

Clarkston Community Council Minutes
Wednesday 5th October 2022
7-9pm in person or via Zoom

Item	Notes
1. Welcome, minutes and actions	<p>In attendance:</p> <p>PC Members: Rebecca Nicholson (Chair) - RN Brian Dillon - (Vice Chair) online - BD Linda Dillon – (Secretary) – LD Gillian Cox – GC Chris Kelly – CK</p> <p>Visitors:</p> <p>Cllr. Katie Pragnall - CKP Cllr. Annette Ireland - CAI Jim Densham - Williamwood Cycle Lane campaign - JD Rebecca Brown - Williamwood Cycle Lane campaign – RB Andy Dunlop – Clarkston BID – AD</p> <p>Apologies: Joe Pakenham, Linda Allan, Graeme Wood</p> <p>The minutes from the September meeting were approved.</p> <p>Action: LD to send to Vincent McCulloch at ERC.</p>
2. Police Update	<p>RN invited the Police to update the meeting on any current issues.</p> <p>There have been a few calls for Police to attend the Clarkston area at the start of September for youth disorder incidents.</p> <p>Police continue to encourage people to get in contact. Given the darker weather there are concerns that there will be an increase on burglaries and car thefts. Police encourage people consider home security, leave a light on and ensure the rear of the property is difficult to access. A farady pouch is helpful for keyless cars to block signal from digital devices and protect against vehicle theft.</p> <p>Bogus workmen continue to be a problem across the authority – Police recommend using the trusted trader scheme and have been working with Citizens Advice Bureau to ensure the public are aware of bogus callers and their current scams.</p> <p>Reminder of contact information</p> <p>999: for emergency calls 101: for non-urgent issues 0800 555 111: Crimestoppers https://www.scotland.police.uk/secureforms/c3/ for Online Reporting GreaterGlasgowLPSTEastRenfrewshire@scotland.pnn.police.uk for the Community Policing Team</p> <p>Action: RN to post social media reminder</p>

Bike marking

Bike marking is a great way to ensure your bike can be located if it is lost or stolen by use of a hard-to-remove sticker code which is placed on the bike and registered online. Police are happy to do a bike marking event - RN will create a Facebook post to gauge interest.

Community members can contact Giffnock office on 01786 289070 for advice about home security. Neighbourhood Watch Scotland also offer good advice and information: <https://www.neighbourhoodwatchscotland.co.uk/>

GC asked about car thefts and vandalism in the area - Police advised this is an opportunist crime, it's not something that can be pre-determined and doesn't necessarily form a pattern that they can follow. Tesla vehicles can be put on sentry mode that records the environment around the car - https://www.tesla.com/en_GB/blog/sentry-mode-guarding-your-tesla

LF asked if there has been an increase of issues with youth disorder on the trains – Police reported that there hasn't been any significant increase and they continue to work with BTP to ensure a joined-up approach. LF also asked about plans for tackling any anti-social behaviour on Fireworks night. Police representatives advised that they have started multi-agency planning for this already. Not a lot of places in East Ren sell fireworks – PARA PARA on Eaglesham Road and local supermarkets are places that people can buy fireworks locally. There will be a display at GHA as usual, so this area will be busy.

CAI advised she is meeting with the Snr Operations Management Team within ERC that organises fireworks regarding GHA event to ensure public safety and anti-social behaviour planning is in place. She advised the event was a concern last year, with fireworks being shot into the crowd, with lots of damage to the pitch. CAI stressed that there really needs to be a Police presence down at GHA ground this year.

For dog owners it is important to note that Whitelee Windfarm are doing 'Nae Fireworks Night' for people to go to with their dogs away from any fireworks: <https://www.whatsoneastrenfrewshire.co.uk/event/043102-nae-fireworks-night/>

3. Wwood Cycle Lane Campaign

JD and RB explained the Williamwood Cycle Lane campaign, aiming to get a cycle lane created from Netherlee, through Stamperland and Clarkston (along Busby Road) to Williamwood High school to provide children with a safe space to cycle to school whilst also promoting healthy lifestyles.

