

## **Clarkston Community Council March Meeting Minutes**

**Date:** Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> March 2020

**Time:** 7pm to 8.45pm

**Venue:** Clarkston Community Halls

**Attendees:** Chairperson - Rebecca Nicholson (RN), Vice-Chairperson - Brian Dillon (BD), Secretary - Maryam Imran (MI), Treasurer - Christopher Kelly (CK), Gillian Cox (GCox), Ian Bell (IB), Julie Richardson (JR), Pamela Graham (PG), Greg Chalmers (GC), Elena Rose Job (EJ), Neal Ross (NR) member of public x 4, Cllr Annette Ireland (CAI)

**Guest Speakers** – Police Scotland, Ross McKemmie (RM)– Mens Shed, Mark Ritchie (MR)- Unum Partnership (Architects), William Sawers(WS) Northcare (Scotland) CEO , Richard Frinc (RF)– RFA Development Planning

**Apologies:** Cllr Stewart Miller

1. Apologies
2. Meeting Minutes from 5th February
3. Police Scotland update
4. Mens Shed
5. Northcare (Scotland) Limited's proposed development at Drumby Crescent
6. Planning
7. CCC Survey
8. I Love Clarkston Awards
9. CCC business - funding and volunteering in CCC; Facebook ; Noticeboard
10. Roads
11. ERC Litter Campaign
12. Scottish Water Update
13. Treasurers report
14. AOCB

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### **Meeting Minutes**

1. Apologies received and attendance recorded.
2. CCC 05/02/2020 Meeting Minutes. Following points for discussion:
  - GCox – no action with library
  - Follow up actions:
    - Still awaiting BID update
    - No flyer has been received from Voluntary Action ER, will follow up.
    - ERC Litter pick dates organised
    - Carry over action for CCC flyer Carolside PTA flyer and awareness from Headteacher.

Minutes were approved without further changes.

3. Police Scotland Report by Police Scotland Officer for the period of 03/12/2019 to 05/01/2020.
  - Please see attached Police Update report for January 2020 for Clarkston Community Council.
  - Antisocial behaviour, racial abuse against a 48-year-old woman on Seres Road.
  - Quieter period for violent crime.
  
4. Men's Shed – visit
  - Men's Shed is a 6-year-old project for East Renfrewshire and one of the oldest in East Renfrewshire. The aim is to support males getting to together to do things collectively and help tackle loneliness and isolation. Support a lot of men who have retired and had become isolated.
  - Currently occupy own premises in Barrhead which is old factory space. The building is partly used for woodwork activities with benches and tools as well as work with glass and metal. The other space is used for socialising activities and has kitchen and tables area. The shed also has a space for model making and have been donated model making resources. The Mens Shed have made a variety of items including bird boxes , planters have made items for Barrhead Nursery.
  - Members also include tradesmen who can advise other members but no formal training is given. The space is for men aged over 18years old. The organisation is an incorporated charity (SCIO) since 2016 and can apply for grants and need to apply to help pay for the premises.
  - RN enquires how CCC can support the Mens Shed. RM would like CCC to be aware of the work of the Mens Shed and promote the organisation on this side of East Renfrewshire and currently have no members from Clarkston. It was also queried if women can attend. RM explained women are part of the Mens Shed although the organisation is constitutionally for mens health and wellbeing. The club is open 4 days a week, and costs £2 a day or £5 a week. RM left leaflets about the organisation for all present at the meeting.
  
5. Northcare (Scotland) Limited's proposed development at Drumby Crescent

– Agenda of items covered handed to all present. Currently conducting preplanning exercise before planning application to East Renfrewshire Council (ERC).Questionnaires handed out at public engagement event on 27/02/20 and deadline is 27/03/20. Currently at 7 weeks or 12 weeks statutory planning process.

WS – Northcare is 30 years old and started in Aberdeen. Own and operate 7 care homes in Edinburgh and Glasgow. Use their own construction for own projects - not outsourced. Care homes have facilities that are open to the public. Clarkston House is another home not far for proposed site. Has facilities for public to access, bistro, restaurant, hairdressers and beauty services.

RF – Planning consultant. Home is for nursing medical care and 22 assisted living apartments. Currently testing the Drumby Crescent site after a few failed planning proposals on the old Williamwood High Playing Fields. The site has been vacant for 11 years and adjacent to Drumby Crescent. The ERC Local Development Plan 2 (LDPS) identified as site for residential planning. Usage Class 8 on Towns Planning legislation.

MR – Lead architect. Has prepared a3 pack of exhibition boards for CCC. Proposed development is 68 bedroom care home, 22 assisted living flats, car par and access and a shared public space/garden with neighbours and the area will be kept in the ownership of Northcare and will be responsible for the maintenance. Currently the site is used for dog walking. A landscape architect is appointed. There will be a boundary, wall or fence for the area and there will be surveillance. The care home will be a 4 storey building. Northcare integrates residential care into the local community and will have access for the residents and

local community. The Drumby Crescent site will have a top floor café, private roof terrace, cocktail bar, swimming pool, hydrotherapy on lower floor. The proposed development plans to have extra GPs to provide care by Williamwood medical centre if the proposal proceeds. The assisted living block will provide rental accommodation.

