

**MINUTES OF A MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 22<sup>ND</sup> JANUARY 2018 AT 7pm  
IN ROSEWELL PARISH CHURCH HALL**

**PRESENT:**

RDCC: John Sime (Chair), Ann Montague (Secretary), Sandra Muir (Treasurer), Helen Blackburn (Committee Member), Mike Anderson (Committee Member)  
 GUEST SPEAKER: Ian Bieniowski (Network Performance Manager) accompanied by Thomas (Commercial Planner) and Caroline (Assistant Customer Services Manager) from Lothian Buses  
 APOLOGIES: Cllr. Pauline Winchester  
 POLICE: PC Lewis Hodgkinson  
 RESIDENTS: 35  
 COUNCILLORS: Dianne Alexander (Bonnyrigg Ward)  
 Also, in Attendance: Karl Vanter, Principal Officer, Public Transport from Midlothian Council

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<b>1</b>	<b>POLICE REPORT</b>	
1.1	PC Hodgkinson reported the Rosewell Crime Statistics for November-December 2017. These can be viewed on the RDCC website <a href="#">CRIME REPORTS</a> page.	Police/ Residents
1.2	PC Hodgkinson Informed Residents that during this time period there had been twenty-four crimes recorded with nine solved so far and there were 49 calls to Police Scotland	Police
<b>2.</b>	<b>Minutes of Previous Meeting 27.11.17</b>	
2.1	The minutes were of the previous meeting held on 27 <sup>TH</sup> November 2017 were read and approved.	
<b>3.</b>	<b>GUEST SPEAKER: Ian Bieniowski</b>	
3.1	<p>Lothian Buses - Rosewell is viewed as a Community of elderly residents who commute to nearby villages and towns and do not go into Edinburgh (Historical).</p> <p>Lothian Buses – have been concentrating on routes to other villages (historical), but are happy to review.</p> <p>Lothian Buses - Midlothian Council used to support bus service, but Rosewell is now a wholly commercial service and is running at a loss on the Rosewell part of the journey.</p> <p>Lothian Buses - were initially given funding from the Scottish Government, but this is no longer the case. Services operate at a loss in Midlothian area but LB need to cover costs</p> <p>Lothian Buses – bus corridors are becoming busier, which results in buses taking longer – this impacts on running costs. City of Edinburgh Council are presently working on congestion problems to help lessen bus journey times.</p> <p><i>Resident – only one bus goes through the Park and ride which is not taking in the bigger picture of getting into Edinburgh.</i></p> <p>Lothian Buses – have not seen an increase in commuters from new developments.</p>	Lothian Buses / Residents

	<p><i>Resident – with the substantial increase in development Lothian Buses should put buses on for people to get used to them.</i></p> <p><i>Residents - driving to Bonnyrigg for 31 bus.</i></p> <p>Lothian Buses - decriminalisation of parking might stop people from using cars.</p> <p><i>Resident - Could 31 buses come to Rosewell?</i></p> <p>Lothian Buses - If 31 was extended to terminate at Rosewell, it would result in 'Rosewell being over-bussed' and could be at the expense of losing the 49.</p> <p><i>Resident - Could every alternate 31 buses come to Rosewell?</i></p> <p>Lothian Buses - don't like complex journeys</p> <p><i>Resident - 2<sup>nd</sup> bus stop in Carnethie Street not sheltering people –this is Midlothian Council's remit.</i></p> <p><i>Resident - could minibuses or smaller buses be used?</i></p> <p>Lothian Buses – have no minibuses which could be used, but could look at this for longer term solution.</p> <p><i>Resident - could 49 timetables be changed to co-ordinate with 31</i></p> <p>Lothian Buses - will look at this.</p> <p><i>Resident – Sunday, weekends and late nights can take 2 hours to get to work.</i></p> <p><i>Resident – I have to stay half of the week with relatives in Penicuik to enable my commute to work in Edinburgh</i></p> <p><i>Resident – I cycle elsewhere to catch bus.</i></p> <p>Lothian Buses - reviewing Sunday service, but cannot run empty buses</p> <p>Lothian Buses – an extra X31 has been added (10-minute service), but this has been due to passengers further along the route</p>	
3.2	<p>A resident raised concerns about cars/vans parking in bus stops making it difficult/impossible for buses to get in to the bus stop.</p> <p>Karl Vanters informed the meeting that Midlothian was currently going through the process of introducing decriminalization of parking and, at the time of the meeting, this was expected to go "live" in April 2018. Once active, this allows matters such as parking at bus stops to be tackled by Council-appointed wardens and, in a small way, will contribute to reducing delays to the buses. It will also benefit those travelling by bus in a wheelchair, using a walking aid or pushing a buggy as the bus will be able to pull into the kerb if other vehicles are no longer obstructing the way.</p>	Midlothian Council
<b>4.</b>	<b>TREASURER'S REPORT.</b>	
4.1	The balance of our account is £351.52 We have received confirmation from Midlothian Council that we have been awarded next year's grant of £884.15	Treasurer
<b>5</b>	<b>LOCAL COUNCILLOR'S REPORT.</b>	
5.1	No reports received	
<b>6.</b>	<b>CHAIR'S REPORT</b>	
6.1	Midlothian Council's consultation about the proposed budget cuts closed on 14 December 2017. The budget will possibly be finalised at the next Council meeting on 13 February 2018	Midlothian Council
<b>7.</b>	<b>SECRETARY'S REPORT</b>	
7.1	<b>Midlothian Council</b> –Temporary winter emergency parking restrictions are in operation and are utilised when necessary to keep bus routes clear during periods of forecast prolonged snow. Waiting, Loading and Unloading are prohibited on the designated lengths of Carnethie Street as shown on <a href="#">map</a> and also on RDCC website.	Midlothian Council/ Residents