Currently, there is no designated safe cycle route. CCC agreed that this is an important campaign that we will support and promote through our pages as much as possible. There is a campaign petition to be circulated which is posted on their Facebook page available here: <https://www.facebook.com/WilliamwoodCL>

There have been over 760 signatures for the petition so far. RN stated that she will continue to discuss the requirement for the cycle lane within conversations about the Parklets. CAI that she has raised this at a council meeting and was told it wasn't possible, however, she will continue to take this forward.

Next steps: JD and RB are still doing the rounds of Parent Councils/Community Councils and aware that it will take time to build momentum and awareness of the campaign. JD stressed that it's not about just about putting in the cycle lane, it's also about training and education.

	<p>GC – asked about a second phase and linking in other routes (perhaps to Eastwood Mains Rd) and if they will put a cycle lane on both sides of the road. JD stated that they will discuss designs with Sustrans, but it would need to be cost effective for them.</p> <p>CKP advised that the Scottish Government have made a commitment to creating ‘20 minute neighbourhoods’ – the idea that you can access any services within your area https://www.ourplace.scot/about-place/themes/20-minute-neighbourhoods-home/20-minute-neighbourhoods This commitment needs to be considered within the authorities active travel plans.</p> <p>AD suggested that the campaigners could take a stall at the Christmas event and perhaps tie in with the bike company that are going to have a stall there.</p>
<p>4. Chair’s Update</p>	<p>CCC Strategic Vision for 2022-2023</p> <p>RN proposed delivering a strategic plan for CCC 2022-2023 that links in with local community action plans and ERC development work. The group discussed the forthcoming ways in which we can provide ERC with our views on what needs to be tackled in the area.</p> <p>From our walkabout in September, the litter and bins in the high street need to be dealt with, especially the ones outside Michaelangelo’s. CAI is also discussing this issue with the roads and cleansing department. A continued areas of concern are the lanes beside the shops, especially from an environmental point of view, and the land outside Anytime Fitness that sometimes has litter bins in it. KP will chase up who owns this land.</p> <p>Local Action Plans - the ‘Have your Say’ ERC campaign. ERC are gathering views via online survey and drop-in clinics. GC advised that she is going to attend the drop in as a CCC representative and take forward the issues we have highlighted, namely:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • development of the high street • tackling the bins • litter issues • support for a cycle lane on Busby Road • EV charge points in CCC area • Vardar & Seres Road roundabout • Eastwood Mains & Seres Road traffic lights • accessible path to Wwood train station • social activities and community provision for young people <p>RN stated that we can set up scheduled Facebook posts for the Cycle Lane petition and the Local Action Plan survey message.</p> <p>Christmas Event – CCC have a stall at the Christmas Event on November 19th and the group discussed what we could do to draw people to the stall and what we ultimately want to get out of it. RN suggested we have a device where we have a QR code to gain people’s views on what they would like to see happen in the area and then we can enter them into a prize draw. Issues include ensuring views come from Clarkston residents and the amount of time people will spend inputting at this kind of event. The group also discussed simply collating contact details of people who would be willing to consider joining the CC and enter them in the prize draw as an incentive. Information could then be subsequently emailed out.</p> <p>GC suggested that we have a visual / poster of the park to evidence what we can do for the local area. RN stated that we can get some posters laminated and visuals on the table to use as talking points and then get names entered into a prize draw for a voucher. LF suggested that can put a campaign out on social media in the run up to advertise that we will be there.</p>

