

Clarkston Community Council February Meeting Minutes

Date: Wednesday 5th February 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) , member of public

Guest Speakers – Police Scotland – Jim Boyle, Voluntary Action East Renfrewshire - Claire Ramsay

Apologies: Greg Chalmers, Cllr Alan Lafferty, Neal Ross, Linda V Allan, Cllr Anette Ireland

1. Apologies
2. Minutes from Last Meeting
3. Police Scotland Report
4. Voluntary Action
5. Planning Applications - Gillian Cox
6. Beat The Street East Renfrewshire update
7. CCC Questionnaire and Mission Statement
8. CCC Facebook group and other CCC Business
9. Southside Community Magazine Article
10. Scottish Water update
11. Treasurers Report
12. AOCB

Meeting Minutes

1. Apologies received and attendance recorded.
2. CCC 08/01/2020 Meeting Minutes. Following points for discussion:
 - There are two members with abbreviations of GC, could minutes please reflect the difference in abbreviations.
 - Follow-up actions – contact Andy Dunlop (BID) regarding litter pick and writing to council to support BID.
 - I Love Clarkston Community Awards have been pushed back to Friday 20th March 2020 due to the Redhurst Hotel being renovated.
 - Sponsorship package sent over from BID for consideration for CCC. Discussion followed – some members concerned about use of funding. RN will contact Vincent McCulloch at East Renfrewshire Council for more guidance and contact Any Dunlop about rates for a table.
 - In relation to the action about the community council organising a litter pick, it was noted that ERC are pushing a positive campaign about litter pickup. They are developing a short film and RN and BD have been part of the filming. Action to take forward is that RN will organise Easter Litter picks.

- 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 December 2019 for Clarkston Community Council.
- Gas meter theft was unusual and during the day.
- Antisocial behaviour, both Clarkston and Busby have reports and investigations are still ongoing from last report.
- Door to door sales scams in the area. Police can do special awareness sessions about door to door scams, people need to be alert. There is also a lot of online and phone scams because people's details are known to scammers. There are ways to be more vigilant online, for example using public shared Wifi.
- It was queried about begging in the local area and response was begging is not a crime unless it's aggressive or asking for money, it then becomes a crime.

4. Voluntary Action – visitor

- "Tomorrow's Older People" project – a project that aims to speak to people aged 40 and over about what to do when growing older. Help them to connect in community as growing older. Aim to help reduce isolation and loneliness.
- Happy to chat places – Still trying to establish a Happy to Chat place in Clarkston, the closest has been the Cartvale in Busby. Costa in Clarkston already have a Chatty Café session which is helpful.
- Similar projects in England have established Friendly Benches, therefore the Parklets in Clarkston have been identified as a potential place to provide a space to chat. ERC have given permission for signs to be put on the Parklets. Posted on social media about Happy to Chat in the parklets but response limited
- It was suggested that one of the I love Clarkston benches could be used. Voluntary Action have a limited budget for this work and would require a poster to be put on the bench which would be difficult. ERC Planning and Realisation team have been working with Voluntary Action on this venture. The project is trying to identify spaces in case someone is feeling anxious or isolated, a busy space may not be appropriate whereas an outdoor space with a bench may work better. It was flagged up that Eaglesham will be receiving an electronic noticeboard for the community and that funding is available from the ERC Planning and Realisation team.
- CCC will help promote the project. Eastwood Health Centre has a Happy to Chat space in the café. Encourage local businesses where possible to become happy to chat spaces. Flyers will be sent to CCC to share on our Facebook Group page.

5. Planning Applications – Gillian Cox

- **Care Facility Planning Application on Drumby Crescent** – Preplanning application for Drumby Crescent site. Public consultation will be on Thursday 27th February, Secretary will email more information when available. CCC will be involved in at planning application process and Applicants have been invited to the next CCC meeting in March. It was noted that the proposed care facility plans do extend to behind some residents homes. The main concerns would be the traffic increase and business of Drumby Crescent, construction traffic and road damage.
- RN has also had discussions with CCC member IB who is a resident of Drumby Crescent about ongoing difficulties with road and traffic on the road for residents. The previous development of Eastwood Health Centre, the building work and traffic left a lot

of damage to the road. The road still suffers from a lot of speeding, added pollution, lots of traffic and needs a revamp as there are many potholes in the road. There is a need for double yellow lines from the traffic lights to the start of the houses. Traffic management counters were put in and ERC had two meetings with regards to the situation. 21 Freedom of Information (FOI) have been submitted in relation to this, only 5 have received a response. There was a Drumby Crescent survey conducted with 74% responding of which 62% were in favour of taking action. ERC committed to a 300 car parking spaces car park, however it was recommended that all the pitches should have been used to accommodate parking at the Health Centre. Taxis park up waiting for work from the health centre so add to the traffic on the road. There is a 20mph speed limit which is not always observed. Also for parents with prams there is difficulty for them to embark on to the pavement due to the parked cars. It was noted there is also no ramp access to train station for prams/wheelchairs etc. Traffic and road issues do not appear to have been fully addressed by ERC.

