

## Blackhall Community Trust Newsletter Spring 2019

Welcome to our latest Blackhall Community Trust Newsletter.

Our next public meeting is on **Wednesday 27 February at 7.30pm** at St Columba's Church small hall – we will update you on our progress on delivering a new, revitalised Ravelston Park Pavilion and we'll also be shaping our fundraising strategy. *Please note that Blackhall Community Trust's area is the Blackhall Primary School catchment.*



### Exciting news – we are making great progress with our community ambition for a new Ravelston Park Pavilion! At our next Blackhall Community Trust Public Meeting on Wed 27 Feb 7.30pm St Columba's Small Hall, we will share more details.



In summary, our proposal to acquire the existing Ravelston Park Pavilion and its adjacent land from Edinburgh Council on behalf of the Blackhall community is really taking shape.

- Our proposal was **approved** by the Council's Community Asset Transfer Stage 2 Panel (which included local representatives) on 20 December.
- It will now go to the Council's Finance & Resources Committee on **7 March** for a final decision.
- We are working on fundraising strategy and have identified possible sources of capital funding; we will progress these after 6 March.
- We are making progress with a **Scottish Land Fund Stage 2 application** for the purchase price (likely to be c £12,000).

### Fundraising So Far!

- Many thanks to those of you who have kindly made donations; we are still seeking more funds to cover our legal costs for buying Ravelston Park Pavilion. Please donate via our BT MyDonate page <http://bit.ly/BTMyD> or with a cheque made out to Blackhall Community Trust, delivered to BCT c/o Ravelston Park Pavilion, Craigcrook Road EH4 3RU.
- Many thanks also to the Young family, whose Christmas lights switching-on event at their home raised more than £300!
- Come along on **March 1, 7.30pm at the Holiday Inn** to our fabulous comedy fundraiser with award-winning Elaine Miller aka Gusset Gripper, whose Fringe show was a sell-out this year. **For tickets, email [blackhallcommunitytrust.org.uk](mailto:blackhallcommunitytrust.org.uk)**
- Do your online shopping via [www.easyfundraising.org.uk](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk). Register, choose Blackhall Community Trust as your cause and shop with your favourite retailers through easyfundraising to raise money at no extra cost to you!

### How can you help?

- Become a member of Blackhall Community Trust – complete the application form overleaf.
- Join our email/ mailing list - complete the tear off slip overleaf.
- Follow us on  Facebook @blackhallct or  Twitter @BlackhallCT
- Email your ideas for local activities to [blackhallcommunitytrust@gmail.com](mailto:blackhallcommunitytrust@gmail.com)
- Visit our new website [www.blackhallcommunitytrust.org.uk](http://www.blackhallcommunitytrust.org.uk)
- Donate via BT MyDonate Blackhall Community Trust page <http://bit.ly/BTMyD>
- **Share your skills: please get in touch!**

### What's On

Everyone from the community is very welcome to join our regular clubs and social events as listed below.

- The BCT Book club meets in Ravelston Park Pavilion on the first Thursday of every month at 7.30pm.
- The BCT walking group meets for monthly walks in the morning of the first Thursday of every month.
- Our coffee mornings at Cloudberry (Blackhall dip) for those who are new to the area or who would like to feel more connected to the community are on Thursdays every two weeks 10-11.30am. Future dates are: 31 Jan, 14, 28 Feb, 14, 28 March, 11, 25 April.

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