

Clarkston Community Council
Minutes
Wednesday 4th November 2020
7 – 9pm via Zoom

Item	Notes
Attendance	<p>Rebecca Nicholson - RN (Chair) , Christopher Kelly - CK (Treasurer), Julie Flaherty - JF, Gillian Cox - GC, Linda Allan – LA (Minutes), Elena Job- EJ, Joe Pakenham – JP.</p> <p>Cllr Annette Ireland - AI, Kirsten Oswald MP – KO</p> <p>Visitors; Claire Reid- CR – Community Safety, Emma Ball -EB, ERC Community Learning and Development, Lise Fisher - LF</p>
1. Welcome & Apologies	<p>RN gave everyone a warm welcome to the meeting. Apologies were received from Maryam Imran, Cllr Stewart Miller, and Andy Dunlop (Clarkston BID). Cllr David Macdonald has indicated that he will no longer attend Clarkston Community Council meetings. RN has contacted Cllr McDonald request the reason for his withdrawal. TD has also been contacted to offer assistance to access the online meetings.</p>
2. Minutes - October meeting	<p>Agreed as accurate. An update on actions was provided.</p>
3. Police Scotland Report and ERC Community Safety	<p>There was no report from Police Scotland for this meeting. A discussion took place as to the increase in anti social behaviour in Clarkston recently manages the Community Safety team and acknowledged the ongoing concerns locally, giving the following overview;-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The partnership working currently in place with the Police and other relevant agencies such as East Renfrewshire Council youth engagement team. • The importance of reporting incidents to either the community wardens on 0800 – 0130076 or by calling the police on 101 for non emergencies or 999 for emergencies. • It was agreed that the lack of after school clubs, activities or sports sessions was adding to the number of youths out and about with little to do • There is CCTV outside Michelangelo’s however there is no sign advising of this. RN enquired if a sign could be added noting CCTV presence and encouraging the public to report issues. • There are usually 4 to 6 community wardens on duty during any one shift. • Action point – arrange for signage to be put up with the ring and report line number. • Specific hotspots are acted upon based on intelligence received, as well as the volume of calls regarding individual hotspots. More patrols and checks are implemented in these areas.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The weather plays a big part in anti social behaviour - bad weather tends to keep people indoors. • There is a robust action plan in place for Guy Fawkes weekend. • EB from ERC Community Learning and Development reported that her team also includes the community capacity building and youth work teams. • They have been trying to connect with local youth by carrying out informal detached / street work. They are building relationships with local youth to try to identify what their interests are and signpost them to suitable provision. They then work closely with education colleagues particularly in cases of vulnerability. • They are working under strict COVID guidelines. It is hoped that they may be able to put on a programme of activities to encourage better behaviour once COVID restrictions are lifted. • The youth work team normally use 2 buildings – The Edge in Newton Mearns and The Museum Youth Facility in Barrhead. • Clarkston has never had provision from this team before and are currently getting 4 x 2.5 hour street work / detached youth work since June. There have been 764 ‘contacts’ with individuals (not unique) • The team report that the youths are happy to engage and talk about education and pressures they experience. A common thread has been their need for a safe space to get together with their friends as they have nothing to do. • The Police have some funds available so it may be possible to get a project such as skateboarding or engaging sports / drama tutors for outdoor taster sessions. • Contact with CCC will be maintained and EB will also make contact with Off Grid Kids to look at joint working. • Action point - RN will pass Off Grid Kids contact details to EB • The East Renfrewshire Youth Voice may be a good way to engage with local young people. • A question was raised as to whether or not local shops are selling alcohol to people underage. It was confirmed that the council have a licensing standards officer who works to ensure that licensing laws are adhered to. CR can pass on his number to the group if needed. • Dog Fouling – the lane at Sunnyside Drive has become an issue – it would be appreciated if the wardens could stencil the area again. • Kirsten Oswald MP reported that the Chief Inspector has a good understanding of local policing issues and is working on it.
4. Matters Arising	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clarkston Covid 19 Recovery – there is no longer a Clarkston specific meeting due to low attendance. • Social Media / Communications - Zoom Package, Working Group – there has been a steady increase in the numbers joining the Facebook page. A few more volunteers to help with the social media activity would be welcomed. • Action Point – ER will help set up an Instagram page with JF

Fire safety messages have been shared in the run up to Guy Fawkes night.

We missed publicising our first anniversary – date to be noted for future. A discussion took place as to how best to manage our current social media accounts. The current guidelines are working but we may need to update these if and when needed.

