

**Clarkston Community Council Minutes**  
**Wednesday 2nd March 2022**  
**7 – 9pm via Zoom**

Item	Notes
<b>Attendance</b>	
<b>1. Welcome &amp; Apologies</b>	<p>In attendance:</p> <p><b>PC Members:</b>  Rebecca Nicholson (Chair) – RN  Linda Dillon – Secretary – LD  Julia Sagasti - JS  Gillian Cox – GC  Lise Fisher – LF  Brian Dillon – BD (online at 7:30pm)  Joe Pakenham – JP  Chris Kelly - CK</p> <p><b>Visitors:</b> Kirsten Oswald – KO (online until 8pm), Cllr. Annette Ireland (CAI)</p> <p><b>Apologies:</b> Julie Flaherty – (JF)</p>
<b>2. Previous minutes and actions</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Minutes from February meeting were approved</li> <li>- RN confirmed actions from February meeting will be updated through the course of the meeting</li> </ul>
<b>3. Police Report</b>	<p>LD updated on the Police report sent in by Gordon Sweeney. The report advised that there had been some instances of youth disorder in the area, and some housebreaking. The report advised the community to ensure they lock up their valuables in their cars and homes. Additionally, the report requested that the community remain mindful of scams and attempts at fraud.</p> <p>CAI discussed information she had received on new NHS scam texts – the group agreed to put some information on the Facebook page to highlight this to the community. RN noted this would be official comms with government/NHS sanctioned advice.</p> <p>CAI advised that she will send on the information regarding scams. CAI also advised that you can report texts by forwarding them onto 7726.</p> <p><b>Action:</b> CAI to send on the information she has re NHS scams for promotion on CCC Facebook</p>
<b>4. Chair's update</b>	<p><b>Mearns Mast update:</b> Total of nine complaints from residents received in response to the note of support CCC submitted for the proposed site. RN confirmed that all had been replied to, including specific responses to points raised and noting that the application would now go to Planning Committee.</p> <p>RN noted questions over ongoing impact of the mast on the trees and that one of the residents believed bats are living in the trees at the site.</p> <p>GC suggested that she posts the information from the planning report on a Friday so that residents have the full three weeks to review and respond. The group agreed that this is a good idea.</p>

LF suggested that this discussion links back to previous conversations the CCC have had about providing clarity to the local area around the role and the remit of the Community Council. RN agreed we can work on that and stated that one of the complainants had advised that he didn't know we existed.

BD asked about how we can go forward to work with the planning department and find out from them what their strategy is to attract new businesses. CAI advised that there is currently no policy towards over-provision in Clarkston, however, the National Planning Framework 4 coming out which has a focus on 'Local Place Plans'. The National Planning Framework is something that would be focussed directly on Clarkston, instead of a massive overarching plan. AD advised that he has tried to discuss the issue of over-provision with the council previously and has submitted structured objections with planning officers. AD advised that he would be happy to submit joint objections with the CCC to lend some weight to planning conversations.

**Actions:** GC to check on the ongoing impact on the trees, and any protected bats in the area.

**Community Noticeboard:** GW had posted on the WhatsApp chat about a community noticeboard. GC had advised that previously we had looked at the side wall of 'Happy Days' – but AD advised that the IT shop had asked for something to be put on that wall and had been refused, so the likelihood of CCC being allowed to use it would be slim. GC advised that the initial noticeboard was costed at about £100.

**Action:** GC will contact the council to ask about the Community noticeboard.

**Litter hubs:** The group discussed the litter hubs that Glasgow are getting (JS had posted a photo onto the WhatsApp group). RN asked CAI if she was getting anywhere with the litter hubs conversation for East Renfrewshire, but she advised that there's currently no funding for that.

RN asked about costs – CAI had previously costed litter equipment trolleys with Renfrewshire council; she will send this on so we can see the costs for those. AD advised that the litter hubs that hold the pickers and all equipment are costed at £945 each (which includes the consumable equipment for a year).

JP suggested that as a stop gap, we could order some high viz jackets with CCC logo on the back....so that anyone who wanted to, could go out and do a litter pick. The group agreed that this would be a good idea. JP also advised that he can store the high-viz vests and that he has a couple of litter pickers that can be used.

RN hoped that someone within the group could look at funding for litter pickers or community initiatives for litter – this agenda item is to be carried forward for continued discussion.

