



**MINUTES OF A MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 25th November 2019 at 7pm
IN ROSEWELL PARISH CHURCH HALL**

PRESENT:

RDCC: Ann Montague (Secretary), Helen Blackburn (Treasurer), Abby Houston (Committee Member)

APOLOGIES: John Sime (Chair), Cllr. Pauline Winchester

POLICE: PC Alan Forbes

RESIDENTS: 17

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1	POLICE REPORT	
1.1	PC Alan Forbes reported the Rosewell Crime statistics for November 2019 which can be viewed on RDCC website CRIME REPORTS page. There were 9 crimes recorded with 5 solved. During this period there were 50 calls to Police Scotland. The meeting was reminded of the numbers to contact Police Scotland when telephoning, also Your View Counts – details are on the report.	Police/ Residents
1.2	PC Forbes informed the meeting about free security checks by Police Scotland, whereby if requested they will visit residents' houses and give advice.	Police/ Residents
1.3	PC Forbes spoke about the rural crime initiative which commenced on Sunday 3 rd November. During this period community officers will be carrying out patrol and engaging with dog owners. If you have any suspicions or worries take a note and report it to 101.	Police/ RDCC/ Residents
1.4	Motorbikes had been reported as causing a nuisance in and around the village. Residents were reminded to take a note and report it to 101. Residents said they had seen motorbikes without number plates.	Police/ Residents
1.5	PC Forbes informed the meeting about the importance of bike marking and bike passports, detailing make, model, colour, serial number and anything unusual about your bike and a sticker with a number which will go onto a website to increase the chance of return if stolen. Community Officers are carrying out bike marking/ crime prevention events in communities.	Police/ Residents
2	MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING	
2.1	The minutes of the previous meeting held on 7 th October 2019 were read and approved.	
3	TREASURER'S REPORT.	
3.1	The balance in our account is £4426.23 which includes Rosewell Neighbourhood Group's money being operated separately from RDCC money. Breakdown of account is: RDCC Balance - £971.45 RNG Balance - £3454.78 with pending payments of £1024.61 for electrical installation of defibrillator cabinet and £1672.11 for printing of 2020 calendar which will leave RNG a balance of £758.06	Treasurer
4	LOCAL COUNCILLOR REPORT.	
4.1	No Councillor report this evening.	
5	CHAIRS REPORT	
5.1	RDCC were sorry to hear sad news of Kenny Marshalls recent passing. He did a lot of work for our village, encouraging so many children to get involved in sports, boys' clubs, youth clubs as well as helping with gala days and local committees. Our condolences to his family.	RDCC

6	SECRETARY'S REPORT	
6.1	Brown Bins - Midlothian Council has approved plans to continue the chargeable kerbside garden waste collections. (Brown bin). At the full council meeting on Tuesday, it was confirmed the scheme had generated a net income for the council of £591,178 in 2019. Councillors agreed the service should be offered to residents again in 2020, with the charge remaining static at £35 per bin.	MC/ Residents
6.2	Rosewell Resilience Group – are well underway with the production of the Rosewell Community Emergency Plan. The second meeting of the group was taking place immediately after the CC meeting. Attendees were invited to stay and join the group if they wanted to help. This purpose of the plan is to establish and implement procedures in the event of any emergency that affects the community.	RDCC/ RRG/ Residents
6.3	Register to vote – The meeting was reminded of the deadline for registering to vote: At least 12 working days before an election - so, with the election on 12 December, the deadline is 23:59 GMT on Tuesday 26 November. Register to have a postal vote before 5pm this Tuesday 26 November.	Residents
6.4	Bonnyrigg Rose Community 'Roses' - reach out to reduce social isolation and loneliness in our community. Working in partnership with 'Health in Mind' and sponsored by the local Co-op invite Senior Citizens and likeminded people the opportunity to meet in a lovely, safe environment. Food and Entertainment (Ged Hanley this Friday 29 th Nov) Where: Poltonhall Pavilion. When: The last Friday of every month, 7pm - 9 pm (No gathering in December).	Bonnyrigg Rose Community FC/ Residents
6.5	Rosewell Christmas Market at St Matthews Friday 29 th November at 5pm - stalls are all fully booked, some from last year and many new that offer a fantastic range of gifts, Santa's grotto, Christmas raffle, hot drinks, cakes and hot food	Residents
6.6	Christmas Coffee Morning at the Resource Centre Wednesday 4 th December 9.30-11.30	Residents
6.7	Poltonhall Gala Day Santa Sleigh – will be at St Matthew's School on Thursday 5 th December between 4.30-7.30pm	Residents
6.8	Seniors Christmas meal and party - This year the Seniors Christmas meal and party is to be held on the 7th December from 1pm- 6pm. If you know an older person who would benefit from this, for tickets or more information please contact Isa Conlin on (0131) 440 0769 or Ann Brennan on (0131) 440 0999	Tuesday Club/ Residents
6.9	Rosewell Primary School is holding their Christmas fair on Saturday 7th December. Unfortunately, I have no further details.	Rosewell PS/ Residents
6.10	Children's Christmas Party at Rosewell Miners Welfare (Bowling Club) on Thursday 19 th December 6-8pm for children up to P7 age. Members children/grandchildren free of charge. Non-members £2 per child	Bowling Club/ Residents
6.11	New Age Kurling - RDCC successfully applied for a grant to purchase New Age Kurling sets for use by our community. New Age Kurling takes place on Thursday 1.30-3.30 tea and blether included – only £2	RDCC/ Residents
6.12	Midlothian Council – contacted RDCC to say they were intending to deliver and place the Christmas Tree in the community garden on Tuesday but due to the development work this would not be possible and unfortunately there were no alternative places available with an electric source needed for the tree at such short notice. A discussion took place with Residents suggesting various places to plant the Christmas tree for next year. The consensus was that it should be in the centre of the village with the community garden being the obvious choice. A resident reminded the	RDCC/RDT /Residents