- **Activity Trails / Witchy Windows** – RN congratulated Julie on a job exceptionally well done with overall agreement from those present. The response locally has been very positive with a great corresponding engagement on our Facebook page.
- **CCC Book Swap** – GC reported that over 100 people have joined the book swap page and are actively swapping books.
- **Recycling & Litter** – RN reported that funding is available to initiate a local project around this. After a discussion it was agreed that CCC would apply for funding for carts and litter pickers.
Action Point – LA will make an application.
- **Williamwood station access** – RN and GC met via Zoom with Disability Action again. Currently ascertaining how to get Williamwood assessed in terms of accessibility and working on an action plan.
- **50th anniversary of gas explosion in 2021** – a discussion took place regarding how to appropriately mark the 50th anniversary of the tragedy. Not all of the current memorial sites are well known. There were lots of ideas regarding a fitting way to remember those who had lost their lives such as a plaque at the end of the shops or on the memorial tree, or to use the town centre funding to do something much bigger. GC suggested a fundraising campaign also. It was agreed that we could investigate ideas and come back with some possibilities.
- **Roads Update** – Cllr AI confirmed that the crossing at Scotmid is going to be made safer by topping and tailing the on-street parking to make the crossing shorter. There has been no update on the roundabout at Williamwood church as yet. A request for a review of the parklets has been asked for – no updates as yet.
- **Risks Clarkston** – agreed to leave until the next meeting.
- **AGM / New Members** – AGM will take place in December. We have been able to recruit some new members
Action : Request for additional members via social media.
- **Food Bank Appeal** – it was agreed that rather than the community council organising a specific appeal we should support existing groups and organisations.
Action Point – it was agreed that we would bring back a list of who is doing what to the next meeting in order to advertise them on our page.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Plans for XMAS for local Clarkston community – a discussion took place around ideas for helping to create Clarkston Community Spirit during Christmas. A ‘walking trail’ of Christmas themed installations was agreed. JF will take these ideas forward with some of the committee who volunteered for the Christmas sub group. Cllr AI will help with getting permission to use council land for some of the installations. CK confirmed we have a budget for materials.
5. Town Centre Funding Proposal	It was confirmed that we are not getting winter lighting as originally thought, but are getting Christmas lighting, RN is querying this. RN confirmed that a bid has been submitted for Town Centre Funding to create a community hub in the disused HSCP building.
6. ERC Youth Work Team & Off Grid Kids Youth Work Proposal for Clarkston	Moved to item3
7. I Love Clarkston & Clarkston BID	No update
8. Planning Applications	<p>There has been a submission for a Planning Application for installation of 20m telecommunications monopole at Burnside Gardens (not a pre-planning notification). Action Point - It was agreed to post this on the CCC Facebook page to ensure that local people were aware of it.</p> <p>There was a discussion around the recent planning application for the building of retail units on the site of the former Station Master’s House. The community council submitted a formal objection to the appeal as did some of the individual members. The main objections were discussed.</p> <p>It was also confirmed that the local councillors asked for their decision making meeting minutes be updated to reflect more of the details of their conversation rather than just the result –that has been done and sent to Scottish Government who will assess the evidence for the appeal.</p> <p>Action Point - Cllr AI will contact building control to ask the current owners to action the current state of the building.</p>
9. Licensing applications	<p>A number of applications have been received:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Minar would like to offer alcohol as a off sales along with their food delivery 2. The local fish van would like to offer additional food 3. The Drumby petrol station would like to offer off sales provision. <p>The CCC did not feel any action was required on the above.</p>
10. Treasurers Report	<p>Chris Kelly gave the treasurers report: We have £1631.98 in the bank Still to be paid is a £50 prize and £6.70 in postage. The council have offered to pay for a professional Zoom account which RN will set up.</p>

<p>11. AOCB</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Flu Vaccinations - KO reported that the flu vaccinations within East Renfrewshire are ongoing. • Clarkston Library – it was noted that Clarkston Library has still not opened despite restrictions being lifted. Action Point – Cllr AI will check with the council and report back. • Bulk Uplift – A question arose as to when the bulk uplift by ERC was being resumed. Cllr AI confirmed that as far as she was aware it was restarted at the beginning of November. Action Point – Cllr AI will check the date of the renewal of bulk uplifts. • Car Parking Charges – Cllr AI confirmed that the council have appointed a consultant to review the car parking charges across all of East Renfrewshire. • Electronic Car Charging Points – JP reported that the Electronic Car Charging points have been broken for some time. The one at the Eastwood health centre is also broken whereas the one at Broom remains operational. • The meeting adjourned, continuing with only CCC members present. • Joe Pakenham has requested to join as a co-opted committee member. His application was proposed by RN and seconded by GC. Approval of his application was unanimous. • Cllr SM has notified the secretary that he cannot attend CCC meetings via Zoom, due to council equipment not allowing it. Action Point – LA to contact Cllr Stewart Miller to see if we can assist.
<p>12. Date of next meeting</p>	<p>2nd December 2020</p>