



MINUTES OF A MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 2nd MARCH 2020 at 7pm IN ROSEWELL PARISH CHURCH HALL

PRESENT:

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

APOLOGIES: John Sime (Chair)

POLICE: PC Cassidy and PC Pendreich

GUEST SPEAKER: Laura Kearney from HcL Transport

RESIDENTS: 13

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1	POLICE REPORT	
1.1	PC Cassidy reported the Rosewell Crime statistics February 2020 which can be viewed on RDCC website CRIME REPORTS page. There were 6 crimes recorded with 0 solved. During this period there were 38 calls to Police Scotland.	Police/ Residents
1.2	Midlothian Partnership against rural crime launched on Tuesday 25 th February 2020 to provide rural communities with information and advice including solutions that may help to deter thieves and farm and vehicle safety	Police
2	GUEST SPEAKER - Laura Kearney from HcLTransport	
2.1	Laura explained the charity had been operating for 37 years throughout Edinburgh and the Lothians, describing the two services Dial a ride and Dial a bus which focuses on those who are mobility challenged, which they describe as being elderly, disabled, long term and short-term health issues. Dial a bus operates Monday to Friday taking passengers to various shopping centres, while Dial a ride is more like a taxi service operating seven days a week, 365 days a year. Both services are door to door with an emphasis on offering a little more help for their customers and having a sense of community with the regular passengers getting to know each other. For more information – please click on the link HcLTransport Laura offered to speak to any other groups and organisations who wish to contact her.	
3	MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING	
3.1	The minutes of the previous meeting held on 20 th January 2020 were read and approved.	
4	TREASURER'S REPORT.	
4.1	The balance in our account is £3929.33 which includes Calendar and Resilience Group monies being operated separately from RDCC money. Breakdown of account is: RDCC Balance - £867.21 Calendar - £1882.67 Resilience Group - £1179.45	Treasurer
5	LOCAL COUNCILLOR REPORT.	
5.1	Councillor Winchester reported on the budget (February) and explained how it had been done differently from other years. There had been a cross party group with representatives from each party looking at medium term cuts being more gentle than bigger cuts at start of April. Unfortunately, council tax has gone up but there aren't the big cuts that would normally have happened at the start of the year.	
5.2	A resident asked if there would be further cuts to be made.	Midlothian Council

	Cllr. Winchester affirmed this would be the case and thought there was still a million pounds of cuts still to be made but had no idea where they would come from. The business transformation group (cross party group) will make decisions as the year goes on.	
5.3	A resident asked if there was a lot of Council Tax outstanding. Cllr. Winchester stated the council was owed over a million pounds but couldn't say how much was council tax or rent.	Midlothian Council
5.4	A resident asked if more dog bins could be provided. Cllr. Winchester will look into it.	Midlothian Council
5.5	A resident spoke of the pot holes and water in the road near Candidacas. Cllr. Winchester asked residents to report problems immediately to the council. A discussion took place about the state of the roads and drains not being cleaned out and how reports fell on deaf ears. Cllr. Winchester asked residents to include her in their emails. Due to the water lying around the drain on Carnethie Street at the corner of Gorton Road RDT had instructed their drain people to investigate the reason. They confirmed the drain has collapsed which was reported to an agent from MC who said they have no money to repair it? Other residents spoke of same problems outside the church and hairdresser. Cllr. Winchester would report these issues and asked that she be kept informed about the situation.	Cll. Winchester/ Midlothian Council/ Residents
5.6	A resident spoke of a councillor in Dalkeith who had set up Garden Gorillas who have lifted at least four tonnes of soil from the sides of the road. They've been brushing and shovelling it into bags for the council pick it up. By removing the earth, it stops the weeds.	
6	CHAIRS REPORT	
6.1	The next Community Council meeting on 20 th April 2020 will be the AGM.	RDCC
7	SECRETARY'S REPORT	
7.1	Rosewell Resilience Group – invited the Community to a Meeting held on Thursday 27 th February, where the Team Leader from Tweed Valley Mountain Rescue Team gave a very insightful and interesting talk.	RDCC/ RRG/ Residents
7.2	Midlothian Council's Community Payback Team – contacted RDCC with information about the work of Midlothian Council's Community Payback Team. They are looking to engage with projects in the Midlothian area and can support local communities by providing some unpaid help working with people who are the subject of payback orders.	Midlothian Council
7.3	Police Scotland - a member of RDCC will be attending a meeting/workshop on the new process in which police Scotland will deal with all calls through the 101 and 999 service. This process is called the 'Contact Assessment Model' or CAM and involves assessing each call made and applying a risk assessment. This will be reported back to the community after the event.	Police Scotland/ RDCC/ Residents
7.4	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 the opportunity to meet likeminded people in a lovely, safe environment. Food and Entertainment (Last Friday of month) in Poltonhall Pavilion	Bonnyrigg Rose Community FC/ Residents
7.5	Rosewell Community Hub – Our Community Council has received correspondence from NHS Lothian in connection with the Application for inclusion in the Pharmaceutical List: Light Pharmacy in respect of Rosewell Community Hub. We been asked to include in written representation, all the facts and contentions which we wish the Pharmacy Committee to consider.	RDCC/NHS
8	UPDATE ON MAJOR AND LOCAL PLANNING APPLICATIONS	
8.1	Rosslynlee Hospital – 20/00016/DPP Oakridge Group have submitted planning application for Formation of bus turning area – awaiting decision.	MC Planning
9	UPDATE ON ROSEWELL DEVELOPMENT TRUST	