**Actions:** CAI sending on prices for the trolleys  
JP will cost out high-viz vests and let the group know how much

	<p><b>Potential Hustings for local elections/ Purdah:</b>  <i>CAI and KO left the meeting prior to the group were discussing the local elections and hustings.</i></p> <p>A pre-local election Hustings will hopefully go ahead in conjunction with Netherlee and Stamperland Community Council, their Bob Shaw (BS) will Chair the event. BS thinks that the halls have all the equipment that we would need.</p> <p>BD asked how many candidates know about this already - RN advised we are attempting to secure the venue and date first.</p> <p>LF highlighted that 'Pre-Election' period in Glasgow starts on the 14<sup>th</sup> of March and asked if this would impede our ability to do anything. RN advised that she check on the 'Pre-Election' period in ERC and if this would affect any plans for the event.</p> <p>RN asked the group to confirm the proposed dates for the forthcoming months and advised that following the April holidays, our next meeting would be on the 4<sup>th</sup> of May, which would also be our AGM. The council members present advised that they were happy with this arrangement. This would mean that we would suggest no councillors or election nominees attend the May meeting, in line with Purdah.</p> <p><b>Action:</b> RN to confirm hustings arrangements with BS.  RN to check on 'Pre-Election' period for ERC.</p> <p>GC asked KO about the possible accessibility developments for the train station – KO advised she would chase it up but currently no progress.</p> <p>RN took the opportunity to thank KO for putting CCC forward regarding roses for the local community, they should arrive soon and will go into the planters.</p>
<p><b>5. BID Update</b></p>	<p>AD advised that the I LOVE Clarkston Awards have been cancelled.</p> <p>AD is moving forward with producing the BID magazine which will contain valuable local information and links with local clubs and businesses. AD is looking for the business to think outside the box for their pieces – some of the restaurants have agreed to put in recipes and other interesting articles instead of straightforward advertising. AD intends to reach approximately 3000 homes across the community.</p> <p>RN advised that we could put in an article and AD suggested that he would want a piece on the playpark project, for example.</p> <p>BID Planning for 2020 - AD advised that there is a new law being passed on Fireworks which may impact the Christmas event. There may be a community consultation.</p> <p><b>Action:</b> LD to write a magazine piece on the play park project.</p>
<p><b>6. Subgroups</b></p>	<p><b>Carolside Park:</b> GC updated the group that we had gone back to Wicksteed and got quotes for a Hurricane OR a Zipwire + one other piece of equipment. GC outlined the content of the survey and advised that we had posted up to Facebook and have been visiting the Parent Council meetings at both Williamwood and Carolside within the last week. We have yet to gain contact with St. Ninian's and St. Joseph's Parent Councils.</p> <p>JP advised that he has spoken with the National Lottery re: the Hydro project – all the Hydro monies have been spent, but they advised we can only have 1 project per year. GC advised that the National Lottery had advised her that 2 projects per year were fine.</p>

	<p>GC advised that there needed to be a closure report completed – JP will chase this up.</p> <p><b>Action:</b> JP to pursue the closure report to be submitted to the National Lottery for the Hydro project.</p> <p><b>Events:</b> JS caught up with JF re planning of events for 2022. Suggestions for a Springtime event - perhaps a stall or gazebo within Clarkston that could incorporate cake decorating / scavenger hunt and a hamper prize - were considered by the group. Both LF and GC suggested that a small table that was not part of a larger event might not be too impactful.</p> <p>RN suggested doing a litter pick Spring Clean event and perhaps tie this in with a Scavenger Hunt. JS will investigate this. We can use the high viz vests and litter pickers that JP/RN will provide. The group discussed prizes or small tokens for taking part in the litter picking/scavenger hunt, and LD suggested we give away seeds. JP sent a link for bee friendly seeds to the meeting chat for JS to use in order to secure some for the event.</p> <p>Potential date of Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> April was floated and JS and JF will be looking for volunteers. LD advised she would attend and help wherever required.</p> <p>JS also advised that JF had the idea of putting a wicker / bamboo tunnel feature in the park with trailing plants for the kids to go through – GC stated that they would need to check this out with Adrian Baines at ERC who has responsibility for the parks within ERC.</p> <p><b>Actions:</b> JS will discuss our feedback on the event with JF and look in to combining the litter pick event with the Scavenger hunt.</p> <p>GC will send on our contact from the playpark for JF/JS to discuss the wicker/bamboo tunnel.</p> <p>JS will confirm details via WhatsApp in the absence of an April meeting.</p> <p>The group had a brief discussion on the ERC application process for street parties as part of the Queens Jubilee. CAI stated that she will be interested in the closure of roads as she has been keen on the ‘play streets’ initiative for a long time – and will be using this as an example of the fact that it can be done.</p> <p>JP noticed that there is a charge of approx. £300 for closing the road. CAI advised that yes, there is a cost attached that needs to be covered.</p> <p><b>Roads:</b> GW on holiday, LD submitted his short update to the group on his behalf - GW advised essentially advised that he would follow up with the Roads Dept around a few outstanding issues on his return.</p> <p><b>Website update:</b> Date of 4<sup>th</sup> May AGM might be a good time to launch the website.</p> <p><b>Action:</b> JP to send the editing link for the website so that LD can attempt to design some of it.</p>
<p><b>7. Planning update</b></p>	<p>No planning applications</p>
<p><b>8. Licensing update</b></p>	<p>No applications</p>
<p><b>9. Treasurer’s update</b></p>	<p>£1585.47 bank balance currently.</p>

<b>11. AOB</b>	<p><b>Litter</b> – RN asked CAI about the lane at Swansons to see if there had been any response from the council....and asking the business to get involved in a community litter pick. Cleansing are loath to go into the private lanes. CAI stressed that there needs to be some engagement with the local business that are privately responsible for the lane. CAI would be happy to do it with them and CAI will sound out AD about the business involvement.</p> <p>LF clarified the lane that they were talking about – LF asked about the other lanes further up...CAI asked Environmental Health to look into this, but they haven't got back to her yet. CAI will chase them up again.</p> <p>RN clarified that the next meeting will be on the 4<sup>th</sup> of May – which will also be the AGM date.</p>