7.2	<b>Scottish Water</b> – will be working at the junction of Carnethie Street and Gorton Road from 5 <sup>th</sup> February for 7 days ( <a href="#">map</a> ) and again on 12 <sup>th</sup> February in Carnethie Street ( <a href="#">map</a> ). Waiting, Loading and Unloading are prohibited, further details of the Traffic Regulation Orders and map have been posted on Notice Board, website and sent round mailing list. Details are also out front.	Scottish Water/ Residents
7.3	<b>Police Scotland</b> – are carrying out a consultation on the Disposal of Unused Police Premises. The premises identified in Midlothian are Loanhead, Newbattle and Gorebridge. RDCC will respond to this consultation which closes 31 Jan 2018.	Police Scotland/ RDCC
8.	<b>UPDATE ON MAJOR AND LOCAL PLANNING APPLICATIONS</b>	
8.1	<b>Rosslynlee Hospital</b> – Oakridge Group have now submitted (planning in principle) proposals for a new village community named St. Margaret's (former Rosslynlee Hospital). RDCC will be submitting comments on this proposed development. Details can be found on RDCC & MC website.	
8.2	<b>Banks Developments</b> – haven't yet submitted planning application for their proposed development to build up to 120 houses on the Doctors field. They held an exhibition at the Resource Centre on Wednesday 15th February 2017.	Banks Developments
9.	<b>UPDATE ON ROSEWELL DEVELOPMENT TRUST</b>	
9.1	The Community were asked to give their views on the proposed new Community hub. A Community Consultation took place on 29 <sup>th</sup> Nov in the Resource Centre. Next coffee morning - 14 <sup>th</sup> February in the Resource Centre 9.30-11.30. History Group meet – 23 <sup>rd</sup> January in the Resource Centre 13.15-14.45 Litter picking starts again in March. Details for all events can be found on RDT's website - <a href="http://www.rdtrosewell.org.uk/eventcalendar/">http://www.rdtrosewell.org.uk/eventcalendar/</a>	RDT/ Residents
10.	<b>UPDATE ON ROSEWELL NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN STEERING GROUP</b>	
10.1	2018 Rosewell Calendar has now been delivered to all residents. If you have not received your copy you can pick one up from the Resource Centre.	RNPSG/ Residents
11.	<b>ANY OTHER BUSINESS</b>	
11.1	A Resident commented about lack of gritting in Carnethie Street. The Chair advised people could contact the council a number of ways including social media. The Secretary had also contacted Midlothian council regarding lack of gritting at the steep bend on the C55 road en route to Thornton Farm and Livery. MC will provide grit for self-use.	Midlothian Council / Residents
12.	<b>DATE OF NEXT MEETING</b>	
12.1	The next meeting will be held on Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> March 2018 at 7pm in Rosewell Parish Church Hall. <a href="#">MEETING DATES for 2018</a>	Chair

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[www.community-council.org.uk/RosewellandDistrict](http://www.community-council.org.uk/RosewellandDistrict)

**PLEASE ALSO VIEW THE COMMUNITY NOTICE BOARD IN THE PUBLIC GARDEN AT THE CORNER OF CARNETHIE STREET/GORTON ROAD**

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