



MINUTES OF A MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 12th OCTOBER 2020 at 7.15pm (VIA ZOOM)

PRESENT:

RDCC: Moray Simon (Chair), Alison Izatt (Vice Chair), Ann Montague (Secretary), Helen Blackburn (Treasurer), Abby Houston (Committee Member), Jamie Scanlon (Committee Member), Janey Hoeflich (Committee Member)

MIDLOTHIAN COUNCIL: Catherine Duns (Community Liaison Officer)

RESIDENTS 3

ATTENDEES: Robert Scott (Manager RDT)

APOLOGIES: PC Alan Forbes Dianne Alexander.

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1	POLICE REPORT	
1.1	Police officers are not permitted to attend zoom meetings, therefore the Chair read out on behalf of PC Forbes. The Rosewell Crime statistics for September 2020 and other information can be viewed on RDCC website CRIME REPORTS page. There were 2 crimes recorded with 1 solved. During this period there were 26 calls to Police Scotland.	Police/ Residents
1.2	Now that the schools have returned Community Police are asking people to park and drive considerately around the primary schools when dropping off and collecting children for the safety of all parties.	Police/ Residents
1.3	Community Officers would also like to take this opportunity to remind you all that we can conduct security surveys on domestic properties and rural establishments such as farms. If anyone is interested please contact police at the email address on CRIME REPORTS	Police/ Residents
2	MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING	
2.1	The minutes of the previous meeting held on 2 nd March 2020 were read and approved.	
3	TREASURER'S REPORT.	
3.1	The balance in our account is £3030.80 which includes Calendar and Resilience Group monies being operated separately from RDCC money. Breakdown of account is: RDCC Balance - £825.67 Calendar - £2082.67 Resilience Group - £122.46	Treasurer
4	LOCAL COUNCILLOR REPORT.	
4.1	Councillor Winchester had informed us she had another CC meeting to attend and joined us later.	
4.2	Cllr. Winchester reported that the 3 Midlothian West Councillors, Kelly Parry, Russell Imrie and herself had taken a motion to council that in future Community Councils should be notified when there is to be street naming in their area to enable them to go out to the community to ask for ideas which should local or historical. There are certain rules, i.e. Can't be named after anyone living or similar to any other names in Midlothian and the surrounding area to avoid any confusion for the emergency services. Perhaps suggestions could be sought about the proposed development at the doctor's field as planning has been given in principle. Secretary asked if this motion was being considered.	

	Cllr. Winchester said it had been taken forward and passed and Community Councils will be notified by MC. Should there be a dispute between the Provost and CC, then the 3 ward councillors will be called in for their opinions.	
5	MATTERS ARISING	
5.1	<p>New roundabout at Avant and green areas into village are an eyesore – Secretary has tried to establish who is responsible for this! Council are working on critical level and failing to respond to requests. Also, the footpath leading to Roslin from Rosewell is a death-trap with overgrown pushing pedestrians onto the road into oncoming traffic.</p> <p>(a) A resident wrote to Midlothian Council 5 or 6 weeks ago and reported they had cut back some bushes nearer the top at the Rosewell end of the road, but overgrowth worsens as you go further down the glen.</p> <p>(b) Another resident, who walks the road daily had also emailed the council about the state of the pavements and overgrowth but has not received any reply.</p> <p>(c) Cllr Winchester will look into these two matters and asked that residents include her in their emails to Midlothian Council.</p>	Cllr. Winchester
5.2	Sad to report that the defibrillator at Whitehill Welfare FC had been stolen.	Whitehill Welfare FC
(a)	Johnny Gordon (an SFA team doctor) has arranged a replacement which is very good news.	
5.3	<p>Concern and accusations about paedophilia were raised by residents about a man occupying a house in Lothian Street. One evening the street was shut off and a crowd dispersed by police, which understandably caused alarm and a lot of concern to families. A resident said the tenant had moved out and left this house in a terrible state just three months after it had been refurbished, causing it to be refurbished and redecorated again.</p> <p>(a) A suggestion was made that a statement should be requested from the Criminal Justice Team which could be helpful.</p> <p>(b) Cllr Winchester had no idea how these rumours start and warned that false rumours and accusations can be very damaging to the people involved and said these must be quashed straight away until someone can say here is his police record, but even then, they have to be housed. If they are coming out of prison and were previously from Midlothian, then Midlothian Council has an obligation to house them. Please call the police on 999 and report any incidents of worry.</p>	Residents/ Cllr. Winchester
5.4	There is some disparity with Gas and Electricity supplier 'meter top up card' contracts at the local shops, resulting in some residents having to go out with the village to top up their cards.	Helen Blackburn
(a)	A suggestion was made that we could source information about suppliers through the Facebook page.	
(b)	Another suggestion was to contact 'Changeworks' who are an organisation that help people to save on utility bills and may have information about suppliers, etc	
(c)	Helen Blackburn will carry out further investigations and update on this topic.	
6	GENERAL UPDATE	
6.1	It's been a very difficult time for everyone during lockdown and over the last few months and we would like to acknowledge the resilience shown by our community. Our Resilience Group activated Rosewell's emergency plan to provide support for all members of the community during this crisis and working closely with MC's Communities Team delivering on the priority areas which our Community received funding. Some examples of the work our volunteers carried out during this time were having leaflets printed with contact details of where to get help delivered to all households in our community to ensure no-one was missed. Deliveries of food parcels, shopping and also helping to organise deliveries from local shop.	
6.2	Rosewell Resilience Group – stood down on 31st July, however remain on standby should there be a resurgence or second spike of the virus.	Resilience Group
6.3	Rosewell Calendar 2021 – Production of the 2021 Rosewell calendar is well underway. Thanks to everyone who has provided information for the pages and the kind donors who have helped towards the cost of production and printing.	RDCC

