

## **Clarkston Community Council (CCC) June Meeting Minutes**

**Date:** Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2020

**Time:** 8pm to 9.20pm

**Venue:** Zoom Video Meeting (Online meeting)

**Attendees:** Chairperson - Rebecca Nicholson (RN), Vice-Chair – Brian Dillon (BD) Secretary - Maryam Imran (MI), Treasurer - Christopher Kelly (CK), Linda Allan (LA), Greg Chalmers (GC), Ian Bell (IB), Gillian Cox (GCox), Julie Richardson (JR), Neal Ross (NR) , Cllr Annette Ireland (CAI), Kirsten Oswald MP (KO),

**Apologies:** Cllr David MacDonald, Cllr Alan Lafferty

### **Agenda**

1. Welcome and apologies
2. Meeting Minutes for May
3. Police Scotland Report
4. .Matters for discussion
  - Clarkston Community and Coronavirus Impact - Recovery, Community Impact and CCC Role
  - Social media / community communications update
  - Moving forward - CCC aims and objectives for year 2
5. Space for People East Renfrewshire
6. Planning applications
7. Licensing applications
8. Treasurers Report
9. Questions from the public
10. AOCB
11. Next meeting date

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### **Meeting Minutes**

1. Apologies received and attendance recorded.
2. CCC 06/05/20 meeting minutes

### **Actions**

- Extend Survey and encourage more people to complete online as may have time with lockdown in place - all**
- CCC to contact Southside Nature group and involve with CCC.**
- BD – Lead work with Seeds of Hope**
- BD – Contact pupils from Schools Conference to support Seeds of Hope initiative with CCC**
- RN – Share Voluntary Action update with statistics**
- MI - Share Voluntary Action Business List from Gus Collins**
- Looking for CCC member to take on role to review Licensing Applications.**
- VM – send out social medial rules from social media policy.**
- MI – send our Tell Me Scotland email to all CCC members**

Minutes approved.

3. Police Scotland Report

- CAI – Update on antisocial behaviour. Spoken to Police and community wardens. CCTV coverage has been increased in Clarkston. Police Scotland are more involved and are paying attention to hotspots like parks. Police have spoken with young people who are listening and complying.
- RN – Send more positive information about Police work in the area on social media as it isn't always being recognised.

#### 4. Matters for Discussion

##### Clarkston Community and Coronavirus Impact – Recovery, Community Impact and CCC Role

- GC small businesses will struggle on the main street – use of parking bays for social distancing measures etc
- CAI – Gus Collins is the Partnership Officer at East Renfrewshire Council and is in contact with the local BIDs. Working on a holistic approach and we can send feedback to Gus regarding businesses. Action – GC will contact Gus Collins.
- JR – Part of overall travel response to COVID19. Issue is social distancing on Busby Road for shops. More space needs to be created.
- RN – Widened pavements would be positive
- GC – Could parking be reduced in front of shops?
- CAI – Important to feedback to Andy Dunlop at Clarkston BID and Gus Collins.
- RN – If there are further ideas please contact GC to take forward in feedback.
- CAI – There was BIG Lottery Funds allocated to the BIDs but planned work was cancelled due to COVID19. Action – invite Clarkston BID manager Andy Dunlop to future meetings.
- LA – Big Lottery Scotland has the Awards for All funds, can apply for additional funds for COVID19 response. Action – to write up a piece about Big Lottery Funds.

##### Social Media/Community Communications Update

- BD – Posted rules for Facebook Group
- Currently things are being shared adhoc but there needs to be a better system for posting going forward. **Action** – Rebecca to send social media proposal from Giffnock Community Council.
- We could create a rota of volunteers to post and schedule something regularly.
- JR – Design a logo / mascot for more encouragement. Also could have themes like photo of the week.
- LA – Social media policy, what information do we want to give from the Clarkston Community Council page. Not just sharing the same information .
- BD, GCox and LA - Themes could include photo of the week, organisation of the month, surviving tips during lockdown.
- RN – Promote official information, drive our work and support community. Need a social media strategy and a team of 3-4 people – **Action - will take this forward**
- LA – Link to Scottish Government pages about lockdown measures , for example, Track and Trace – keeping a diary of who we meet daily and where you have been. **Action** – LA to put something together regarding the Scottish Government information about Track and Trace measures and send to group.

##### Moving Forward – Aims and Objectives

- Aims and Objectives
  - Coordinate and reflect views of community
  - Have a lot of work to engage community
  - Raise profile of CCC
  - Promote survey

## 5. Space for People East Renfrewshire

- CAI – Transport strategy, highlighted Clarkston Road and Eastwoodmains Road already. Contact John Shelton at ERC for more information. There is an online interactive map. CCC can help to drive public engagement with the strategy. £100,000 has been awarded from Spaces for People. Already looking at cycle lanes and more space at Sheddens which should be implemented at the end of June. Routes to school will be looked at and more space for cycle lanes.
- JR – Need more cycling proficiency, cyclists not wearing helmets and need to learn how to cycle on roads as families. Cycling proficiency should be rolled out from Primary 1. Could the CCC access funding to roll out more cycling proficiency courses for the local community.
- CGox – Bikeability Level 1 rolled out in Primaries 5,6 and 7 .
- KO – There is a cycling school at Rouken Glen Park who do a lot for children
- **Action** – GC/JR to investigate available cycling training provision

