

**MINUTES OF A MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 26<sup>th</sup> August 2019 at 7pm  
IN ROSEWELL PARISH CHURCH HALL**

**PRESENT:**

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

APOLOGIES: John Sime (Chair), Mike Anderson (Committee Member), Cllr. Pauline Winchester

POLICE: PC Alan Forbes

RESIDENTS: 22

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<b>1</b>	<b>POLICE REPORT</b>	
1.1	PC Alan Forbes reported the Rosewell Crime statistics for Jun-Aug 2019 which can be viewed on RDCC website <a href="#">CRIME REPORTS</a> page. There were 18 crimes recorded with 11 solved. During this period there were 92 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 Alan Forbes spoke about bogus callers at this time of year – if no one is expected, do not let anyone unknown into your house and ask for ID. Also keep all doors locked even if you are in the house. Always make checks on any type of workers turning up at your door. If you have any suspicions or worries take a note and report it to 101.	Police/ Residents
1.3	PC Alan Forbes informed the meeting about past bike marking events and asked if the residents of Rosewell would be interested in a similar event. RDCC will take this forward.	Police/ RDCC/ Residents
<b>2</b>	<b>MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING 3.6.19</b>	
2.1	A request was received from RDT asking to insert a response into the minutes of the previous meeting held on 3 <sup>rd</sup> June 2019 – this was refused as minutes are the spoken word about what was discussed during the meeting.	RDCC/ Residents
2.2	The minutes of the previous meeting held on 3 <sup>rd</sup> June 2019 were read and approved.	
<b>3</b>	<b>TREASURER'S REPORT.</b>	
3.1	The balance in our account is £3578.23 which includes Rosewell Neighbourhood Group's money being operated separately from RDCC money. Breakdown of account is: RDCC Balance - £798.45 (includes grant £599.00 from Midlothian Council). RNG Balance - £2779.78 with pending payments of £1167.83 for electrical installation of defibrillator and extra set of defibrillator pads which will leave RNG a balance of £755.17 this also includes a donation of £50 for the 'Rosewell in Bloom' group.	Treasurer
<b>4</b>	<b>LOCAL COUNCILLOR REPORT.</b>	
4.1	No Councillor report this evening.	
<b>5</b>	<b>CHAIRS REPORT</b>	
5.1	We are delighted to introduce Abby Houston as a new member of our Community Council.	RDCC
5.2	<b>Midlothian Council</b> – We are delighted to report MC have put forward a proposal to make the 50mph speed limit from Rosewell to Upper Firth permanent.	Midlothian Council

