

Cramond & Barnton

Community Council



Incorporating Cramond, Barnton, Cammo and Quality Street (West)

As our 2016/17 session closes we have reflected on the issues we have been involved in and what follows is a brief summary – they are many and varied. If this taster whets your appetite then you may wish to consider becoming a member of the Community Council and supporting us as we strive to sustain and improve local services. We are running light on membership and those with a background in town planning, architecture, engineering or construction would be especially welcome. If you are interested phone me on 476 3897 or e-mail me at cramton17@gmail.com.

a. Planning activities

- Public meetings hosted or attended prior to submissions at various stages of Edinburgh's Local Development Plan and SESPlan (South East Scotland Regional Plan)
- Participation and input at various pre-application events
- Submissions on local developments (e.g. new homes in residential gardens, developments in Cramond Conservation Area, tree works covered by tree preservation orders)
- Challenge to Care Home application for Care Home off Cramond Glebe Road
- Support for Brighthouse residents in respect of developer's open space commitments.
- Input into planning policies and guidelines review. Focus on trying to make processes fairer and more balanced.
- Input into River Almond Weirs restoration plans – work on Fair-a-Far imminent.

b. New Visions for Cramond

- Refreshed development of ideas for improving Cramond Village 'streetscape' and waterfront by local organisations and technical advisers. Visions Action Plan created following support for ideas at public exhibition.
- Bedding plants purchased by CC and planted around Cramond Village with support from residents. In bloom June 2017. Continuous improvement objective for future years..

c. Cramond & River Almond Walkway Interpretation Group

- Initiative by Community Council, Cramond Association, Cramond Heritage Trust and Friends of River Almond Walkway undertaking a *Visitor Survey* to ascertain what information visitors want which informed the development of an *Interpretation Strategy* for Cramond and River Almond Walkway.
- Provision of three River Almond Walkway orientation boards by above groups and City Council

- Search ongoing for funding and development of proposals for Cramond Heritage Trail to raise awareness and understanding of Cramond's social, industrial and natural heritage. Board interpreting aspects of local heritage due for completion by Autumn.

d. Cammo Estate Advisory Group

- Participation in advisory group on management of Cammo Estate parkland
- Support to Friends of Cammo in development of their Vision for future of Cammo Estate, in context of new funding from sale of Farm House and potential Heritage Lottery Grant bid.

e. Roads and Transport, incl Road Safety

- Ongoing efforts to secure traffic restriction orders on Cramond Glebe Road to ease flow of traffic to and from Cramond Village and the car parks.
- Ongoing efforts to obtain costings for creation of additional traffic lane from Barnton Grove to the Queensferry Road in order to secure transparency to relative costs of resurfacing to current lane configuration.
- Continuing engagement with Police Scotland and CEC in pursuance of further road safety measures on Whitehouse Road near Cramond Primary School.

f. Air Traffic Noise

- Continuing engagement with the Edinburgh Airports Consultative Committee in representing the views of the locality on the noise issue. Focus on pressing EACC, the CAA and NATS to adjust inbound and outbound flightpath where possible.

g. Health and Social Care

- Ongoing support for development of dementia Initiatives; award to team to be made in July 2017 at Lauriston Castle.
- Continuing to press for place on local Integrated Health and Social Care Team working with GP practice to secure quality improvements.

h. Governance

- Continuing input into review of arrangements for influencing CEC local services.

i. Other Projects

- Practical and other support to local environmental projects including those led by Cramond Woodlands Group and Friends of River Almond Walkway.
- £14.7k secured from NP monies enabling restoration of wall in front of Maltings.
- Ongoing efforts to secure repair to the wall fallen on to the harbour walkway.
- Commitment secured to follow-up meeting with Lothian Buses, MSP, Edinburgh Airport to discuss the new A200 Airlink service.

Ian Williamson

Secretary, June 2017