

Clarkston Community Council Minutes
Wednesday 12th January 2022
7 – 9pm via Zoom

Item	Notes
Attendance	
1. Welcome & Apologies	<p>In attendance:</p> <p>PC Members: Rebecca Nicholson (Chair) – RN Linda Dillon - Minute taker – LD Gillian Cox – GC Lise Fisher – LF Chris Kelly – CK Brian Dillon – BD</p> <p>Visitors: Graham Wood - GW Cllr Ireland - CAI Kirsten Oswald MP - KO</p> <p>Apologies: Cllr Stewart Miller, Joe Pakenham, Julie Flaherty, Julia Sagasti</p>
2. Previous minutes and actions	<p>Gas Memorial: KO has been in touch with Chris O’Shea from Centrica and is meeting him next week to discuss the possibility of an improved memorial/commemoration site.</p> <p>Litter Picks: Cllr Ireland advised that she didn’t have an update at the moment on litter pick equipment. RN advised she was also looking to take this forward with Andy Dunlop re: storing items in the high street. CAI is linking in with neighbourhood services about litter picks and should have an update by next meeting.</p> <p>GC provided an update on the funding that Scot Gov have committed to provide for playparks and advised that the money ERC are using for the Carolside Park upgrade of existing equipment comes from this fund.</p> <p>RN welcomed Graham Wood (potential member) to the meeting and asked if he wanted to add anything to the agenda or raise any discussion points. GW advised that litter was a concern for him, especially due to recent issues with facemasks littering the streets.</p>
3. Police report	<p>LD relayed the information from the Police Report: there has been 1 reported house breaking in the area but otherwise, a low crime month was reported. LD confirmed that she had sent the Police Report around the group for information.</p> <p>CAI updated on a presentation by the Police that herself, Cllr Miller and KO had attended. The presentation was about the efficacy of using remotely piloted surveillance systems and Police helicopters in campaigns such as the SAFE East Ren campaign – this is a joint campaign run by local police, fire services, community services and British Transport Police. There are plans to run the campaign again this summer to combat anti-social behaviour.</p> <p>KO advised that she had expressed to Police the need to inform the local community on the use of drones and helicopters and the full extent of the SAFE East Ren campaign. Police confirmed that they are committed to making sure they communicate well with the local community and as such, they will be dedicating an</p>

	<p>information page on the Police Scotland website, complete with FAQ's. As soon as this page is created and circulated CAI will share this with Community Council. CAI will liaise with Police re: providing CCC with a similar briefing.</p>
<p>4. Park update</p>	<p>GC updated that the Community Council has been successful with the application to upgrade the facilities at Carolside Park. LD and GC met with Adrian from ERC and Wicksteed playpark suppliers. Had to make changes to requirements because of some ERC concerns around the type of ground covering that is being used – it needs to be wetpour which is expensive and raises some budget concerns. This means that we need to work with the supplier to re-evaluate equipment and costs and then go back to the funding council to approve changes.</p> <p>RN thanked LD and GC for all the work in completing the tender and securing the funding.</p> <p>LF asked if council needs to consult with houses across the road in terms of ensuring they know that we are designing the playpark to attract older children. The group discussed how we communicate with the community, especially the houses in Seres Road across from the playpark. The group discussed the idea of hosting an online information meeting for the community and putting together a Comms strategy for informing the local community at all stages of the project. It was agreed that this was important and can be discussed further once we are clearer on funding requirements and key project milestones.</p> <p>GC updated on the National Lottery application. Our application for the playpark has been impacted by the Hydro project and it means that we need to take off the money they were awarded from our application as only £10k can be awarded to one organisation in a year. We need to get a closure report for that project before we can proceed with our application.</p> <p>We need help from the Community Council for fundraising for the park and we need a specific subgroup set up to help devise a fundraising strategy. Again, LD and GC advised that the fundraising requirements will be clearer when we have a clearer picture of costs. Ideally, we should create a Crowdfunding application for the community to contribute to – which would need to be backed up by solid comms strategy to ensure community awareness of the application.</p> <p>LD advised that she is going to pursue a funding application for a path from Mearns Rd to the playpark and out to Burnside Road through a charity called 'Paths for All' that provide funding for paths to be created to make public spaces more accessible.</p> <p>Actions: LD to arrange a site meeting with Cllr Ireland and GC GC will follow up on Hydro closure report with Joe P.</p>
<p>5. COP Workshops</p>	<p>Action: Check if JF will link back in with her contact at Home Energy Scotland and reschedule workshops. Further update will be provided at the next meeting.</p>
<p>6. Plans and projects for 2022</p>	<p>RN introduced the idea of working within subgroups through 2022. Proposed subgroups would be:</p> <p>Roads subgroup – to liaise with the council and residents in regard to road improvements for the area</p> <p>Litter subgroup – can be linked to the Roads subgroup and to liaise with the council over procurement and storage of litter pick equipment, and to organise local litter picks</p> <p>Events subgroup – planning and organising community-based events over the year</p>

