

Clarkston Community Council (CCC) July Meeting Minutes

Date: Wednesday 1st July 2020

Time: 8pm to 9.25pm

Venue: Zoom Video Meeting (Online meeting)

Attendees: Chairperson - Rebecca Nicholson (RN), Vice-Chair – Brian Dillon (BD) Secretary - Maryam Imran (MI), Treasurer - Christopher Kelly (CK), Ian Bell (IB), Julie Richardson (JR), Gillian Cox (GCox), Andy Dunlop – Clarkston BID (AD) , Cllr David MacDonald (CDM), Kirsten Oswald MP (KO), Taylor Stillie (TS)

Apologies: Elena Rose Job, Linda Allan

Agenda

1. Welcome and apologies
2. Meeting Minutes for June
3. Police Scotland Report
4. Matters for discussion
 - Covid-19 recovery - impact on Clarkston business – Clarkston BID Andy Dunlop
 - Survey response update and next steps
 - Social media / communications
 - Cycling Scotland pilot
 - Wildflowers scheme
 - Litter Pick
 - New initiatives
5. Diversity ER Meeting on Tackling Racism and Discrimination in East Renfrewshire
6. Planning applications
7. Licensing applications
8. Treasurers Report
9. Questions from the public
10. AOCB

Meeting Minutes

1. Apologies received and attendance recorded.
2. CCC 03/06/20 meeting minutes

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

Minutes approved.

3. Police Scotland Report

- MI – Crime rates remain low in Clarkston. Notable crimes include theft of bikes in Sunnybank Grove and another street. Also a 21 year old male was found in possession of cannabis on Eastwood Mains Road. It has also been requested if we can share the Police Scotland summer campaign on Facebook. There was incident at Pollok Park after a youth passed away from drowning. It would be appreciated if the community council could share Police Scotland social media messages.

4. Matters for Discussion

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

- AD – Created social distancing materials for businesses, happy to share with others. Developed training platform for businesses to be compliant with Covid regulations. Also remote audits to see if measures are in place, also businesses are certified and receive sneeze shields. Supporting town centre approach to reopening. There is a map of the town and how to queue safely. Working alongside East Renfrewshire Council and Business Gateway. ERC have also developed social distancing measures for businesses. After speaking with businesses, busier than last year. Engagement with businesses has been difficult as mainly online or over email. Also aware car park work has began but not aware of the new timescales for work. Finally working on contingency plan if the lockdown is to return.
- TS – Working with Voluntary Action ER on the Wee Chat and Station Planters group. Looking to promote the work of the Spaces for People work by ERC and Sustrans and gather feedback. The group has paused due to the lockdown but plans to resume from the 15th July.

Social Media/Community Communications Update

- JF - Engagement has been difficult on social media.
- RN - Still need more people to join the Facebook Group. There has been a meeting by the sub group for social media and JF did great work with photo competition. Need to also develop original content as sharing other information currently.
- AD is happy to promote over I Love Clarkston Group and Page, also need to do things that are not usually discussed on social media like the Get to Know Your Neighbour Campaign.
- BD – Promote local groups, funding and support to local groups.

Survey Response Update and next steps

- MI – There has been 303 survey responses as of today's meeting date. 46% of responses are from Clarkston. The issues we asked for priority scoring are listed as followed in priority order from highest to lowest from the survey responses. Issues – 1.Town Centre Amenities, 2.Car Parking, 3.Environment Including recycling, 4.Crime

/antisocial behaviour and roads/crossing traffic jointly, 5.Public transport, 6.Public Spaces for activities and events, 7.Litter, 8.Health and Wellbeing.

- RN – How long can we keep survey open and where else can it be shared or engaged? The survey did have slow start but need to increase engagement.
- BD – We have focused on litter, could also look at services and activities for young people.
- JF – Services for young people also mentioned in further comments by survey respondents. Perhaps a youth committee could be setup, they could access funding and lead with our support.
- MI – There is East Renfrewshire Youth Forum .
- CDM – Can contact the ERY Forum and ask if they could become more involved in Clarkston.
- AD – Could also use the engagement to lead a Get to Know Your Neighbour Campaign to help towards gathering community spirit and pride in your own street.
- MI – ACTION – to focus on survey as a main item on next meeting agenda.

