

Craigleith/Blackhall Community Council

Minutes of Meeting Monday 21 February 2022 Held online using Zoom

Present - Stuart Pinkerton (Chair), Alan Denham (Secretary), Grant Roger, Darlene Jeffrey, Susie Ross, Duncan Osler, Jim McLennan, Michael Cockburn; Inverleith Ward Councillors Hal Osler, Gavin Barrie, Max Mitchell; 1 member of the local community

Apologies - Deidre Brock MP

Minutes of 17 January 2022 meeting - approved.

Anti-social behaviour - there had been more limited anti social behaviour in Maidencraig Crescent with activities decreasing although it was acknowledged that it was not restricted to Maidencraig Crescent and was more widespread in Blackhall. Two people had been arrested and charged. Police Scotland are to meet residents in Maidencraig Crescent and the Chair will provide an update at a future meeting.

Councillor Hal Osler said that it was not good enough if the problem keeps coming back after a quiet period and Police Scotland should be asked what are they planning for Easter and the summer holidays.

Future Community Council meetings - online or return to physical meetings - following discussion it was agreed to return to Blackhall St Columba's Church Small Hall for the next meeting on 21 March. It was acknowledged that not all community councillors may be comfortable with face to face meetings and the possibility of a hybrid meeting both physical and online would be examined, although with no public wifi available at the Church hybrid meetings could be difficult.

City Councillors' Reports - local matters which Ward Councillors had dealt with were :-
CityFibre works in various parts of the area and the upheaval in terms of digging up footpaths and their closure;
Blocked gullies - these should be reported online to the City Council;
Street sweeping;
Misuse of blue badges;
Hillpark Way - following pressure from local residents, the proposal to resurface the footpath and then dig it up by CityFibre had been reversed; CityFibre is now active in the street;
Additionally it was reported that the Low Emission Zone for the city centre had been approved by the City Council. Roadworks on Queensferry Street at the end of the Dean Bridge will commence soon.

AOCB - Jim McLennan asked whether the intention was to reopen Craigleith Road earlier, albeit with temporary traffic lights. No information was available.

Next meeting - to be held at Blackhall St Columba's Church small hall at 7.30 pm on Monday 21 March 2022.

Alan Denham
Secretary
27 February 2022