6.4	<p>Rosewell Development Trust – are planning to open the new community centre with a soft launch in November with limited capacity due to current restrictions. Following rule of six, café can open and hoping groups will hire hall. Group activities can be found in 'A little bird told me' which can be viewed online at RDT's website and FB page.</p> <p>(a) A Resident asked RDT Manager who would be running café?</p> <p>(b) RDT manager informed the meeting the cafe was being franchised and was not in a position to give this information as details were not yet finalised.</p> <p>(c) Secretary asked if fence was temporary around garden area.</p> <p>(d) RDT manager informed the meeting this was temporary to stop anyone walking over newly planted area.</p> <p>(e) The Chair enquired whether RDT, in the openness and accountability, would be making the financial breakdown of the Hub building costs generally available to residents?</p> <p>(f) It was confirmed by RDT Manger that they would only publish financial details via Companies House.</p> <p>(g) It was then pointed out that this was the absolute minimum that RDT are obliged to do legally and that it appeared they were not making it easy for residents to access this information. It was further pointed out that the hub is a community resource and as such RDT should be more forthcoming with information for members and residents.</p> <p>(h) RDT Manager said accounts were published and sent out as part of annual report every year.</p> <p>(i) A resident asked where and to whom are these are sent to? - no reply to this question.</p> <p>(j) Comments were made that if only micro accounts were available a payment was required for full accounts and it was felt being a community resource information should be made available to RDT members and wider community.</p> <p>(k) RDT Manager stated that the build went over two years of accounts and would go over three years because accounts are a year behind.</p>	RDT
6.5	<p>Littering – Our thanks go to a resident who has been picking up litter around the village over the summer months. She contacted us to highlight a large amount of it was from polystyrene takeaway cartons. Secretary contacted the building site managers at both the hub and Avant, who assured us they would speak to their workers about disposing litter in the bins provided.</p>	
6.6	<p>Rosewell Park – In October 2018 Midlothian Council informed us of £40k Developer contributions that had been allocated towards a new wheeled sports facility to be constructed within Rosewell Park and ground investigation took place for this proposed facility (20m x 7m – approx. footprint).</p> <p>October 2020 – Midlothian Council informed us that they had terminated the contract with the contractor because they were not prepared to access park past school for fear of damage to the building. Midlothian Council will soon be carrying out renewed Ground Investigation before re-tendering process takes place again. Land Resource Manager have agreed to update us monthly on this project.</p>	Midlothian Council/ RDCC
7	UPDATE ON MAJOR AND LOCAL PLANNING APPLICATIONS	
7.1	<p>Land East of No.9 Gorton Loan Rosewell - 20/00590/MSC Residential development (Approval of matters specified in conditions 1,2,3,4,5,6,8,9 and 10 of planning permission 14/00471/PPP) Land East of No.9 Gorton Loan Rosewell. Details can be found on MC Planning portal and RDCC website planning page.</p> <p>(a) A resident commented that having seen the Design Access Statement – thought the development looked lovely.</p> <p>(b) A resident asked whether it was Crown Estate or private developer?</p> <p>(c) It is shown as a private developer.</p>	MC Planning
8	ANY OTHER BUSINESS	
8.1	<p>The Chair spoke about the pot holes in Victoria Street which have been temporarily repaired on several occasions over the last four years and said that he had reported the problem to Midlothian Council through the 'report it' page, also asking for a permanent repair to be made suggesting the street needed resurfaced.</p> <p>(a) Cllr. Winchester will look into this and asked residents to include her in their emails.</p>	Midlothian Council/ Cllr. Winchester

8.2	Janey informed the meeting she was a board member of Loanhead After School Club (LASC) and passed on an invitation from the CEO to our CC for a visit to the newly refurbished Pavilion before it opens within the next couple of weeks. Janey spoke of her recent visit saying it was absolutely stunning and an amazing asset for Rosewell to have. The care and attention that has been given is exceptional and the work was carried out by a local builder.	LASC/ RDCC
9	DATE OF NEXT MEETING	
9.1	The next meeting will be held on Monday 23rd November 2020 at 7pm via zoom. Information on how to join the meeting will be posted nearer the time.	Chair/ Residents

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www.community-council.org.uk/RosewellandDistrict

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