

**DRAFT MINUTES OF A MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 26th November 2018 at 7pm
IN ROSEWELL PARISH CHURCH HALL**

PRESENT:

RDCC: John Sime (Chair), Ann Montague (Secretary), Helen Blackburn (Treasurer), Mike Anderson (Committee Member)

COUNCILLORS: Cllr. Pauline Winchester

APOLOGIES: Cllr. Kelly Parry

RESIDENTS: 10

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RDCC WEBSITE OR AN EXTERNAL SOURCE**

1	POLICE REPORT	
1.1	Apologies we do not have a Police report tonight. Secretary will post report on RDCC web page and FB page when received from PS.	Police/ Residents
2	Minutes of Previous Meeting 01.10.18	
2.1	The minutes of the previous meeting held on 1 st October 2018 were read and approved.	Chair
3.	TREASURER'S REPORT.	
3.1	We have £4832.58 in our Bank Account, which includes Rosewell Neighbourhood Group's money being operated separately from RDCC monies. Breakdown of account is: RDCC Balance - £567.58 RNG Balance - £4265.00	Treasurer
4.	LOCAL COUNCILLOR REPORT.	
4.1	<p>Cllr. Pauline Winchester reported Midlothian Council is asking for people to give their views on which services they wouldn't mind cutting and how savings could be made. There is a website and an email address, which I will give the Secretary to share. Midlothian Council needs £211.8 million to fund services per annum with more than half of that being spent on education, a quarter is spent on health and social care and the other quarter is where the cuts can be made. Even with an assumed 3% rise in council tax next year there still has to be £6.2 million cuts.</p> <p>Resident – are the comments followed up?</p> <p>Cllr. Winchester – suggestions about what they don't want to see are collated and passed on to Councillors before they make their decisions.</p> <p>Resident – Why don't they canvas the community and ask what are their priorities? instead of being negative and asking what would you like cut.</p> <p>Cllr. Winchester – You can go on and say what your priorities are. Last year there was five meetings held throughout Midlothian, which were so poorly attended and there were no comments made about the cuts to the elderly health service.</p> <p>Resident – Is that because they think their comments aren't going to be taken into consideration anyhow?</p> <p>Cllr. Winchester – Not sure, but it is always helpful to have comments to know where people stand.</p> <p>There are two meetings on 3rd and 4th December at 7pm at Midlothian Council – details are on MC website.</p> <p>Resident – spoke of Library van sitting in a garage for a year and was never used, but was still being paid for and which costs a lot of money. This is just one example, but there are thousand of pounds being wasted by the council.</p> <p>Cllr. Winchester – take a picture of it and send it to the council with your comments.</p> <p>Resident – How much is the garden waste recycling program going to bring in?</p>	Cllr. Winchester /Residents