Cycling Scotland Pilot

- GCox spoke with Veloworld , their funding for lessons has stopped but can do personal lessons for a fee. They can do a video for £450, filming about cycling in Clarkston. Keith Fergus contacted to share there is funding for further pilots. Initially was for 10 families but now extended for more and beyond Clarkston. The feedback has been excellent. Hope to build confidence of people to keep cycling and will need to think about cycling infrastructure in East Renfrewshire.

Wildflowers Scheme

- Packets were distributed but not many photos have been sent back. RN – sent photos of patch of grass at Varder Avenue of flowers growing. GCox will send in photos too. BD dispersed seeds at end of Varder Avenue and top of Cathkin Drive. CDM has also planted seeds and will take pictures. ACTION – collate photos and request on original Facebook post.

Litter Pick

- RN – Neal had raised posts about litter behind Williamwood High School and need for community pick. Could we do a join litter pick in this area with Busby Community Council? KO – Maybe too soon in terms of Covid-19 guidance. Will look at Roadmap for more clarity. RN – Best to wait til safer to organise and can contact Busby CC when safe to do so. AD – Happy to get involved and have picking equipment. Also noted there was a community litter picks by local community council in East Ayrshire. CDM – Explore if anyway to engage with the perpetrators of littering and look at causes and try to send a message. How do we prevent? Need to look at cause?

New Initiatives – Move to next meeting due to time.

5. Diversity ER Meeting on Tackling Racism and Discrimination in East Renfrewshire

- MI attended meeting as has been a member of the forum since 2003. Diversity ER was setup by Black and Minority Ethnic(BME)community members who attended the East Renfrewshire Council Minority Ethnic Forum. The meeting was attended by council officers, councillors, MP and MSP, East Renfrewshire Faith Forum as well as BME community members. The meeting heard about research collated by Diversity ER which included examples of racism occurring in education, business, community and sport. We heard that many respondees noted a fear of reporting to both police and council for fear of retaliation from council services etc. The meeting concluded the need to work together to improve the situation for BME people in East Renfrewshire while also rooting out racism from our schools workplaces and streets.

6. Planning

- Nothing specific. Noted there is another mast application near Williamwood Golf Club.
7. Licensing – No licensing applications for Clarkston. CK has made contact with the Officer Christine McAuley and there will be a meeting for Licensing for 10th July.
 8. Treasurers Report – The bank account total is £1638.68. There has been no activity.
 9. Questions from the Public – None taken
 10. AOCB
 - KO – Posted about plastic free July and happy to support CCC to share this message. Still lobbying about climate challenge. Also there is a Busby and Clarkston local Horticultural Society that CCC could connect to locally. They have events including flower shows. Still not enough people in local area wearing masks or face coverings.
 - AD – Businesses do not want to ask people to wear masks as they do not want that responsibility. Businesses are feeling uncomfortable.
 - RN – Future CCC meetings to start from 7pm online. Also can offer tabards and litter pick equipment to individuals who want to litter pick due to the social distancing and guidelines.
 - AD – Renewal Ballot extended to March 2021 by Scottish Government. Still happy for CCC to be on the Board of Clarkston BID. May struggle to attend full CCC meeting if starting at 7pm but will join during meeting.
 - BD – Currently compiling list of local organisations and groups. If anyone has any further information please send to Brian. AD is happy to share list Clarkston BID with BD.
 11. Next Meeting – Next meeting date set as 5th August.

Actions

June Actions carried over

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July Meeting Actions

- CCC Survey as individual agenda for next meeting - Maryam Imran**
- To create Social Media Strategy Plan - Social Media Sub Group**
- Make contact with East Renfrewshire Youth Forum and see if any support can be given in the Clarkston area - Cllr David MacDonald**

- ✓ Share post on Facebook offering members of public if they want to individually litter pick, can borrow tabards and litter pick equipment - Rebecca Nicolson
- ✓ Seeds for Hope - Collect and collate photos of plants grown from seeds and ask on original Facebook posts for photos - Brian Dillon.
- ✓ Compilation of list of local organisations, groups and activities - Brian Dillon
- ✓ Promote Clarkston Community Council facebook group over I Love Clarkston group and page - Andy Dunlop
- ✓ Send existing list of organisations and groups from BID - Andy Dunlop
- ✓ Send Police Scotland link for Summer Safety campaign to share on Social media - Maryam Imran

Meeting ended.

Next Meeting – Wednesday 5th August at 7pm

Meeting Minute Author

Name: Maryam Imran

Date Completed: 28/08/2020