	<p>Fundraising for Carolside Park – GC and LD will be tied up in managing the playpark project and require additional support for the fundraising element of the project</p> <p>SW Community Building proposal – RN updated on the initial discussions around 60 Busby Road and potential to look at the development of it as a community centre. The building needs a significant amount of work and would need a solid and sustainable business plan to ensure feasibility from a cost and operational perspective. Iain Mulholland is a youth worker who lives locally and is leading the project. Conversations are ongoing to investigate funding options and development of a steering group.</p> <p>Social Media – The group discussed social media management; LD advised that it would be helpful to have someone to manage social media posting across all subgroups as this would be a sizeable task. This discussion encompassed discussion on targeting and attracting new members who have specific experience in managing social media accounts.</p> <p>Action: RN to compose Facebook post requesting potential members apply with specific social media experience.</p>
<p>7. Website update</p>	<p>LD showed the group the landing page of the new website and the group discussed appearance and functionality of the website. General idea would be to have links for each of the subgroups, and email addresses posted for contacts.</p> <p>Actions: LD to compose a Facebook message advertising new email contact details for CCC and for Office Bearers. All members of the group to submit photos and some narrative on who they are and why they wanted to join community council for the front page.</p>
<p>8. Planning</p>	<p>Current planning applications:</p> <p>GC advised that the application for the old Chest Heart and Stroke shop to be changed to a takeaway and Ice Cream parlour has been approved. This was permitted as the building has been marketed for six months without success.</p> <p>The existing Taxi Office at Sheddens has applied for a hot food takeaway licence application – CCC members agreed that this application should be objected to on the grounds that there are enough hot food takeaway places within the town.</p> <p>Land adjacent to 137 Mearns Road has applied to erect a dwelling house with parking – there was no objection from the CCC.</p>
<p>9. Speeding/roads</p>	<p>LD advised that she had emailed Jane Corrie to request roads and speeding data for the CCC area – no response as yet.</p> <p>The group discussed the current situation with the roadworks at Mearns Road. RN outlined the situation and safety concerns for school children crossing on the way to school and her subsequent discussions with the Roads Dept. Next week the Flenders and Highfield Rd stage means full road closure with diversions.</p> <p>CAI advised that all resurfacing is to be completed by 28/01/2022 – and before the end of February they will be back to put in some traffic calming measures. Diversions will be in place. CAI will do another post tomorrow to advise of the next stage of works and will post the map of the diversion.</p> <p>GC asked if ERC could put something out on social media to advise people roads are going to be closed. CAI will speak to Comms and ask them to put out a social media post.</p>

	<p>KO advised that there is a Facebook post on her page with a consultation from Scotrail who are proposing to make some changes to booking office hours – she advised that Clarkston isn't too badly affected, and that people can check the FB page for KO update.</p> <p>RN updated on meeting Williamwood Parent Council chair Simon Cunningham re: changes to the road at Ashfield Road – there are several zebra crossings on Eaglesham Road so the changes that they felt were more reasonable was to build a better pathway/pavement that ensured the pupils were more visible on approach to the crossing for drivers.</p>
10. Licensing applications	No licensing applications currently in Clarkston area.
11. Treasurer's report	<p>£1542.30 balance. Next grant will be in June / July.</p> <p>£130 excess – as the invoice for the Hydro project was for less than the awarded amount.</p>
12. AOB	<p>Tree topping on Mearns Road - Cllr Miller had sent in an update re: complaints about the tree topping that took place at Mearns Road. CAI updated that she spoke to neighbours at the time and the majority understood this was a tree topping exercise which had been done in accordance with regulations.</p> <p>LD stated that we should do some more Southside Community Magazine articles relating to the subgroups – linking in with pieces about the park proposals with the Crowdfunding link. RN stated she would do a specific piece on our search for new members. LF advised we should also put links to existing articles on the new website.</p> <p>LF asked about bins at the lanes and at the Anchor Chippy as there was a big red Biffa bin that was constantly overflowing with rubbish. LF enquired about who owns the piece of land outside Fitness First with the bushes as it is incredibly messy and gathering litter. CAI going to link in with Environmental Health.</p> <p>GC updated on the Clarkston Book Group and that their first book group meeting will be taking place at the end of the month</p> <p>RN asked Graham Wood (visitor) if he is going to join as a member, and he advised he would like to and would take forward some of the actions around communicating with the Roads Dept. RN will send relevant co-opting forms to Graham.</p>