



Cramond and Barnton Community Council

We are volunteers with a genuine interest in the well-being of our community. We represent community views to decision makers. Edinburgh City Council has a duty to consult us on the delivery of local services and other relevant issues.

Newsletter – Autumn/Winter 2022

Welcome to our Autumn/Winter 2022 Newsletter. This is part of our effort to engage with our community and provides a round-up of recent work and developments of interest in our community. We want to hear your views. Please email cramton17@gmail.com with any comments. To find out more follow us on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/CramondandBarntonCC/> or go our website <https://www.cramond-barnton.org/>

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What future for the Cramond Inn?

A community meeting to discuss the future of the Cramond Inn Meeting was held on 24th October. There was an exceptional turn out. Discussion focussed around the Inn not being open for business to serve our local community. There were many fantastic insights and suggestions from the large crowd on how this should be taken forward. Working with the Cramond Association, we will be exploring all the options. More to follow!!



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Brighouse (ex Dunfermline College site) mediation – more delay but robust process for securing delivery

Following 20 years of inaction and mounting local frustration that promised sports facilities have not been provided on this site, the Community Council with developer AMA, the Cramond Association, Brighouse Residents Association and our local

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Councillors has been involved in a mediation process to try to find a way forward.

A Route Map identifying a potential response to the current impasse and lack of action has been agreed. The City Council's Development Management Sub-Committee is now being asked to approve further extension of five years for laying out and operating the approved sports pavilion and sports pitches.

This further delay is a concern, so we are urging the planning authority to review progress by AMA within two years. If there is no substantial progress against the agreed Route Map, we want them to consider taking other appropriate steps eg serve an Amenity notice.

To ensure provision meets local needs and adheres to contemporary standards we are also asking for:

- the process to be in line with current planning policies and Council strategies
- the focus to be on community highlighted sports and recreation needs
- transparency to ensure community scrutiny
- active community engagement

Meetings between AMA's representative and community organisations have started. A public meeting is scheduled for 28 November (7.30pm, Millenium Hall, Cramond Kirk) to allow the community to contribute ideas for the development. Drop-in meetings with AMA's representative are also planned.

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A nursery at Cammo Meadows

Sadly, it seems that, despite our best efforts to attract funding, the community meetings/events space planned for the Cammo Meadows site is not materialising. The site has now been bought and it seems that discussion about making some accommodation available to community groups, promised by CALA and David Wilson Homes, did not happen.

We do, however, welcome the new owner, Flying Colours Nursery and are pleased that they have indicated they will follow up on Community Council suggestions for all-ability access to the site and a dedicated drop off zone.

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Road repairs to Whitehouse Road needed

Whitehouse Road markings have been a concern for some time and this has been worsened by some road markings being obscured by recent resurfacing. We continue to press the Council to get these up to a satisfactory standard.

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What we learned when we celebrated Cramond, Barnton and Cammo in June

We enjoyed great weather on June 4 as local community organisations joined together to celebrate our area at Cramond Harbour. A community survey highlighted the main issues residents view as affecting our community.

“It’s reassuring to see that the results generally coincide with issues identified by the Community Council and others over recent years,” said John Loudon, Chair of the Community Council. “Knowing where the community stand helps us to ensure that our work represents community views”.



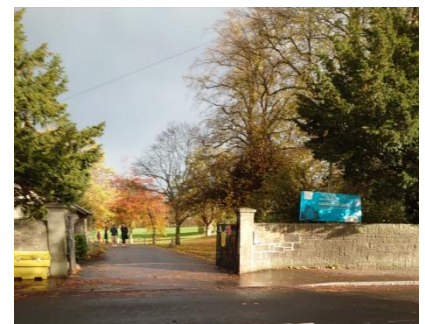
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Resident ranking of issues:



Road safety at Lauriston Castle entrance

Parking on the road near the entrance to Lauriston Castle has proved to be very dangerous. The Community Council asked for double yellow lines from the entrance to the junction with Lauriston Farm Road but was unable to persuade the City Council to extend these. There will however be further parking restrictions at Barnton Park/Barnton Gardens junction.



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A bright new look for Cramond Harbour



Most of the properties of the Village, including those fronting the harbour, now have a bright new look with external walls, windows and chimney stacks all repaired and painted over the summer. Thanks for Heather Auld for her efforts with this. To continue to improve the area the Community Council has asked the Council to do something about the eyesore of refuse bins (of varying states of repair) and renewed our plea to restrict vehicular access to the harbour and promenade. The latter has posed a real danger with coastguard vehicles being unable to access the harbour in an emergency.

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Dowie's Mill Weir proposals

In July the Community Council responded to the latest consultation on the future of the Weir. This reflected our concerns that major engineering work would pose a risk both to the historic and scenic features of Cramond Brig and to the upstream millpond as well as to the nearby major gas and sewerage infrastructure.

We were pleased that at its October meeting the Council's Culture and Communities Committee agreed to the installation of a rock ramp, to allow fish passage, subject to planning consent and funding, and to engagement with stakeholders.

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Welcoming Dianne Stein to the Community Council

The Community Council is pleased to welcome a new member. Dianne Stein has lived in Cammo for many years. She taught at Mary Erskine School and founded What's On Scotland, a database which aims to link the corporate sector and with the arts and heritage sector, and has experience of the airline industry. "We're delighted to welcome Dianne on board," said Community Council Chair, John Loudon.

Do you want to contribute to making Cramond and Barnton a great place to live? Could your skills help?

If so consider joining the Cramond and Barnton Community Council. We are dependent on volunteers and need new members. Interested? Come to a meeting to see how we function. Email our Secretary Ian Williamson cramton17@gmail.com

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