

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

**Date:** Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2020

**Time:** 8pm to 8.45pm

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

**Attendees:** Chairperson - Rebecca Nicholson (RN), Vice-Chair – Brian Dillon (BD) Secretary - Maryam Imran (MI), Treasurer - Christopher Kelly (CK), Elena Rose Job (ERJ) Gillian Cox (GCox), Julie Richardson (JR), Neal Ross (NR) , Cllr Annette Ireland (CAI -), Cllr David MacDonald (CDM), Vincent McCulloch (VM)

**Apologies:** Greg Chalmers

### **Agenda**

1. Apologies
2. Meeting Minutes from 1<sup>st</sup> April
3. Police Scotland update (tbc)
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. Planning Applications
6. Licensing Applications
7. Treasurer's report
8. Questions from the Public
9. AO
10. Next Meeting Date

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### **Meeting Minutes**

1. Apologies received and attendance recorded.
2. CCC 01/04/20 meeting Minutes – Actions

#### **Actions**

- MI send out March meeting minutes for approval by CCC members. - completed**
  - **RN will contact Cllr Ireland for more information about waste and recycling plans for longer term** - CAI – Recycling centres will opening up. ERC have been very busy with bin collections, bins will be uplifted even if delayed on allocated day. Still looking at when to open recycling centre and will update. A lot of staff have been off ill, hence changes to collections. Barrhead recycling centre will open first.

- ✓ **CCC to promote and signpost people needing support or wanting to volunteer support to VAER Community Hub centralised service - ongoing**
- ✓ **Share social media information about VAER Community Hub on CCC Facebook group – FB page admins**
- ✓ **Share existing posts about medication and prescriptions by pharmacists by ERC to Facebook page – RN - completed**
- ✓ **Increase CCC Facebook Group membership with sharing group and inviting Facebook friends and sharing to other groups – all - ongoing**
- ✓ **Extend Survey and encourage more people to complete online as may have time with lockdown in place – all to be carried forward for May**
- ✓ **Contact ERC Vincent McCulloch about financially contributing to support groups and organisations like foodbanks – RN – donation made and East Ren Foodbank expressed thanks**
- ✓ **Secretary to post agenda, meeting dates and links to Minutes on Facebook group - ongoing**
- ✓ **Continue to organise CCC meetings as scheduled via Zoom, email details of next meeting to members - ongoing**

Minutes approved.

### 3. Police Scotland Report (tbc)

- MI - Report was sent in prior to meeting and it was noted the format of the report has been changed. Therefore any feedback would be appreciated regarding this. The format now includes crimes of note and crime prevention advice, news, local priorities and partnership working. There was no crimes of violence, housebreaking or drugs related recorded in Clarkston. However there were calls related to antisocial behaviour and cyber fraud remains a concern.
- RN – Domestic Abuse advice has been promoted.

### 4. Matters for Discussion

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

- CAI suggested the following:
  - Sustrans have a public engagement page that needs feedback.
  - John Shelton at ERC, can he help identify places of travel that need more support specific to the COVID-19 response?
  - Is there anywhere in Clarkston that help improve travel?
  - ACTION to follow up on these suggestions
- VM – sent a webinar via email about travel plans and what we can do to help support people stay safe. We have an active travel plan for the area and how could CCC feedback into this plan.
- How could it be safer for people to walk and cycle in the local area?
- RN – There has been feedback on cycling and pavements and have observed many cyclists not wearing helmets.
- CAI – Will ensure CCC will be copied into any developments regarding travel plans and updates in the area.

- RN – Try to promote safer routes into the area. Also a note of thanks and appreciation to the support of Cathcart Castle Golf Club and other local golf clubs in allowing the local community to walk on their golf courses whilst closed.
- CDM – Ride and Go Bikes that are used in Glasgow southside. There could be a local hire station for people to hire bikes.
- CAI – Sits on a biking forum locally with Sustrans and Go Bike.
- RN – Contact I Love Clarkston and see what support they could give. This could help add to the area.

