

Clarkston Community Council Minutes
Wednesday 7th December 2022
7pm via Zoom

Item	Notes
<p>1. Welcome, minutes and actions</p>	<p>In attendance:</p> <p>PC Members: Rebecca Nicholson (Chair) - RN Brian Dillon - (Vice Chair) - BD Gillian Cox – GC Chris Kelly – CK Lise Fisher – LF Joe Packenham - JP</p> <p>Councillors: Cllr. Annette Ireland – CAI Cllr. Katie Pragnall – CKP Cllr Kate Campbell - CKC</p> <p>Apologies: Linda Dillon, Jackson Carlaw MP, Graham Wood</p> <p>The Community Council members approved the Minutes from the November meeting. Action: LD to send to November minutes to Vincent McCulloch at ERC.</p>
<p>2. Police Update</p>	<p>Police report reviewed. GC noted ongoing issue at Seres Rd junction re drivers going through red lights.</p> <p>Action: Raise with Police at future meeting</p>
<p>3. BID Update</p>	<p>AD not present. RN updated on Christmas event where the CCC had a stall. 25 residents' details gained to form a mailing list group to attempt to gain volunteers / engagement for consultation.</p>
<p>4. Chair's Update</p>	<p>Next six months – RN – overview of final months before we disband at end of four years next summer. Reality is that with such a small number of volunteers, it's challenging to represent the community and participate in as many projects and areas as we would wish.</p> <p>GC –Best to be upfront from now so there's time for people to reflect.</p> <p>RN and GC noted they are not planning to stand again.</p> <p>CKP – ERC will post at election time.</p> <p>CAI – disappointing if CCC does not continue – and that the election is not advertised earlier.</p> <p>LF queried if local councillors could offer any support.</p> <p>All councillors confirmed they can promote on Facebook / Twitter / in surgeries. Requested we send info over on achievements.</p> <p>CKC suggested church groups may be a way of finding new members.</p> <p>Action: RN to send CCC info to councillors.</p>

RN to post regularly to draw attention to the fact that unless new members join then CCC will not reform.

Hub@Clarkston - 60 Busby Road – RN updated on the Hub, noting ongoing conversations with ERC and VAER – there was a recent visit to the building and a meeting is taking place next week to discuss potential avenues to work together. The building is being actively marketed by ERC but no news of any interest. The working group has charitable status now and a bank account is being opened so we can progress to grant applications.

Parklets – RN noted email received from a resident. The matter will come to Cabinet in January as December's agenda was full. RN noted that Michael McKernan was very clear that proposals would come back to CCC before this matter was progressed and that has not happened.

GC – what is councillors preferred option?

CAI stated costings had been supplied, looking at improvements to existing parklets only. It was noted that a request was made for Clarkston to be spruced up generally from these funds.

CKP stated that Ward4 councillors had recommended removing the parklet with bike stand in favour of a disabled parking bay.

RN noted we would support such a proposal as the town centre is badly in need of repairs and maintenance.

Action: CAI and CKP said they would follow up on this matter with Michael McKernan. Paper still to come out.

Gas Explosion Memorial – RN spoke to Kirsten Oswald and this is on backburner currently but a consultation document will come out from her department

Bike Marking: No further information from police – RN believe event planned for January at scout hall via, organised by a resident.

Trees at Mearns Road- RN noted a resident had been in contact about tree removal and on investigation it transpired that the phone mast applicant had agreed tree works with the council subsequent to the original application. Another resident also enquired about tree planting – RN queried if there is a policy and CKP noted there is not- the Wee Woods project seems to be the only one currently underway and this is not in Clarkston.

CAI – spoke to planning and it was confirmed that this change did not constitute a breach of planning permissions. Some trees are being removed due to Ash dieback disease. CAI has noted disappointment that trees are being removed when this was not part of the original application. CAI will speak to Neighbourhood Services to enquire about tree planting plans and members agreed we would want to gain additional information on this matter.

GC – whilst other areas of ERC have seen 'wee woods' planted, no planting has occurred in Clarkston Community Council

LF – can we speak to ERC to gain permissions for tree planting, perhaps in conjunction with other local groups / schools?

BD – Seres Road grassy area could benefit from trees

	Action: CAI to seek information from ERC for process of communities introducing new trees within Clarkston Community Council
5. EV charging Points	<p>GC – survey has come out from ERC for residents to feedback on developing EV roadmap</p> <p>CKP – policy is being developed, charging will begin for EV charging points and the money will be reinvested with reduced rates for those who do not have off-street parking. There is a Get to Zero working group within the Council, attended by members of all parties. Will include charging for overstayers, enforced by wardens.</p> <p>GC – ERC need to look further at alternate options for residents without driveways such as Gull-E, and get involved in the many funded trials. Timescales?</p> <p>CKP – will check.</p> <p>CAI - Meeting early next year – ERC need to look at all options.</p>
6. Budget Consultation update	<p>RN provided brief overview of situation in relation to budget planning process including note of the meeting held last night in relation to proposed education cuts and noted the stark picture . Have publicised the consultation on Facebook page and shared to Community Group page too.</p> <p>CKP – 15 December is date for full Scottish Government grant to be confirmed and budget set. Meeting on 20th December for budget strategy group to go through responses to budget consultation. Emails can be sent to councillors to feed into the consultation. Various campaign groups are requesting more funding from Scot Gov for councils.</p> <p>CAI – encouraged feedback including after the consultation closes.</p>
7. Subgroups	<p>Carolside Park: GC confirmed all is signed off at the playpark and it has been handed over to ERC – all warranty documents sent (no acknowledgement from ERC). Invoice received for slightly less than original quote.</p> <p>Re proposed bench – verbal approval given by ERC, though they have requested a survey of those immediately adjacent to give their feedback.</p> <p>CAI provided feedback from ERC in regard to this.</p> <p>Action: RN proposed a google survey to be distributed to the local residents, noting that the bench is purely to give an alternative to current seating. GC will obtain quote initially to ensure the bench is affordable.</p> <p>Roads GW not present.</p> <p>RN noted the amount of streetworks going on without any notice apparently having been given to residents – pavements out of use and cars having to be moved etc.</p> <p>CKP has spoken to Roads Head of Dept about this who advise they are speaking to the contractor about the lack of information provided and will pick this up.</p> <p>CAI has made complaints about workmanship which are being followed up and an inspection visit is being requested.</p>
8. Planning update	GC – no planning applications received.

9. Licensing update	CK – no licensing applications received.
10. Treasurer's update	£12,465.07 balance. The large balance remains as the playpark money has not yet been paid to the supplier.
11. AOB	BD – any progress on environmental consultation? CAI – update is expected shortly. RN wished everyone an enjoyable Christmas and New Year break. DONM: 11 January 2023