- Resident of Drumby Crescent states there was a meeting at the Redhurst Hotel. They feel the issue is with the exit from the car park, would like it angled so traffic cannot turn left on to Drumby Crescent. There is signage guiding drivers not to turn left, however the signage is not legally enforceable
- **Erection of 4 retail units after demolition of dwelling house , 37 Busby Road –** Planning application submitted in in August 2019 and lacked economic assessment so was originally rejected. Resubmitted in December 2019 with economic assessment. Although the house dates back to 1860's, the house is not listed and has been derelict for some time. BD read the economic assessment and shared that it states that there will be 26 new jobs created and each unit will be 100 sq metres. Questions arising include who would rent these units when there has been difficulty with rates for businesses to rent in Clarkston., bins, parking, is it going to fit in with local area and meet the demand of what the area needs. The CCC can raise awareness of the application to residents. There needs to be 10 objections for application to go to the Planning committee. Requires legitimate reason(s) under Planning legislation for objection. The application was submitted on 23rd December 2019 and the 21 days to respond has passed.
- **Greenbank Church –** There have been social media discussions about developments at Greenbank Church where the grounds for the halls will be sold off, the original church building and manse will be retained. MI contacted the Minister who has advised to signpost to the Legacy Project of Greenbank Church website for more information and updates.

Beat the Street East Renfrewshire – The Engagement Coordinator was not available to attend the meeting but sent a project debrief which has been sent to CCC members in advance of the meeting. The project is a health improvement interactive game encouraging residents, particularly families with children to encourage active walking and cycling while earning points by swiping a given card and/or fob with a designated Beat the Street beat box to earn points and rewards for local community groups, schools etc taking part. Clarkston Library is a distribution point for cards and maps to play the game. Driving in cars to beat boxes is not the correct way to play the game and those found cheating can be reported.

6. Questionnaire – The questionnaire is ready to go live online and through printed copies. Clarkston library are happy for their space to be used and to partner with CCC on work. They are also happy for CCC to use their noticeboard space. Secretary will prepare online survey and send over to Chair at earliest convenience. RN will organise for printed copies of survey. CCC will need volunteers to help survey resident in person at library and in town centre on Busby Road. The survey will be live for 3 weeks.

7. CCC Business -

- Mission Statement – RN had emailed 5 options for a Mission Statement and still awaiting more responses. The mission statement options were passed round all members in attendance option 4 was selected the most. The mission statement is as follows – “**Clarkston Community Council, working to connect and improve our community for all.**”
- Social media communication – Start to share on other pages and groups.
- Central Community Space – Community Council members and Cllr Ireland organised a visit to the old ERC social work premises on Busby Road. GC/IB reported back that a lot of work is required to improve it for community usage and which would require large funds. Walls would have to be removed and support put in which could cost £60,000 to £70,000 initially. Presently would not recommend as a community hub.
- Notice Board – Need to submit formal request to ERC for putting notice board on previous ERC Social Work building.

8. Southside Community Magazine Article – RN liaised with the magazine on an article which was published in the January edition of the Southside Community Magazine. The article covered the reestablishment of the community council and CCC questionnaire.

9. Scottish Water – Carried forward to next meeting due to GC apologies tonight.

10. Treasurers Report – There is £1552.48 in the bank account at present. Our next grant from ERC will be due in April. We are not liable to pay for the Zurich Public Liability Insurance, this is paid for by ERC.

11. AOCB

- **Update from Cllr Ireland**, there was an issue with the traffic light that manages turns right onto Old Mearns Road from Clarkston toll which was causing traffic to back up. The sensor was experiencing problems. We should report if issues reoccur
- **Roads Concerns** – RN and GCox met with ERC Roads Department regarding the junction with Mearns Road and Seres Road at ScotMid which is a difficult crossing place due to line of sight for drivers and pedestrians. Particularly concerning for those with impaired vision and children. Also highlighted issues with mini roundabout at Williamwood Church and the junction for Eastwoodmains road and Eastwood Health Centre. Roads Dept are assessing.
- **National Planning Framework** – circulated by email for any input
- **Scottish Water Community payback** – It was queried about the community payback for the Scottish Water works at Overlee Park. GC is currently working on the idea of an all weathers sports pitch.
- **Residents Query** – NR had emailed a query from a resident from Moray Drive about the traffic and parking due to the Scottish Water works obstructing access to the park, in particular for children. It was recommended to signpost to Scottish Water website with helpline. Moray Drive is currently out with the CCC area so would fall to Stamperland Community Council as and when re-established.
- **Member of Public** – Served as past Chair of Community Council and was thanked for input and welcomed to attend future meetings.

Actions

- Chair to contact BID manager for table rates for I Love Clarkston Community Awards.**
- Chair to organise and promote Easter Litter picks**
- Chair to contact ERC Community Council Liaison Officer for guidance on use of funds**
- Once Voluntary Action send over Happy to Chat Flyer, CCC to share on social media**
- Secretary to send more information about Proposed Care Facility at Drumby Crescent Public Consultation on 27th February**
- Share Busby Road Planning application to social media for residents to be aware of the application**
- CCC member GCox to organize for minutes to be displayed in Clarkston Library Noticeboard**
- Secretary to create online survey for CCC questionnaire**
- Chair to print surveys for residents to complete in person.**
- 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 4th March 2020 at 7pm at Clarkston Community Hall

Meeting Minute Author

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Date Completed: 27/02/2020