

MURRAYFIELD COMMUNITY COUNCIL PROGRESS REPORT IN LIEU OF CANCELLED MEETING ON 7 APRIL 2020

- A new ‘Scotland Cares’ campaign has been launched to encourage people to volunteer during the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic. While the most important ask for the public remains to stay at home and follow the essential public health guidance, people who are healthy and not at risk can volunteer to provide practical or emotional help to those most in need. Those wanting to volunteer to support their communities have three options which are signposted from the Ready Scotland website:

<i>returning NHS workers</i>	<i>will be directed to existing voluntary arrangements in NHS Scotland</i>
<i>people wishing to offer their support to our public services, including the NHS and local authorities</i>	<i>will be directed to a site co-ordinated by the British Red Cross</i>
<i>those looking for opportunities with other charities or community groups in their area</i>	<i>will be directed to Volunteer Scotland for information</i>

- 37 Corstorphine Road : new full planning application already on the portal (20/01351/FUL), but application will not proceed until neighbour notification has been done, which presumably won't take place until the COVID-19 restrictions are lifted
- 9 Kinellan Road: a complaint was made about the second application referring to the wrong number of housing units. Revised documents have now been submitted by the developer. No action will be taken on these while COVID-19 restrictions are in place, but when these are lifted the application will be re-opened for public comment. The City Council has been notified that unauthorised tree-cutting has resumed during the bird-nesting season, with smoke pollution from wood-burning
- police reports : agreed that statistics should be replaced by a narrative offering commentary on current trends and issues – which currently will include anti-social behaviour at SRU events and speed checks on Corstorphine Road
- CCWEL : report not published by the City Council owing to the COVID-19 lockdown
- Safer Routes : AECOM presentation on Saughtonhall Crescent improvements deferred to 19 May meeting as a result of gas maintenance impacting on surveys
- Ellersly Road pavement-widening and Murrayfield Road pedestrian crossing: on the advice of the City Council's Dave Sinclair, both of these matters have been included in the Project Bank of the Western Edinburgh Neighbourhood Environmental Programme for 2020/21 for consideration when the Council's Budget is confirmed in April 2020
- Old Colt Bridge trader licence : application made to City Council for MCC to host a Christmas tree with associated school and FoRP carol-singing and charitable collection
- flood prevention : Gordon Sharpe has written to Scottish Ministers about what his residents' group sees as unfinished business
- Friends of Roseburn Park : the Virgin Money Foundation have offered a grant of £2,000 for any charitable activity.