

**DRAFT MINUTES OF A MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 1st October 2018 at 7pm
IN ROSEWELL PARISH CHURCH HALL**

PRESENT:

RDCC: Ann Montague (Secretary), Helen Blackburn (Treasurer),

COUNCILLORS: Cllr. Pauline Winchester

POLICE: PC Graham Black

GUEST SPEAKER: Ian Bieniowski, (Network Performance Manager, Lothian Buses)

APOLOGIES: John Sime (Chair), Mike Anderson (Committee Member)

RESIDENTS: 15

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RDCC WEBSITE OR AN EXTERNAL SOURCE**

1	POLICE REPORT	
1.1	PC Graham Black reported the Rosewell Crime Statistics for Aug-Sept 2018. These can be viewed on the RDCC website CRIME REPORTS page.	Police/ Residents
1.2	PC Black informed Residents that during this time period there had been 21 crimes recorded with 14 solved and there were 71 calls to Police Scotland.	Police
1.3	A resident spoke of traffic going wrong way down one-way street & had reported it to Police and had not had any reply as yet	Police
1.4	Secretary asked if the raves were still going on at the old Rosslynlee Hospital? Could officers attend and check this out at some point.	Police
1.5	A resident commented about poor signage at the new roundabout near Avant Homes. Drivers on the roundabout are often having to brake to avoid cars entering from the Roslin road who are wrongly assuming they have the right of way! PC Black said he had heard of this before, but it was not PS but MC who are responsible for road signage.	Police/ Midlothian Council
1.6	A resident spoke of teenagers from the high school going up to the woodland classroom, building fires and posting pictures of themselves on Facebook. PC Black will investigate and pass on to school officers, because although it is open, they should not be setting fires.	Police
2	GUEST SPEAKER (Network Performance Manager, Lothian Buses)	
2.1	Ian Bieniowski gave an update on feedback received at our last meeting in January. Although not being able to make a lot of progress on changes, there was an extra X31 added in the morning and evening and with Leith Street re-opening the 49 is now back on to its usual route. LB concede traffic is getting worse during the festival and are in talks with Edinburgh Council on how to mitigate the ever-increasing traffic problems throughout the city. Edinburgh councillors and officers are aware that action must be taken with this issue. Lothian Buses passenger numbers had been steadily increasing up until last year, but with the closure of Leith Street for so long impacting all of the network there has been a significant drop in passengers which has caused extreme concern. Feedback received has been journeys taking too long to get from A to B, so they are opting for alternative means of transport. Major roadworks has commenced at Brighton Place, and this along with the current roadworks at Duddingston impacting on the east side is also causing mayhem over the network. Along with other roadworks in Edinburgh causing lateness of buses which results in them turning to make back up some time. We can only apologise for this, but it is outwith our control. It may be the case we have to make sudden changes to timetables, but will wait to see if it settles before considering	Lothian Buses/ Residents

changes. Other than that, we have no plans to change timetables until spring time.
Resident - spoke of a 49 not letting Rosewell passengers on at Tesco Hardengreen. The driver changed the screen to Fort Kinnaird, then sat waiting for over ten minutes before leaving – resident told the driver the bus could have been to Rosewell & back in the time it had sat there.

Ian B will investigate what happened with this bus.

Resident - my grandson was trapped in the door of a bus last week.

Ian B - can't comment on this without the details, but you should always contact Customer Services who will always investigate if there has been any sort of accident.

Ian B – after hearing feedback from RDCC regarding schoolchildren not being picked up in the morning, I have reviewed the footage of the journey between Rosewell and the school over a period of ten days and didn't find the buses full in the morning & hadn't received negative feedback from the afternoon journey. LB are planning to put a supervisor on the bus to educate the children to utilise all the seats.

Resident - the school comes out at the same time the bus is at the bus stop and children are running across roads to catch it, which is very dangerous.

Ian B - there are so many schools on bus routes, it wouldn't be possible to change timetables to suit every school.

Resident - the main problem which is becoming more frequent is buses turning & not going to Rosewell. The 3 o'clock bus never turns up at Skeltiemuir & the next bus is full because of the school coming out, so you are left waiting at the bus stop.

Ian B - will look into this.

Residents – asked why LB couldn't put on a school bus.

Cllr. Winchester – Council have to by law provide bus for children to St David's and this is from all over the county. Transport is also provided for children who attend the Scottish Gaelic school and the only other time taxis are provided is for S3 and S4 if their parents move either by choice or otherwise.

Resident – has there been any research into why the numbers had dropped and are people returning to their cars.

Ian B – it has happened right across the network on most routes and is a combination of things, i.e. Level of congestion making bus journeys slower and slower, so the bus isn't perceived as a good mode of transport. Changes in transport mode, cycling is on the increase and car usage. Even though there was a huge reduction of passengers more buses were put on during the Leith Street closure to cover diversions and the net impact of that is a loss of over £1 million in costs and the loss of nearly 4 million passenger journeys. There is also a change in peoples working lives, working from home and part time work. We are also now realising the effects of the storms earlier this year. Edinburgh city centre is also becoming retail poor with continuing loss of shops, so people are getting in their cars to go to out of town shopping centres. We've made some changes to routes going to these complexes to try and encourage bus usage and sustain business.