## 6. Seeds for Hope

- All seeds are gone. Post photos of plants growing. **Action** – share photos of plants growing on Facebook Group as part of social media strategy.
- BD – 20 packs are for identifying public spaces to plant. We will need to identify 3-4 spaces to plant these seeds. Possibility of area at Vardar Avenue?
- CAI – There was take up from Clarkston and Busby Community Councils as well as Netherlee Group.
- BD – **Action** - Will email thanks to Seeds of Hope
- CAI – So far no link between Seeds of Hope and ERC but will speak with Michelle Thompson. If pilot works need to identify areas for planting.

## 7. Planning

- GC – 2 new mobile phone masts; Mearns Road near Greenbank Gardens and the top of Burnside Gardens near the current mast.
- NR – Already marked out on the pavement and sizeable installation. Looks much bigger than current mast. Should we be informing residents who live nearby.
- MI – CCC was sent letters for preplanning stage, we can still reply.
- **Action** – GCox will send objection.
- CAI – Planning Committee is looking to reconvene on the 25<sup>th</sup> June, more information will be given on the 15<sup>th</sup> June.
- Still waiting for progress on the Planning Application for Station Masters House.
- Licensing – Christopher Kelly will take on role to review and feedback on Licensing Applications.

## 8. Treasurers Report – Received ERC grant of £414.68 and total amount in bank account is £1638.68. There has been no activity.

## 9. Questions from the Public – None taken

## 10. AOCB

- KO – As local MP for East Renfrewshire, very happy to attend and will try to attend in future too. Online meetings have been great and making things more possible for everyone in difficult times. It has been difficult times for local community especially with regards to health and finances. There has been an outstanding response from residents. Local residents of street groups are doing a fantastic job support neighbours. Local organisations are also doing great work. Also aware of concerns raised about

local youth not socially distancing in public. **Action** – KO will promote Clarkston Community Council Facebook group on social media.

Not enough litter bins, what can we do? Can funding be used for more bins? Can we identify areas where more bins are needed? **Action:** We can report and encourage others to report to the ERC Ring and Report Line.

- NR – We should organise and carry out litter pick as Community Council – possibly July once Covid-19 restrictions permit. RN is admin of local litter pick group and has some equipment, ERC will supply bags/pickers etc and collect the filled bags if notified. Keep Scotland Beautiful will also provide tabards etc
- CAI – Contacted East Renfrewshire Leisure Trust about Clarkston Library about works and when the site can be accessed.
- JF – What can we add to make things more interesting in Clarkston? For example, fairy trails in Busby. There was a castle in the Overlee Park, however Overlee is not in Clarkston and falls under Stamperland. Trails and facts about Clarkston would be great. CAI -There is also Friends of Linn Park nature trail – **action** - will send contact info
- LA – When we facilitate litter pick can we also do some work around dog fouling? There are stencil signs we can paint on to pavements. CAI can ask ERC to lend us stencil and spray chalk. **Action** - CAI can send us relevant department details to contact.

11. Next Meeting –Next meeting date set as 1<sup>st</sup> July. MI will send dates for next 6 months to help planning and attendance for other organisations.

#### **Actions**

- ✓ **Extend Survey and encourage more people to complete online as may have time with lockdown in place – all**
- ✓ **To contact ERC Partnership Officer Gus Collins for feedback about local businesses and planning on Busby Road - Greg Chalmers**
- ✓ **Find out more information about BIG Lottery Scotland support through COVID - 19 recovery and send information on - Linda Allan**
- ✓ **Share social media proposal for Giffnock Community Council as example of how community council work could be supported with social media - Rebecca Nicholson**
- ✓ **Work on a logo /mascot competition on social media**
- ✓ **Work on social media strategy with team of 3-4 people –Rebecca Nicholson**
- ✓ **Put information together about Scottish Government measures (e.g. Track and Trace Diary) and send for social media - Linda Allan**
- ✓ **Put together information about biking for the community to post on social media - Julie Richardson**
- ✓ **Find out information about local biking courses and make contact with Veloworld contacts - Gillian Cox**
- ✓ **Share posts /photos about the Seeds of Hope planting and progress – all involved**
- ✓ **Send email of thanks to Seeds of Hope - Brian Dillon**
- ✓ **Put in objection to preplanning notice for new telecomms mast - Gillian Cox**
- ✓ **Licensing Applications volunteer to managing licensing matters for CCC - Christopher Kelly**
- ✓ **Send an email of thanks for Kirsten Oswald attending the CCC meeting. – Maryam Ingram**
- ✓ **Send department contact details how lend dog fouling stencil signs and support litter picks - Cllr Ireland**
- ✓ **Organise and send proposal for litter pick – Neal Ross**

Meeting ended.

**Next Meeting – Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> July 2020**

29/06/2020

**Meeting Minute Author**

**Name:** Maryam Imran

**Date Completed:** 29/06/2020