquire funding for the improvements, such as swings, climbing frames and fitness circuits. It may be possible to receive a matching Council funding amount
8. Police Report – there was no report. Robin will contact PC Emily re future meetings. It was reported that there had been trouble in a neighbouring area when the contents of some blue bins had been smashed
9. AOCB
 - a. Martin reported on a recent Blackhall Community Trust reception – there had been a transfer of the ownership of the Nursery. They were still working on plans for the purchase of the Quarry which could be used a ‘Hub’ for local groups
 - b. Martin suggested that we list all our achievements in the Craigleith/Blackhall CC. He will circulate a list and we can all add any missing things
 - c. It was mentioned that a company DTEnergy was looking to set up workshops to assist the public in choosing Energy Suppliers
 - d. Robin will soon be leaving the area and would no longer act as secretary. We shall need to elect a new secretary at the August meeting
 - e. Martin and Allan will update our Website in the future
 - f. We need to map out/identify where notices of our meetings are displayed. We identified Sainsbury’s, Black Hall Church, Blackhall Primary, Orchard Park
 - g. We need to issue our Achievements to our e-mail members
 - h. Emma asked Alan to write a list and we can then amend
 - i. We agreed to have articles in EH4 and the Blackhall Bulletin. Note that the closing date for inclusion in the September copy of the Bulletin is 30 July