Resident – do you have any set plan for the rural network.

Ian B – In Midlothian we have an open mind, but there are no plans for any radical changes.

Resident – do you ever do surveys and ask people what they want from their bus service.

Ian B – we have been doing more of this and looking at feedback, but would like to have more forums like this to hear people's views. Although the bus routes into Edinburgh from Midlothian have not really changed, journeys are longer because of increased traffic and additional obstacles which make it a longer journey times i.e. Sheriffhall queues, buses going into Royal Infirmary complex.

Resident – The reason people are using their cars are because the network has not kept up with development.

Resident – We can't rely on buses to go to an event in Edinburgh because buses don't turn up, so we have to take car. It isn't just during the festival, recently we went out to the

	<p>stop several times in the afternoon, but none of the buses came. It's always unfortunate for the bus driver because they get the flack.</p> <p>Ian B – I need specifics so I can go back and check up on this.</p> <p>Resident – LB make a great play with three buses an hour, but usually the second bus is cancelled, so people find they cannot afford to slot in an extra half hour to use the service.</p> <p>Ian B – It's disappointing, but the app shows where the buses are and people can use this.</p> <p>Residents – disagreed. The app says bus is due then it suddenly disappears off the app.</p> <p>Ian B – Yes if the bus turns at short notice this will happen.</p> <p>Resident – a large profile of people in this community are not using apps so it doesn't help them.</p> <p>Resident – granddaughter was put off night bus because she was too late to use ticket app, even though she offered to pay £4 but bus driver would not accept it, yet let two boys on free. What is your policy about not letting young girls to travel on night buses.</p> <p>Ian B – I would like to think a driver would do the right thing and accommodate the customer in certain situation. Without knowing the circumstances, I can't comment, but if as you say the mother has written in to customer services it will be investigated and dealt with appropriately.</p> <p>Resident – had to take a taxi to town because two buses did not turn up, also finds it frustrating having to take car for night out because there are no night buses.</p> <p>Ian B – I will certainly look into night bus situation.</p> <p>Resident – questioned why buses were sitting so long in Dalkeith.</p> <p>Ian B – Buses shouldn't be sitting in Dalkeith or going off service, so I'll look into this.</p>	
3	Minutes of Previous Meeting 27.08.18	
3.1	The minutes of the previous meeting held on 27 th August 2018 were read and approved.	
4.	TREASURER'S REPORT.	
4.1	<p>We have £2097.58 in our Bank Account, which includes Rosewell Neighbourhood Group's money being operated separately from RDCC monies. Breakdown of account is:</p> <p>RDCC Balance - £282.58</p> <p>RNG Balance - £1845.00</p>	Treasurer
5	LOCAL COUNCILLOR REPORT.	
5.1	<p>Cllr. Pauline Winchester reported Council is having major financial issues at the moment. The new budget setting will be starting soon and it is more than likely there will be another £10million of cuts. Once the draft budget comes out, there will be lots of meetings for people to have their say.</p> <p>On the bus for school question. Midlothian provide buses for 2 miles; however, 3 miles is the statutory level.</p>	Cllr. Winchester
5.2	<p>A resident asked if a footpath could be made up to the top graves in the cemetery as it is very steep and difficult to reach for less able people. Has not received a reply to letter written to council.</p> <p>Cllr. Winchester will look into this.</p>	Cllr. Winchester
6.	CHAIRS REPORT	
6.1	<p>We now have an accessible community defibrillator in the village. This was donated to us by Bonnyrigg Rose Community Football Club. It has been placed temporarily in the Community Resource Centre (RDT office) until the Neighbourhood Group raise enough money to purchase a cabinet for its permanent location. We welcome anyone who would like to join our CC, if you are interested, speak to the secretary at the end of the meeting.</p>	RNG/ Donators
7.	SECRETARYS REPORT	