Access to street, 30 metres after health centre access to site. There will be 50 car parking spaces. 12-week PAN process and registered end of January 2020. End of April/May start for first application and are completing public consultation, CCC engagement and stakeholder dialogue.

RN – How long will the building take? RF - the planning process will take 4 months from May to September as estimated. The work is anticipated to start early 2021 and will take 16-18 months for construction and funding has been secured.

GC – From consultation what are the residents responses? RF – There has been mixed responses and generally supportive. There are questions around access and design.

RN – The CCC are aware of past issues from the development with Eastwood Health Centre.

RF – Aware of what has happened in the past with Eastwood Health Centre and are developing plans with Northcare around construction access. Aware there are access issues, traffic issues, road maintenance issues. This will be added to the planning process; add management needs for roads plans, visitors will be managed and there will be green transport plans.

GC – Clarkston House (also Northcare) – would like assurance as to whether promises and commitments to local community were kept.

IB – Q – How will disruption be managed? Q-How will Drumby not be affected? RF – Will detail in plans, traffic impact assessment.

PG – Q – How can Care Home car park be prevented from use by non-care home/flats car users? RF – The site is providing ample parking for care home and assisted living. Parking issue will be discussed in traffic impact assessment. They can only control own site within their boundary.

RN – Can assurance of community payback be given? RF – Aim to get issues highlighted in planning application, community should seek benefits. Northcare need to understand impacts want to be a good neighbour and want to liaise with residents and CCC.

GCoX – Q-Has the size been discussed with ERC? MR – Size has been discussed and the development will not be like a commercial building. Analyse from all angles, the height, design and access plans.

GCoX – Could there be allotments? MR – Have a bit of land, seeking ideas from community like kids playground, allotments, community garden etc.

RN – Can residents grow anything? MR – Each bedroom has private garden/planters. Sensory gardens and grown own fruit and vegetables.

#### Member of public

-Green transport plans – residents were involved with health centre. Issues were not minuted and not delivered. It was ignored about railway station needs in terms of access and parking. Lack of parking has pushed parking up Drumby Crescent, there is evidence of this through photos and it has caused problems for residents. The please turn right sign is ignored and not enforceable. ERC have said the police have responsibility for signage and yellow lines. Still waiting for traffic counting measures from ERC. It was noted there was a fatality on Ayr Road , the road was relined and pedestrian islands created as a result. Removal of materials from site was also an issue. Can a guarantee be given that traffic will not use Drumby Crescent? RN stated CCC should support Drumby residents with follow up on previous actions promised by ERC and as yet undelivered.

MR/RF/WS – Health Centre's Green travel plans should be held to account which should be detailed in Health Centres planning permission. Drainage will be looked at with sustainable drainage options and a drainage plan is being developed. All construction traffic has been instructed to enter and exit the site via Medical Centre end of Drumby Crescent – junction of

Easstwood Mains Rd and Seres Rd. Northcare will be delivering the construction work and all complaints can be directed to the company and will be dealt with them directly.

Northcare gave assurances that no lorries of earth would require to be taken away from the site, and no construction vehicles would drive along the residential section of Drumby.

RN – Need to research more about needs for Drumby Crescent / impact and thanked Northcare Development team for time, they then left the meeting.

## 6. Planning Applications

- **GCoX** – No planning applications recently that require our attention as CCC.

**RN** – A resident emailed CCC about objections for the planning application for the Station Masters house. Respondent has objected to ERC and requested CCC also object to the planning application. There have been 18 objections already – summarised these. Discussed again and decision remains that there are no formal grounds for objection under planning regs. However the application has been passed to the Planning Committee as it has 10+ objections.

- **BD** – Can we approach owners for more information in terms of the types of businesses. Can we assure the public?
- **RN** – Can we approach owners for more information.

GC – Are residents of Drumby Crescent okay with information so far (from Northcare team)?

Residents – Concerns raised from public exhibition. There were problems with health centre development in past. Now there is another major commercial concern near a quiet residential area. Currently there is a rat run of traffic Drumby Crescent. More parking has moved up the street. The LDP2 had stated the site was for residential planning. The railway station parking has also affected the street. Not enough buses as public transport near site.

NR – Green travel plan is not working for residents with health centre development. How will the travel plan from Northcare with a 50-car park capacity? Will this be enough with shift pattern staff also attending? The green travel plan does not have infrastructure to support the local community. There are already issues with health centre, so this is going to add with this development.

