



## Cramond and Barnton Community Council

*We are volunteers with a genuine interest in the well-being of our community. Edinburgh City Council has a duty to consult us on the delivery of local services and other relevant issues. This newsletter is part of our effort to engage with our community. We want to hear your views. Please email [cramton17@gmail.com](mailto:cramton17@gmail.com) with any comments.*

## Newsletter – May/June 2022

*Welcome to our May 2022 Newsletter. This provides a round-up of recent work on the community's behalf and developments of interest in our community. To find out more follow us on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/CramondandBarntonCC/> or go our website <https://www.cramond-barnton.org/>*

*If there are local issues the Community Council could help with, or if you'd like to get involved, email us at [cramton17@gmail.com](mailto:cramton17@gmail.com).*

### A Big Welcome to Cammo Meadows Residents

Welcome to our new residents. The Community Council liaises with the City Council, other public bodies and local groups in the interests of all members of the community. All residents of our area are welcome to attend our monthly meetings and we need new community councillors (see below). If you would like to become involved please email our Secretary, Ian Williamson on [cramton17@gmail.com](mailto:cramton17@gmail.com)

### Celebrate Cramond, Barnton and Cammo over Jubilee weekend

The Community Council is joining a range of local organisations at a Fair being held on Cramond Waterfront from 11.00-17.00 hrs on Saturday 4 June.

Organised by the Cramond Association, the event will celebrate everything positive about our community. Come along. It's free with lots to do and children's activities.



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## Community bands together to clear up our area



Many thanks to over 34 adults and 4 children who participated in a Community Litter Pick in early April. We collected over 64 bags of litter and other items (tiles, car parts, bicycle wheels, printer) from around Barnton shops, Cramond Car Park and surroundings, Cramond Brig to Burnshot (A90, cycleway), Cammo Road, parts of Cammo Estate, River Almond Walkway and field edge beside Cramond Road North. Clermiston Litterati cleared the east side of Maybury Road and environs.

It was great to see so many volunteers turn out and to work together with the Community Council, Cramond Association, Friends of the River Almond Walkway and Friends of Cammo. Thanks to all who helped. Everyone can get involved in #SpringCleanScotland by clearing litter from outside their homes and in their street.

## New route for the 41 bus and more 43 buses

From 5 June the 41 bus will have a new route terminating in Cammo. It will operate via Cramond Road South, Barnton Gardens, Cramond Road North, Whitehouse Road, Maybury Road and terminate at the new housing development at Cammo.

be increased to every 20 minutes, with additional journeys at peak hours. Saturday frequency will also be increased to every 20 minutes.

There will also be more 43 buses on the Queensferry Road between Barnton and Blackhall. Monday – Friday frequency will



## Brighouse site mediation moves towards conclusion...

The good news is that those Council departments consulted by Planning - Leisure and Culture, Education and Parks and Cemeteries – as well as SportScotland - all support the Community Council's view that AMA's 2001 and 2011 proposals are no longer sensible or deliverable and that the future development of the campus should meet local needs.

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The bad news is that AMA are holding out for their 2011 proposals (ie commercial sports development). The mediator continues to try to persuade AMA to instead work up proposals based on the Community Council's suggestion of a local park and pitch sport facilities for Cramond Primary, Cargilfield School and Royal High Corstorphine Cricket Club. In addition, the City Council's Parks and Cemeteries has suggested the inclusion of allotments and Culture and Leisure the inclusion of a "pump track" (a form of BMX track).

"Road maps" prepared by planners suggest no action on the site for up to three years. Our alternative is designed to result in agreement on the future of the site within 9-12 months and the start of delivery in spring 2023. The mediator has passed on our comments to the Council but there is little more we can do for the moment. If the mediator's latest approach to AMA is unsuccessful, he will recommend to the Council that there is no point in continuing. Council planners and councillors will be well aware that the waste of the past ten months will be the direct result of AMA's intransigence. It will then be up to the Development Management Sub-Committee to decide what to do next. The next meeting is in June but, as this will be a new committee following the elections, it is unclear what will happen.

## Cammo Walk Active Travel Route approved in principle

In March the Council's Development Management Sub-Committee approved an application in principle for three options for the section of Cammo Walk from Craigs Road to south of the track leading to Mauseley Hill.

This allows for continued vehicular access on Cammo Walk, or its closure, with all options including a parallel walking and cycling route. While the application showed removal of much of the walls, hedges and verges along this section of Cammo Walk, any decision will be taken following the submission of detailed proposals.

The Convenor expressed concerns regarding impacts on the landscape features and noted concerns over traffic issues, should Cammo Walk be permanently closed to southbound traffic.

The Community Council continues to pursue the lengthy Community Participation Request procedure requiring the Council to engage on proposals for Cammo Walk and Barnton Junction. For Cammo Walk, we are seeking either retention of the southbound vehicular carriageway with a separate cycleway and footpath, or, its closure to vehicles, but with traffic lights at Cammo Gardens/Maybury Road Junction.



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## Making our community's voice heard

The Community Council has responded to some important consultations this year.

- **Proposed City Plan 2030** which will set out the vision and planning policy framework for development in the City for the next 10 years. The Community Council's response included a general welcome to a principle of building on brownfield, not greenbelt, land and for an orbital bus service around the City.
- The draft **Fourth National Planning Framework**. This sets out a plan to 2045 for national developments and infrastructure.

Other issues we have raised are:

- Concerns about the traveller caravans at **Cramond car park**
- **Pollution** at the outfall into the River Almond between Salvesen Steps and Peggy's Mill

## We're watching.....



- Proposals for future traffic management and cycling provision on **Maybury Road** and its key junctions coming forward for consultation over the summer.
- The outcome of a developer's appeal to the Scottish Government to allow building of **500 homes on land north of Craigs Road**. The Community Council has objected to the proposal expressing concerns about more development, loss of greenbelt, wildlife habitat and prime agricultural land as well as an increase to the already impossible demand for school places and exposure of new homeowners to odours from the nearby composting site.
- **Edinburgh Airport** proposals for an amended corridor for aircraft taking off to the north south and west which would result in more traffic over the Forth.
- Major development proposals in the vicinities of **Gogar and Ingliston**
- Proposed changes to the roundabout **crossings in Davidsons Mains**
- The future of the **Cramond Inn**

## Keeping you informed

We continued to use our Facebook page (@CramondandBarntonCC) to keep everyone aware of important local news. This has included locations for local Covid testing, roadworks and road closures, introduction of the A90 bus lane and closure of the Barnton Bank of Scotland branch in July. We hope this is useful.



## New Community Councillors

We are dependent on voluntary membership and need new members – especially from younger age groups. In particular, we are seeking members with experience in the administration of local groups, planning, transport and environmental matters. Anyone with a potential interest can attend a monthly meeting to see how we function or contact our Secretary to discuss membership (email [cramton17@gmail.com](mailto:cramton17@gmail.com) )

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