7.1	Midlothian Council – Helping communities cope in an emergency If you're the kind of person who wants to help out in your community, Midlothian Council and Police Scotland are here to help. They want to find out what more can be done to support volunteers and local community groups cope better when there's an emergency. The council and police want to hear what you think the priorities are. Simply fill in our short survey by 31 October 2018. phone PC Rona Duncan on 0131 271 3390 if you would like more information or email communities.team@midlothian.gov.uk	Midlothian Council/ RDCC/ Residents
7.2	Brown Bins –MC are putting bar codes on brown bins to show who has paid for uplifts, but concern has been raised about the pull-out service for the less abled.	Midlothian Council/ Residents
7.3	Midlothian Peoples Equality Group – AGM is on Thursday October 4 th at Dalkeith Welfare Hall, 24-26 St Andrews Street 4.30-6pm. Poster on Website and out front.	Residents
7.4	Midlothian Older People's Gathering and Consultation Event – Wednesday 3rd October 2018 9.30am – 2.00pm St Johns & Kings Park church, Dalkeith. Tea/coffee and biscuits will be served from 09.30am and a light lunch will also be provided.	Residents
7.5	Royal Mail –are raising awareness of SCAM MAIL in our community. Typical scam mail involves professional fraudsters sending convincing letters that are designed to trick people out of money or other valuables, it can include bogus competitions and fake prize draws. This mail mostly originates from overseas and is hard to detect.	Royal Mail/ Residents
7.6	Halloween Disco – at St Matthews FRI, 26 OCT AT 18:00 this is a Family event, adult supervision will be required for your child and tickets are £3 per person for all ages over the age of 2	Residents
8.	UPDATE ON MAJOR AND LOCAL PLANNING APPLICATIONS	
8.1	Rosslynlee Hospital (17/00980/DPP) planning in principal for residential development of up to 280 dwellings– AWAITING DECISION	Oakridge / Planning
8.2	Upper Dalhousie Quarry – 18/00081/DPP Extension to existing area of sand and gravel extraction - AWAITING DECISION.	Tillicoultry/ Planning
8.3	Banks Developments – RDCC have submitted their comments to MC. The canvassed letters are still being added to the planning portal – 27 at last count with 8 objections. – AWAITING DECISION	Banks / MC Planning
9.	UPDATE ON ROSEWELL DEVELOPMENT TRUST	
9.1	Activities are continuing with the woodland classroom still being popular. A new art group for primary 1-3 called mini rascals on Wednesdays, Rascals on Thursdays for primary 4-7 and Kids World Citizen group and chatter and clatter baby and toddlers' group on Fridays. The Lunch Club is on Tuesday and Thursdays, and the History Group have increased in numbers and now meeting on the last Tuesday of each month. Trust are supporting anyone 16-25 through their employment support and apprenticeship programmes. Click and connect every Wednesday helps anyone wanting to learn how to use their laptop, tablet or smartphone and associated programmes. Through the Rosewell grows and litter picks, Rosewell has been awarded a thriving award through Keep Scotland Beautiful and they have what's your neighbourhood awards and you can only go one higher than thriving, so hopefully we will get top award next year. On the back of this the Trust has launched a Land share programme – if you are interested or want more information, please contact RDT at the Resource Centre. If anyone has any questions, or needs more information, please contact the RDT office or Robert Scott for more details on any of the groups and projects run by the Trust. RDT's website – http://www.rdtrosewell.org.uk/eventcalendar/	RDT/ Residents

	<p>Demolition is well underway at the old steading site.</p> <p>Rosewell Primary School Car Park – have introduced new times when you cannot access the car park behind the school. They have asked that cars DO NOT access the school during nursery drop off and collection times. These times are: Between 8 am to 9 am, 11:15 am to 1 pm and 3:15 pm to 3 :45 pm.</p> <p>Dave Mackay added that RDT can now announce that they heard this morning they won big lottery funding award of £490k which gives the final total towards the building and it's also been agreed Midlothian Council will underwrite any shortfalls with the building costs. Next step is planning application which will take three months, then a tender process for the build which will take another three months, so building may start in April & may take about a year.</p>	
9.	UPDATE ON ROSEWELL NEIGHBOURHOOD GROUP	
9.1	<p>The Scouts started the anti-dog fouling campaign around the village and in the park by spraying dog poo with highly coloured temporary chalk paint. The paint is & has been approved by MC. This exercise will be repeated in one months' time with a different colour paint to gauge if there has been any improvement in offender behaviour.</p> <p>Calendar – The final submission date is for photos for the calendar is 9th October. JPEGs to be sent to RDCC@email.com</p> <p>Next meeting of the group is Thursday 11th October and new volunteers are always welcome.</p>	RNG/ Residents
9.2	The Scouts have completed the anti-dog fouling campaign which has hopefully raised awareness of the problem. During the first outing they found 17 poos and the following month they found 11, which indicates an improvement in offender behaviour.	RNG/ Scouts/ RDCC
9.3	The Group are looking for photo contributions for the calendar – please submit to RDCC@email.com	RNG/ Residents
10.	ANY OTHER BUSINESS	
10.1	A resident who took part in the 'walk the line' was speaking to the Midlothian Ranger who said he was trying to raise money for the signs along the track going to Penicuik & had also requested some money to clean up Rosewell station platforms. Resident said he had walked past these over the years and they are slowly disappearing under brambles and nettles. The Ranger said they were possibly starting next month to work on one of the platforms.	MC Ranger
10.2	Resident brought this up at last meeting and reported again about the pavements from Rosewell to Roslin having overgrown vegetation which is making pedestrians step out onto the road where speeding cars are passing (Gorton House side) – the MC's reply was to contact the land owner. Another Resident said the safest route was along the walkway which unfortunately is longer, he also quoted farmer saying he could only cut the hedges over a small period of the year because of nesting birds.	
11.	DATE OF NEXT MEETING	
11.1	The next meeting will be held on Monday 26 th November 2018 at 7pm in Rosewell Parish Church Hall. MEETING DATES for 2018	Chair

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