CAI – Cannot comment but can ask ERC for contact to attend meeting. Can also use opportunity to put traffic calming measures in place. Double yellows will be put in Drumby Crescent, worry is displacement parking.

RN – this is a better option and could be a positive impact for the community. What steps can be taken to help the development more helpful for residents? Can we lever changes to public transport etc, access to Williamwood station? Time is limited so will need to revisit and will add to next month's agenda, will minute actions and invite ERC.

## CCC Survey Update –

MI – Questionnaire was developed into an e-survey through google forms and so far, received 205 responses. Given Clarkston's estimated population is between 9,000 to 14,000 residents more responses would be helpful.

JR – Has completed paper questionnaires at medical practice and toddlers group. Paper responses passed to secretary.

RN – Propose to extend date and facilitate more surveys.

ER – Spoken to young people about CCC at school who feel it's for adults. Will be attending Young Scot residential so can raise awareness about CCC and survey.

CAI – Suggested contacting the ERC Youth Forum

CCC engagement at school would require sending email to Williamwood High School.

NR – Can work with son at school to help get surveys completed.

## **ACTION – Extend survey to April.**

7. I Love Clarkston Awards– Only 3 members can attend. The tickets will be paid for individually by those attending.
8. CCC Business -
  - Funding – Use of CCC funds. Need to look at equity and volunteering support to participate as CCC, as no one should be out of pocket as a volunteer. RN contacted ERC Liaison Officer Vincent McCulloch to discuss appropriate use of funds. To be discussed at future meeting.
  - Mission Statement – Need to put on Facebook group.
  - Social media communication /Facebook – Should post more. BD is an admin and currently have 35 members in the Facebook group. Currently admin approves posts. Suggested we should add a question to help approve members by where they live. Secretary can post meeting dates, agendas and links to minutes.
  - Notice Board – MI updated CCC that a local business Popeyes Fish and Chips at Clarkston have offered CCC to use their empty noticeboard free of charge. MI will liaise with GCox.
9. Roads – . Council Tax has been increased and would be helpful understand if this will help with repair work to the roads. Also who has responsibility of ramps at train station, Scotrail? CAI emailed Transport Scotland to follow up. There is an Access for All Fund. ERC looking to identify gaps in travel. CAI suggests Jane Carrie as a key contact from the council. RN would like to invite ERC key contact to next meeting.
10. ERC Litter Campaign – Has been a positive campaign. CCC can link with Clarkson Litter Action group and participate in a couple of litter picks for April, the first and last Saturdays of the school easter holidays, still to set dates. Coincide with spring clean. GC suggests to speak to 121 Scout Group to assist as they could earn a badge as part of the litter pick. ERC can help promote litter pick.
11. Scottish Water Update – GC has left messages for key contact Michelle Thompson. Still working on direction for community payback. Had meeting with Carolside Sports Club and looking to liaise with Busby and Stamperland Clubs for funding. The Community Toolkit email for Community Councils has provided helpful links. GC is currently looking into the funding and feasibility for an all-weather pitch as part of the community payback for works at Overlee Pitches. Still need to enquire what funds Scottish Water have. CAI suggests we contact the Fieldson Trust who have Overlee Park listed as their park.
12. Treasurers Report – There is £1468.48 in the bank account at present. There has been spend on printing of the surveys. Our next grant from ERC will be due on 1<sup>st</sup> April. Secretary submits expenses form to Chair and Treasurer for expenses which will be paid through bank transfer the following week.
13. AOCB
  - **Minute taking** - The Secretary will be absent from the next meeting so will need a volunteer to minute the next meeting.
  - **May Meeting** - The Chair will be absent for the May meeting so will need a member to volunteer for Chair duty,

- **Network Rail** – CAI has been in contact with Network Rail about the cutting of plants and trees along rail lines in East Renfrewshire. Network Rail have offered to come and speak at the CCC.

#### **Actions**

- ✓ **Contact Voluntary Action East Renfrewshire for Happy to Chat flyer .**
- ✓ **Promote Easter Litter picks**
- ✓ **Contact ERC for key contact for roads and invite to CCC meeting.**
- ✓ **Add funding and volunteering discussion for next meeting agenda.**
- ✓ **Add agenda item to next meeting for Drumby Crescent and invite key ERC officers.**
- ✓ **Extend Survey deadline to April.**
- ✓ **MI to liaise with GCox about business noticeboard space.**
- ✓ **Contact 121 Scout group for support for organized litter picks.**
- ✓ **Secretary to post agenda, meeting dates and links to minute on Facebook group**
- ✓ **Chair to ask Carolside PTA if they can share flyer on Facebook and Headteacher if he could briefly mention in his regular newsletter.**

Meeting Finished.

**Next Meeting – Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> March 2020 at 7pm at Clarkston Community Hall**

**Meeting Minute Author**

**Name: Maryam Imran**

**Date Completed: 29/03/2020**