<b>6</b>	<b>SECRETARY'S REPORT</b>	
6.1	<b>RDCC</b> - We have recently updated our mailing list which we send out agendas, minutes of our meetings, notification of major consultations and other important news of what's going on in our community. We did this by email, website and FB page asking that anyone wishing to remain on our database to contact us at RDCC@email.com otherwise we would assume you no longer wish to be included and be removed from our mailing list.	RDCC/ Residents
6.2	<b>RDCC &amp; RNG</b> will soon be actively looking for volunteers to become part of the <b>Rosewell Community Resilience Group</b> who will create a resilience plan to give our community a better chance of managing emergency situations. Leaflets containing further information will be delivered to households soon.	RDCC/ RNG/ Residents
6.3	<b>Midlothian Council</b> want to hear your views on buildings they intend to use as polling stations in future elections. Further information on MC website, or link on our website & FB page. Residents suggested using the new hub, church hall or weekend voting, however the premises mentioned would be at a cost to the council as they were not council buildings.	MC/ Residents
6.4	<b>Bonnyrigg Rose Community 'Roses'</b> - 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 provided as well as bingo and other entertainment... Where: Poltonhall Pavilion. When: The last Friday of every month, 7pm - 9 pm Transport can be provided upon request. Contact details on website/FB/Notice board. Also, The Club was asked by 'Health in Mind' to get involved in 'Suicide Prevention Week 2019' for Midlothian. They are supporting a 5 aside 'fun' football tournament at the 'Sports Complex' at Poltonhall on Sunday the 8 <sup>th</sup> of September. It's for all levels of football - so please spread the word and get your friends and families, work colleagues all signing up to get 5 aside teams together and join in the day. We hope to welcome people from all over, not just the Bonnyrigg area... There is info on the flyer, however just to add- each team entry is £25.00 and money raised on the day will be given to local Mental Health Support charities. Take along your bike - the bike mechanic on site and he'll give the bikes a MOT! If anyone would like to help out on the day, or organisations offer support for the event, donate raffle prizes etc. please get in touch, with Trisha Sime Mobile: 07834456625 Email: <a href="mailto:trish@bonnyriggrose.org.uk">trish@bonnyriggrose.org.uk</a>	Bonnyrigg Rose Community FC/ Residents
<b>7</b>	<b>UPDATE ON MAJOR AND LOCAL PLANNING APPLICATIONS</b>	
7.1	<b>Rosewell Community Hub</b> – The work on the site has begun and the builders have given the following phone numbers should residents wish to contact the builders with any issues which affect them. Completion expected end of May 2020. George Wilson (Site Manager) 01383 416191, Mack MacDonald (Health & Safety Manager) 01383 416191, Iain McNichol (Contracts Manager) 01383 416196	RDT/ Muir Construction /Residents
7.2	<b>Formation of footpath</b> and erection of fence on land between Rosslynlee, Gourlaw and Carnethie Street (Awaiting Decision) <b>19/00495/DPP</b> A Resident asked if this was a 'safe route to school' referring to the Rosslynlee development, and recalling a previous CC meeting where the developer (Oakridge) attended and told the community they would be providing a bus. Secretary told the meeting Midlothian Council's planning committee passed the Rosslynlee development with no requirement from developer to provide a bus!	MC Planning
<b>8</b>	<b>UPDATE ON ROSEWELL DEVELOPMENT TRUST</b>	
8.1	<b>RDT</b> continues to be busy with a variety of activities, including another successful Tea in the Park event which was held at the end of July. Over the summer there were variety of woodland sessions including pupils from both schools taking part in the John Muir Award. Residents can find out more and follow upcoming events through the RDT Facebook Page and website or contact Robert Scott (Manager) at RDT.	RDT/ Residents

8.2	<b>Rosewell Community Hub</b> – Construction work on the hub is due to be completed by the end of May next year. As part of the planned development the community garden had to be removed in order to install new drainage and utilities. Once completed the community garden will be reinstated. Computer generated illustration are available to view at RDT office next to Rosewell Primary School.	RDT/ Residents
8.3	Secretary informed the meeting that RDCC had been contacted by concerned residents about the community garden being dug up. RDT Manager assured the meeting that the garden will be reinstated to a better standard than before. Secretary spoke of Justin Venton, Land & Countryside Manager of Midlothian Council not allowing the community to plant a Christmas tree in the garden in 2018 stating they had the garden just how ‘they wanted it’ however he did not know who owned the land. A decision was made to hang the Christmas lights on the living trees in the garden which unfortunately have now been removed. RDT Manager said that the lights could be hung on the trees remained which remain. Dave Mackay said the garden had been handed over to the community 14/15 years ago and Cllr. Graham Marr helped raise funds to establish it. RDT Manager said it was just maintained by the council and wasn’t council land. Secretary reported the Community Notice Board had been made inaccessible behind the site’s perimeter fence and had spoken to the site manager who said he would move the fence to give access after the drainage was installed but also commented this notice board was not on his plan. Secretary asked why the community notice board is not being shown on the hub plans? Dave Mackay said he had met with the transport officer at MC (today) and it could well be incorporated within a proposed new bus shelter! This proposal was met with disdain by residents and Dave Mackay said the notice board did not belong to RDCC however it was pointed out that as it is ‘the community notice board’ it has every right to remain in ‘the community garden’ and any decisions about its removal or placement should not made by MC or RDT without discussion with RDCC, who ‘act on behalf of the community’ and are the keyholders! Resident commented that if the garden belonged to the community, it is they who should decide if a Christmas tree is planted. Dave Mackay said he saw no problem with putting in a Christmas tree but money would have to be raised for it. It was suggested solar lights would be used.	RDT/ RDCC/ RNG/ Residents
8.4	<b>Rosewell in Bloom</b> – continue with the maintenance and planting of the planters in the village: <u>Planter at South Entrance to village</u> - 1 <sup>st</sup> Rosewell Brownies <u>Planter at North Entrance to village</u> - Kids World Citizen Group <u>Planter at Gorton Road</u> - Rosewell Scouts <u>2 Planters at Entrance to Rosewell Park</u> - Rosewell Grows Group The group have also been planting in the park.	RDT/ Volunteers
<b>9</b>	<b>UPDATE ON ROSEWELL NEIGHBOURHOOD GROUP</b>	
9.1	<b>2020 Rosewell Calendar</b> - Excellent news that we have been awarded £1000 from the blue token customer vote in Tesco stores.	RNG/ Residents
9.2	<b>Community Accessible Defibrillator</b> – Midlothian Advertiser published the story about our Publicly Accessible Defibrillator in June.	RNG/ Residents
9.3	<b>Meetings</b> – The group’s next meeting is on Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> September where we welcome everyone who is interested in helping with the Rosewell Calendar and all other future projects.	RNG/ Residents
<b>10</b>	<b>ANY OTHER BUSINESS</b>	
10.1	A number of points were raised by Residents about the state of neglect in and around Rosewell citing this as Midlothian Council’s apparent lack of care for our community. A number of comments made are listed below: - <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Residents have raised issue with Midlothian Council regarding weeds, overhanging trees bushes and the general state of the pavements and roads in and around the village.</li> <li>One resident had phoned and submitted pictures to the local councillors’ secretary to show exactly what the problems are... all to no avail.</li> </ul>	RDCC/ MC/ Councillors