	meeting of this being discussed at a previous meeting and being told this could be possible providing that the community paid for it. Residents asked if the council were still putting up the lights. Secretary confirmed the lights would be going up.	
7	UPDATE ON MAJOR AND LOCAL PLANNING APPLICATIONS	
7.1	Formation of footpath and erection of fence on land between Rosslynlee, Gourlaw and Carnethie Street (Decision- Refused) 19/00495/DPP	MC Planning
8	UPDATE ON ROSEWELL DEVELOPMENT TRUST	
8.1	RDT produce ‘A little bird told me’ which can be viewed online at RDT’s website and FB page. For anyone not online, there is a printed programme which is circulated and can also be picked up at the Resource Centre. Residents can also find out more about upcoming events through the RDT Facebook Page and website or contact Robert Scott (Manager) at RDT.	RDT/ Residents
9	UPDATE ON ROSEWELL NEIGHBOURHOOD GROUP	
9.1	2020 Rosewell Calendar – The 2020 Rosewell Calendar is now at the printers and will be delivered soon. The Facebook page keeps growing and now has over 800 members	RNG/ Residents
10	ANY OTHER BUSINESS	
10.1	<p>Moray Simon (Resident) came forward with a question for the hall and asked if those who were present at the last meeting (7th October 2019) recalled the discussions that took place with him and the development trust Manager and board member. Moray said “I spoke up because I felt they were bullying Ann and demeaning our Community Council”. Does anyone recall me using any derogatory or demeaning words language towards them? A number of residents confirmed nothing derogatory had been said by Moray.</p> <p>Moray then explained that he had been a member of the Development Trust since it started up and that in April 2019 (just before their AGM) found out he was no longer a member, but doesn’t know the reason why and hasn’t got to the bottom of it. Moray then said he had recently re-applied for membership to RDT which had been refused, with the reason given for refusal was that he had made derogatory remarks towards the Manager and a board member of RDT at the RDCC public meeting in October.</p> <p>An ex board member of RDT said that in order to comply with GDPR, emails were sent out by RDT asking people to reply if they wanted to remain on the mailing list, but didn’t recall it saying anything about membership and people who didn’t reply appear to taken off the membership. A number of people said they had not been contacted.</p> <p>Moray told the meeting he had received the email and replied at the time. The Secretary also received the email and responded to it, however was told she was never a member, despite the email stating – you are receiving this email ‘because you are a member’</p> <p>A discussion then took place whereby a number of residents stated they were unaware of what had happened regarding memberships and assumed they were still members and many thought it was a ‘lifetime membership’</p> <p>RDCC had questioned RDT about the timing of the issue with memberships immediately before their AGM because being told to re-apply for membership on the day of the AGM or after was wholly unsatisfactory due to members having lost their voting rights, especially when they were proposing to make changes to their Articles of Association. In particular changes being made to exclude Appointed members of the Community Council to the board of RDT.</p> <p>A further discussion took place regarding RDT’s articles of association and particularly about appointment of board members and it was believed by Moray that RDT were keeping two appointed members but had removed Community Council member.</p> <p>RDCC’s ex board member said she had resigned for various reasons, but stated mainly she was fed hearing the news of what was happening at RDT from residents at Community Council meetings.</p>	RDCC/ Residents

	Another resident confirmed she had been told she was no longer a member prior to the AGM, however had been reinstated before the AGM, which certainly was not the case for others! It was apparent by the number of comments made that residents were unhappy by the actions of RDT regarding their memberships. Moray said that it seems RDT don't like anyone who makes comment or criticises them and they are willing to concoct fake allegation to get their way. This matter is not closed and is being taken further.	
10.2	A resident reported phoning MC regarding state of cemeteries and could more bins be placed within however one brown bin had been placed and was overflowing. She also stated her disappointment with the overall state of neglect and was given an apology and told residents would need to do more. However, she questioned the money being paid to the council and would there be if refunds made if people were doing it themselves.	MC/ Residents
11	DATE OF NEXT MEETING	
11.1	The next meeting will be held on Monday 20 th January 2020 at 7pm in Rosewell Parish Church Hall.	Chair

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www.community-council.org.uk/RosewellandDistrict

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