### Social Media/Community Communications Update

- RN –the Consider community and how to engage groups and schools. Spoken with Giffnock Community Council as they are applying for a grant to help engage more on social media. We could consider applying for a grant and employ a company to help with our social media.
- BD – Have some contacts for social media work that can be passed on to CCC.
- JF – Could we use Twitter?
- RN – Happy if someone can take on? We should look at 2-3 platforms. Also need to moderate Facebook Group better. Should not be like other local FB groups in terms of business promotions, buy/sell activity etc. Intended to be a place to encourage community development and provide official information and guidance.
- CAI – Seeds of Hope are an organisation that have been in touch. Provide wildflower seeds and would be happy to work with CCC. A pupil from Williamwood High School brought this forward. There is no cost and 300 packs of seeds can be provided so we could distribute to the local community. There is a pilot running in Rouken Glen Park so ERC can trial this as making natural corridors.
- JF – this could be covered by a picture story.
- BD – Has been involved in this before and knows Seeds of Hope. Can post about this on social media and talk to people. There are lots of spaces that could be developed for the corridor idea. ACTION – he will take this forward
- JF – The walkway in the middle of the high street could be a place to plant the seeds.
- GCox – Could we involve the pupil from Williamwood High with CCC?
- CAI – The Southside Nature Page was setup by the same family and it would be great to involve them with CCC.
- BD – Before the lockdown he was organising a schools conference, can contact pupils regarding . ACTION
- RN – Would love to look into street party idea for local residents once lockdown lifted.
- MI – There has been a local community effort by residents on Sunnybank Drive and Grove to fundraise for the NHS and help local residents on the street tackle social isolation. There have been live music performances as well performance by a young primary aged girl to raise funds. Concerns were raised by neighbouring residents in the street behind about the noise level but residents are working together through dialogue. The residents of Sunnybank Drive and Grove have suggested a street celebration at the end of lockdown with a grassroots approach of bringing own dishes and chairs as the street has a closed end.
- CAI – Voluntary Action (VA) update shows so far figures of shopping, prescription drops. Cllr has been volunteering with VA and Cosgrove Care who also offer a telephone befriending service. ACTION to share this information.
- ERJ – Volunteers for prescription drop at Cosgrove Care and key contact is Lauren Jarvis who is the Head of Volunteering.
- CAI – Cosgrove Care – need help with leaflets to be delivered. Also there is a request for knitting for a local knitting initiative .
- RN – will send on VA update with statistics – ACTION

- RN – Could we promote local businesses that offer delivery?
- CDM – Maxwells also offer delivery and Buon Appetite is also due to reopen.
- CAI – Gus Collins from VA has made and updating a list of businesses than can deliver. ACTION to share VA Businesses List.

### 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
- GCox - Key place to engage mature and elderly would be Clarkston Library. CCC could have booth in library. CAI – Will try and find out when library plans to reopen.
- CDM – Library closure was planned for 1-2 weeks before the lockdown.

### 5. Planning Applications

- GCox – Nothing new to share. Will the ERC Planning Committee be doing anything remotely?
- CAI – Depends on timescales. Scottish Government Chief Planning Officer has sent guidance . Will find out about dates and feedback.
- GCox – Aware of Station Masters House Planning application and had over 10 objections so wanted to know if any more developments.

#### Preplanning Application for Mobile Phone Mast on Mearns Road

- GCox– Preplanning notice has been sent to CCC. Plans for new mobile phone mast on Mearns Road. Will now proceed to planning application process. Some planning developments still continuing depending on the planning committee.
- NR – Need to look at application and where mast will be.
- GCox – Plans are on Mearns Road near Greenbank Gardens.

### 6. Licensing Applications

- ACTION – still require someone to volunteer to take on the role of reviewing Licensing Applications.

7. Treasurers Report – There is £1224.03 in the bank account at present. ERC annual grant to CCC will be coming into bank account of £414.65 which will bring the total to £1638.68. Last month the only activity was the donation of £200 to East Renfrewshire Foodbank.

8. Questions from The Public – No members of public attended meeting or sent questions.

9. AOCB – CK- Regarding the Facebook Group, who are we approving as new members? A business has been added and trying to advertise their business.  
 GCox – How is the page being run, posts and member approval?  
 RN – Several page admins. General check of applicants and posts. Rejecting business advertising. Require a set of rules to advise people of our aims and acceptable conduct. BD to action.  
 VM – Sent out social media policy - can look out and pull out useful rules for our group.  
 ACTION  
 RN – If anyone would like to be added as admin please let MI know.  
 VM – Sent out email about Tell Me Scotland. List all council applications regarding Roads, Planning and Licensing. Any community council can log in and review. ACTION – MI to send the email to all CCC members.

## **Actions**

- Extend Survey and encourage more people to complete online as may have time with lockdown in place - all**
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- 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 VA update with statistics**
- MI - Share VA 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**

Meeting ended.

**Next Meeting – Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2020**

**Meeting Minute Author**

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**Date Completed:** 01/06/2020