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Residents are angry that work is being carried out in other areas, namely Bonnyrigg, Dalkeith and Loanhead and are asking why Rosewell is the 'forgotten village'</li> <li>A resident also asked why the sivers were not being cleaned out? They are full of weeds and are overflowing which will lead to the tar being damaged!</li> <li>A resident showed an email she had received from Derek Milligan which does not give the reason why Midlothian Council have banned staff from using Glyphosate Weed Killers, but rather calls out the councillors responsible for the ban. He also states that he will try his best to get the ban overturned asap.</li> <li>A resident became quite irate saying she saw two council gardeners standing in the park for two hours blethering.</li> <li>Residents had witnessed MC workers sitting in their vans for two and three hours.</li> <li>Comparisons were made about Loanhead and Dalkeith parks which are beautiful, whereas Rosewell park is a disgrace! The pathway between trees after the wild garden cannot be seen for thistles.</li> <li>We pay council tax the same as everyone else, so why do we not get the services given to other places?</li> <li>A comment was made about an MC workman picking litter on the railway path down from Dalhousie Chesters to Bonnyrigg!</li> <li>Where are the local Councillors – why don't they come to our meetings?</li> </ul> <p>RDCC will write to Midlothian Council and our Local Councillors highlighting the concerns raised by our Residents at this meeting.</p>	
10.2	A Resident complained about HGV's 'banging through the village'. Secretary reminded the meeting Cllr. Winchester commented at a previous meeting in August 2018 that lorries were allowed through the village. It was suggested that the site should be instructing lorries which way to enter their site. RDT have already spoken to site agent instructing lorries to come in top end of village.	RDT/ Residents
10.3	It was also noted that 20mph roundels had be applied to the road in Carnethie Street but the markings outside the schools had not yet been repainted.	MC
10.4	A Resident asked about the Dr's field and was told is scheduled for planning again in October.	MC Planning
10.5	A Resident complained about dog mess in Pentland Crescent. The Neighbourhood Group are waiting for permission from MC to carry out their next dog poo campaign and will check if this street was chosen in the poll carried out on FB for attention.	Residents/ RNG
<b>11</b>	<b>DATE OF NEXT MEETING</b>	
11.1	The next meeting will be held on Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> October 2019 at 7pm in Rosewell Parish Church Hall. Remainder of <a href="#">MEETING DATES for 2019</a>	Chair

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

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