

CBCC Paper on Traffic and Safety Issues in Craigleith and Blackhall

Meeting 4 April 2018 with Dave Sinclair and Gavin Rae, Edinburgh City Council. Fergus Henderson and Alan Denham CBCC

- As background Dave Sinclair explained his and Gavin Rae's role in managing the road network in Wards 4 and 5 - co-ordination and responsibility for roadworks, inspect and manage roads on a daily basis, maintenance . He acknowledge that with the Council cutbacks the team was stretched. Although Gavin Rae is currently based in North West Locality Office at West Pilton Gardens, in the future it is likely the function will be carried out on a City wide basis. They report to the North West Locality Committee. He welcomed discussions with Community Councils.
- The various proposals in the CBCC paper were discussed :-
 - Craigcrook Road in front of Blackhall Primary School - the crossing was unlikely to meet the criteria for a pedestrian crossing - discussions on whether the road surface materials could be used to signify its use during school hours. The possibility of a pedestrian crossing at nearby Strachan Road /Craigcrook Road junction would be referred to the Road Safety team. The case for a crossing at Crewe Road South at Comely Bank roundabout was more appropriate for Flora Stevenson Parent Council to take forward. There was also discussion about the Telford Road / Forthview Terrace and improvements for pedestrians.
 - Speed limits - the problems of speeding were noted, but the role of Police Scotland speed cameras was the main way of dealing with the problem. In the medium /longer term the Council view was that the 20 mph speed limit would reduce the overall speeds in the city.
 - Queensferry Road -various CC proposals related to A90 Queensferry Road including Hillhouse Road. Of the major routes into the City Centre, it was the last to be subject to a strategic review. This is likely to take place in the medium term and cover speed limits - should it be reduced from 40 mph to 30 mph, crossings and ease of safe access to bus stops, traffic light phasing, introduction of bus lanes.
 - Poor quality of pavements - all roads and programmes are assessed regularly - previously annually but with detailed data now available on condition and quality, this is less frequent. The Council has a detailed programme for investment in roads and pavements - there may however be limited scope to tweak priorities by bringing some proposals forward and delaying others .

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- The problem of overhanging trees blocking street lights, traffic lights and road signs and householders' hedges encroaching on to pavements was discussed. The Community Council agreed to raise the matter in Blackhall Bulletin and other means. Gavin Rae subsequently provided the details of the legal powers held by the Council on this matter.
- Traffic light upgradings - the next priority is the Craigleith Road / Queensferry Road junction starting later in 2018. The absence of a green man phase at the Strachan Road / Hillhouse Road / Telford Road junction would be addressed in due course when the lights were upgraded.

It was agreed that further meeting would be beneficial.

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