

## **Craigleith/Blackhall Community Council**

### **Minutes of Meeting Monday 21 June 2021 - held online using Teams**

**Present** - Stuart Pinkerton (Chair), Alan Denham (Secretary), Martin Riddell (Treasurer), Duncan Osler, Grant Roger, Darlene Jeffrey, Susie Ross; Inverleith Ward Councillors Hal Osler, Gavin Barrie, Max Mitchell; PC Sarah Hall, Police Scotland; Christine Jardine MP; one member of the local community

**Apologies** - Jim McLennan, Michael Cockburn, Deidre Brock MP

**Police Report** - PC Hall summarised crime levels both in the Inverleith Ward and north west Edinburgh. Overall crime levels were down in the Ward and also north west Edinburgh over the last 5 years - house break-ins were down 79% in Inverleith Ward, shed break-ins down by 56% over the period. Anti-social behaviour had increased by 1.2%. PC Hall said that there were regular patrols on the walkway/cycleway and also in Ravelston Woods. Plain clothes officers were patrolling Craigleith Retail Park and she and her fellow officers were again speaking to primary school pupils.

Speed checks were taking place and the pop-up bobby was being deployed. The Chair commented on the increase speed on Craigcrook Road adjacent to the Park and also motorists driving round the keep left islands on the wrong side. There had also been vandalism at the nursery in Ravelston Park.

**Minutes of 17 May 2021 meeting** - approved.

**Community Council matters - noise pollution from Holiday Inn** - noise from the generator was much louder following refurbishment, leading to distress for nearby residents. Councillor Osler said that officers were aware but the hotel cannot be accessed at present as it is being used as a Covid hotel.

**Garden Waste Bins** - the limited period for registering was unsatisfactory. Councillor Osler acknowledged the problem and said that the Committee was looking into the matter with a view to introducing more flexibility.

**Parking near Ravelston Park nursery** - the view was that it was not the nursery causing problems, rather all day parking. Councillor Osler was of the view that the section of Craigcrook Road to Strachan Road should be looked as a whole. Councillor Barrie agreed to take the matter up with Roads.

**Councillors Reports - Spaces for People** had generated a large number of concerns from the changes introduced, including Craigleith Crescent where there were major delays with traffic backing up in morning and evening peaks;

**Telford Road** - Road Safety is to look at new measures following a recent traffic incident.

**Viewforth Terrace** - is now to be resurfaced.

**Orchards** - the scope for dropped kerbs is to be assessed.

**Overgrown hedges** - one example resulted in a disabled resident on a mobility aid falling into the road. Residents are reminded of the important need to cut back hedges and vegetation to the back of the pavement.

**Craigleith Retail Park Lidl** - the resident who raised the concerns about construction noise late in the evening had been notified of the investigation, but there had been no response from the person.

**AOCB** - dates of future meetings were agreed and until there is a change in advice from the Scottish Government and Edinburgh Council, meetings will continue to be held online.

**Next meeting** - to be held online at 7.30 pm on Monday 16 August 2021 using Teams.

Alan Denham  
Secretary  
29 June 2021