9.1	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
9.2	Following on from our previous meeting where questions had been raised about RDCC writing letter of support for the proposed pharmacy in the hub, the Secretary updated the meeting to say that NHS Lothian have written to RDCC with the results of the community survey taken which shows a positive response and this also confirmed the survey had only been available to NHS and the pharmacist and not RDT. The meeting was shown a map of the proposed area to be serviced by the pharmacist which does not cover the whole of Rosewell & District boundary. Although everyone will be served at the premises, the concern was deliveries to outlying areas including the 300 households at the proposed new St Margaret’s Village (Rosslynlee Hospital). Cllr. Winchester stated people would have to get in their cars and drive to the pharmacy or jump on a bus. Further discussions took place about the benefit of the pharmacy and what services would be offered. RDCC will respond to NHS and ask for clarification of the points raised at the meeting. Dave McKay (RDT) explained and clarified the position regarding the businesses who will be operating from the hub and how these are essential to keeping the hub financially viable.	RDCC/NHS /RDT
10	UPDATE ON 2021 ROSEWELL CALENDAR	
10.1	Rosewell Calendar – production will commence soon, but please contact RDCC if you have any ideas or information you would like considered for input.	RDT/ Residents
11	ANY OTHER BUSINESS	
11.1	Cllr. Winchester informed the meeting she had been approached by a horse rider concerned about the safety of the crossing at the junction of Polton Road West over the A6094 towards the old cemetery. It was suggested that cars are driving faster than the 50mph limit making it very dangerous for horse riders and pedestrians. It was worse on the return from Rosewell as the line of sight is much less. Cllr. Winchester asked if anyone had any ideas to let her know, but will take this issue forward to council in the meantime.	Cllr. Winchester/ MC
11.2	A resident spoke of the roundabout at the middle entrance to Rosewell (Avant Homes) being dangerous with vehicles not stopping at the junctions but had been told by Midlothian Council it was not a danger.	Residents/ MC
11.3	A resident asked if deer crossing signs could be put up on the distributor road where the deer cross. (the little wood). Cllr. Winchester will take this forward to council.	Cllr. Winchester/ MC
11.4	A resident commented on road signs being left up for years where places are no longer operational. This can cause confusion with people and especially visitors to the area, who may actually think Rosslynlee is still a hospital. Cllr. Winchester will take this forward to council.	Cllr. Winchester/ MC
12	DATE OF NEXT MEETING	
12.1	The next meeting will be held on Monday 20th April 2020 at 7pm in Rosewell Parish Church Hall. This will also be AGM.	Chair/ Residents

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