	<p>Cllr. Winchester – don't have the exact figures, but they are reckoning a 50% uptake in the service, going by Dundee, Perth & Edinburgh figures.</p> <p>Resident – are they going to do a study to see where the other 50% put their rubbish? fly tipping? grey bin?</p> <p>A discussion took place about the huge number of houses being built in Midlothian with an infrastructure struggling to cope, so why couldn't MC slow down to consolidate and stop allowing building on green belt sites. It was pointed out that if planning were refused, developers could appeal to the Scottish Government who would probably overturn which would be at a cost to Midlothian Council. MC are working on a five-year target to build so many houses and this is still short of the numbers. The council tax and money from Scottish Govt. will make up, but there is a lag of two years for MC to receive the funding for the population as it is now.</p>	
5.	CHAIRS REPORT	
5.1	We're still looking to increase our numbers and welcome anyone who would like to join our CC, if you are interested, speak to the secretary at the end of the meeting.	RDCC/ Residents
6.	SECRETARYS REPORT	
6.1	Midlothian Council Budget – as already discussed MC are asking for your views on spending priorities and would like to hear your views. Take part on online survey, email your comments and suggestions to HaveYourSay@midlothian.gov.uk or Write to Have Your Say, Midlothian House, Buccleuch Street, Dalkeith EH22 1DN or Speak to your local Councillors.	Midlothian Council/ RDCC/ Residents
6.2	Midlothian Council's – Community Planning Partnership day took place at Edinburgh College on Saturday. This annual event brings together members of local community groups and representatives from all the organisations.	Midlothian Council
6.3	Midlothian Older Peoples Assembly – December Newsletter is about getting ready for winter and contains helpful advice. Newsletter out front and also on RDCC Website.	MOAP/ Residents
6.4	Scottish Water – have sent our CC helpful winter advice on how protect your pipes and what to do in an emergency. Leaflets out front and on our website.	Scottish Water/ Residents
6.5	Poltonhall Gala day Santa Sleigh will be at Rosewell Park on Thursday 13th December between 4.30 – 7.30pm Details on FB page and website.	Residents
6.6	Rosewell Park – Residents approached RDT & RDCC to find out if they could contribute to the upkeep of some of the borders in the park. Secretary confirmed Midlothian Council are delighted for this to happen as long as the areas being worked on is submitted to MC before commencing work to prevent crossover of work. MC have also offered a Supervisor to give advice to the group.	MC/RDT/ RDCC
6.7	Christmas Lights – Midlothian have agreed for the community to put lights on the living trees in the small park at the shop. A suggestion was made for solar lights, which was accepted as being a preferred option. RNG will be approached to fundraise for new lights.	RDCC/ RNG
7.	UPDATE ON MAJOR AND LOCAL PLANNING APPLICATIONS	
7.1	Rosslynlee Hospital (17/00980/DPP) planning in principal for residential development of up to 280 dwellings– AWAITING DECISION . There has been vandalism at the site which Oakridge say is causing an increase in the rot situation and are urging planning to make a decision.	Oakridge/ Planning
7.2	Rosewell Mains Steading (Gorton Loan) (18/00840/DPP) Erection of community hub facility; formation of access and car parking and associated works - AWAITING DECISION	RDT/ MC Planning
7.3	Upper Dalhousie Quarry – (18/00081/DPP) Extension to existing area of sand and gravel extraction - AWAITING DECISION .	Tillicoultry/ Planning
7.4	Banks Developments – No change AWAITING DECISION	Banks / MC Planning

8.	UPDATE ON ROSEWELL DEVELOPMENT TRUST	
8.1	<p>Activities are continuing with the woodland classroom still being popular and used well by both schools with RDT running a John Muir Award. Also, in partnership with Alzheimer Scotland, once a month RDT have individuals living with dementia along to the classroom with their families to use the facility.</p> <p>The Lunch Club, children's groups and a variety of activities are proving popular as always.</p> <p>RDT recently won a 'Thriving' Award in the 'It's your Neighbourhood' category from Keep Scotland Beautiful in recognition of the work RDT and Volunteers do in our community. Plans for the new Community Hub can be viewed on MC planning portal and there is also a link on RDT's Facebook page. Details have also been emailed to members.</p> <p>RDT have seen an increase in volunteers at the Trust & have a number of volunteering opportunities available. Please contact RDT if you are interested.</p> <p>RDT have been nominated for the Queens award for Voluntary Service – results will be announced in the spring of 2019.</p> <p>The new winter programme is out, this shows details of the Trust's events. Full details can be found on RDT's Facebook page.</p> <p>If anyone has any questions, or needs more information, please contact the RDT office or Robert Scott on 0131 629 9398 for more details on any of the groups and projects run by the Trust. RDT's website – http://www.rdtrosewell.org.uk/eventcalendar/</p>	RDT/ Residents
9.	UPDATE ON ROSEWELL NEIGHBOURHOOD GROUP	
9.1	Calendar – The 2019 Calendar has been submitted to printer – won't be long till it is delivered through your door.	RNG
9.2	Community Accessible Defibrillator – Funding is now in place for the cabinet and installation. RNG will let everyone know when it has been installed.	RNG
10.	ANY OTHER BUSINESS	
10.1	A resident reported that excrement had been spread over the bus stop outside the auction house. Cllr. Winchester will report this to Environmental Health dept.	Resident/ Cllr. Winchester
11.	DATE OF NEXT MEETING	
11.1	The next meeting will be held on Monday 21 st January 2019 at 7pm in Rosewell Parish Church Hall. MEETING DATES for 2019	Chair

UPDATES ARE ADDED AT REGULAR INTERVALS TO THE RDCC WEBSITE TO KEEP RESIDENTS INFORMED OF PROGRESS ON MAJOR PLANNING APPLICATIONS, COMMUNITY NEWS, AND EVENTS. INFORMATION IS ALSO POSTED ON THE COMMUNITY NOTICE BOARD IN THE PUBLIC GARDEN AT THE CORNER OF CARNETHIE STREET/GORTON ROAD
www.community-council.org.uk/RosewellandDistrict

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