	<p>Gas Explosion Memorial – GC and RN attended a call with Centrica, Kirsten Oswald (KO) and an ERC representative. There was agreement between all parties that there should be something more meaningful for the memorial. KO’s office are drafting comms to reach out to the families and people involved to see what they felt would be an improved remembrance site/memorial. RN stated that there was a general feeling that people may wish a place to sit and reflect.</p> <p>See further discussion at point 8 – BID Update</p>
<p>5. Community Noticeboard</p>	<p>GC updated that CKP helped her progress the conversation about the noticeboard a little further however, since the walk round the notice board that ERC had suggested has been removed.</p>
<p>6. Subgroups</p>	<p>Subgroups:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Carolside Park: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - quarterly report has been submitted to EREFF - the kit is here, and they are starting to dig holes on Monday, GC will attend on Monday morning with Adrian. - GC will update the Facebook page regularly - GC keeps updating Google Maps and it keeps changing back. RN will try and find out who we can contact at Google. - GC attended an appointment with local historian and discovered that the park was originally part of Carolside Farm. - Nat Lottery for Phase 2 of the park development. The piece of kit with Kompan is too expensive, so GC has sourced another similar piece of kit that she showed the group. The members agreed that this piece of kit was similar to the original choice and were happy with it – GC will contact Adrian to discuss further. ● Roads – GW not here. ● Litter – no update for litter picks and litter and bins were discussed at length earlier in the meeting. ● Anti – social behaviour community work. LA not in attendance to update on any work she has progressed on this agenda point - but again, this was discussed at length during the Police report earlier in the evening. ● Climate Action group - Get to Zero Action Plan. BD updated the members that Andy Dick and Sam Ibbott from ERC are leading on the action plan. They invited reps from 11 CC’s, however, only three other Reps turned up. The Get to Zero Action Plan is to inform how the council can reach Zero Carbon from within the council estate and from households. Looking for local people to say what they would like to see implemented. They would also draw on the representatives to critique and influence the action plan. CAI advised that the organisers are keen to get as many views as possible so they are trying to organise another meeting and try and widen the reach of the group. ● Busby Road – Voluntary Action may be interested in joining and hopefully charitable status will be achieved soon. KP raised the issues with funding the development at budget strategy meeting when they were talking about community ownership – and council confirmed they understood our position.

7. Planning update	No applications to look at. Greenbank Care Home application has been rejected, but the Greenbank Church Extension and new home has been approved.
8. BID Update	<p>Update from AD:</p> <p>Christmas event: The event is going ahead on the 19th of November. The Christmas Grotto is going up in Rowallan Lane. Currently there is a waiting list for stalls. There will be Fireworks this year as a popular part of this organised event that is well publicised in advance and brings a lot of people into the town.</p> <p>Scotland Loves Local gift card: This card is now going to be part of council strategy and be pushed by the council. There are going to be 4,300 gift cards with £100 on them to be given away by ERC.</p> <p>Signage: The large signs at Swansons and at Arthur Place are difficult to change them as it needs to go through marketing. There are some ideas to do murals or perhaps get the local kids to do artwork.</p> <p>LF talked about the mural trail in Glasgow and AD stressed that he's been trying to do this in Barrhead for a while. AD advised that this is perhaps something that could be done for the Gas Memorial as a remembrance.</p> <p>AD confirmed that they were not doing anything for Hallowe'en this year.</p>
8. Licensing update	No applications at the moment, although the council haven't updated the website since May. KP advised that all the councillors have been appointed and the website should have been updated.
9. Treasurer's update	<p>£12, 465.07: Current balance (including Nat Lottery funding) £1, 892.30: Real balance</p> <p>No longer receiving refund on Zoom payments and therefore the account is being cancelled. LF asked if she can get money for the planters (about £20 max) and the group agreed.</p>
10. AOB	<p>Witchy Windows – LF will promote on Facebook to encourage participation LD to ensure that the BID update is back on the agenda as well as the Local Action Plan and strategy for next year Joe had asked for costs to renew the website at £12 – we will discuss next month</p> <p>Electric Vehicle charging points – although this falls into the Local Action Plan and Climate Action agendas it would be good to get someone to come and tell us what they are doing in the areas as there's loads of funding available.</p> <p>CAI advised she was at a meeting re: electric charging points. One of the things that came up was the idea of creating gulleys in the pavement as has been trialled in Oxford City Council – residents would pay for a drop kerb through which they feed their charging cables.</p> <p>Roads Dept are definitely not looking at doing this and CAI contacted HoS in ERC to discuss what they are doing and to express disappointment at the lack of progress. The Director in charge of Roads is off on holiday just now but it will be discussed as soon as he returns. CKP also mentioned that she had spoken with a HoS and Operational Managers to find out about EV points but there was nothing specific being done at the moment – she will also continue to press the issue.</p>