

Craigleith/Blackhall Community Council

Minutes of Meeting Monday 20 July 2020 - Held online via Zoom

Present - Stuart Pinkerton (Chair), Alan Denham (Secretary), Martin Riddell (Treasurer), Duncan Osler, Grant Roger, Jim McFarlane, Darlene Jeffrey; Inverleith Ward Councillors - Hal Osler, Gavin Barrie, Max Mitchell, Iain Whyte.

Apologies - Michael Cockburn, Alex Cole-Hamilton MSP

Police Report - although Police Scotland was not able to attend by Zoom, the written Police report was helpful and appreciated. Councillor Osler referred to anti social behaviour in Ravelston Woods, also noted by a local resident. The report had also commented on the anti social behaviour in the Woods. If issues continued local residents were encouraged to contact Police Scotland at the new local community police e-mail address - EdinburghCPTNorthWest@scotland.pnn.police.uk

Although there had been a cut back in the City Council's budget for community policing, Councillor Osler noted that there was still a level of local policing but it was not as prescriptive as previously.

Spaces for People - the Council had not made any decisions about bus lanes on Queensferry Road and the meeting agreed to consider at a future meeting.

Lothian Buses - Service 42 - the absence of service 42 during lockdown had limited access to essential services in Stockbridge, particularly for the elderly. It was noted that service 42 had been recently reinstated along with improved frequencies on other services, albeit all services subject to regular review in light of the pandemic.

A review of public transport is being carried out across the city; it is at an early stage.

Craigcrook Road/Queensferry Road Junction - use by cyclists - the layout of the junction is encouraging some cyclists to cross the path of left turning traffic - suggested Not West Locality Team should be contacted.

Craigcrook Road 20 mph speed limit - a significant proportion of traffic seems to be travelling at 30 mph. A motion to the Policy and Sustainability Committee on 23 July suggests that it is an increasing problem across the city and seeks speed checks by Police Scotland.

Web site - following an e-mail by former Secretary, agreed to contact Wordpress.

City Councillor Reports - issues raised by the 4 councillors were:-
Spaces for People and the changes in Stockbridge town centre which had taken a huge amount of their time;
quiet roads resulting in speeding;
community contribution of local Blackhall and Craigleith residents to local food banks most welcome;
emergency measures focussing on cycling;
City Council's finance under pressure because of the pandemic and the Community Council should take a view on future local priorities;

road repair list includes Craigleithhill - to be welcomed;
Councillor Gavin Barrie agreed to forward 2 papers from the Policy and Sustainability
Committee which summarise current priorities including spaces for people.

Next meeting - Monday 17 August 2020 to be held online via Zoom

Alan Denham
Secretary
25 July 2020