



## MINUTES OF A MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 20<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2020 at 7pm IN ROSEWELL PARISH CHURCH HALL

### PRESENT:

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

APOLOGIES: John Sime (Chair) Robert Scott (RDT)

POLICE: PC Brian McGuff

RESIDENTS: 12

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<b>1</b>	<b>POLICE REPORT</b>	
1.1	PC McGuff reported the Rosewell Crime statistics 26th November 2019 to 19th January 2020 which can be viewed on RDCC website <a href="#">CRIME REPORTS</a> page. There were 11 crimes recorded with 5 solved. During this period there were 45 calls to Police Scotland.	Police/ Residents
1.2	PC McGuff informed the meeting about Operation Frankincense which ran through the month of December where local officers proactively targeted drunk/drug driving and other road traffic offences, violent crimes and crimes of dishonesty	Police
1.3	A resident asked about repeat offenders and apparent lack of punishment after being lifted and let out next day. PC McGuff said it was up to the courts with regards to punishment and offenders were expected to adhere to their bail conditions. Resident said if the other person takes matter into their own hands they will be lifted. PC McGuff advised against vigilantes and asked that the police be called. Residents were also advised that they could complain to the Procurator Fiscal service.	Police/ Residents
1.4	A resident asked if the 5 crimes solved were the 5 incidents of note? PC McGuff said this was not necessarily the case.	Police/ Residents
1.5	PC McGuff was asked about the number of calls and clarified that all calls were recorded and there could be more than one call received for the same incident included in the period stated.	Police/ Residents
1.6	A Resident asked about the law of Trespass. PC McGuff explained trespass is an English law and in Scotland we have a right to roam (in the countryside). He also explained there is a section 57 offence pertaining to entering the curtilage of private property.	Police/ Residents
<b>2</b>	<b>MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING</b>	
2.1	The minutes of the previous meeting held on 25 <sup>th</sup> November 2019 were read and approved.	
<b>3</b>	<b>TREASURER'S REPORT.</b>	
3.1	The balance in our account is £3029.88 which includes money for the calendar and Resilience group being operated separately from RDCC money. Breakdown of account is: RDCC Balance - £897.21 Calendar - £1882.67 (pending payment of £1024.61 for installation of defibrillator cabinet) Resilience Group - £250.00	Treasurer
<b>4</b>	<b>LOCAL COUNCILLOR REPORT.</b>	
4.1	No Councillor in attendance and no report received.	
<b>5</b>	<b>CHAIRS REPORT</b>	

5.1	The Chair (has intimated) his wish to step down from duty, so we are looking to appoint a new Chair to our council.	RDCC
<b>6</b>	<b>SECRETARY'S REPORT</b>	
6.1	<b>Rosewell Resilience Group</b> – have been awarded a resilience start up grant of £250 from Midlothian Council and a further grant offer of up to £1,000 from Ready Scotland to equip the Resilience Group. The group will be inviting a speaker from the Mountain Rescue Team to the next meeting (TBA) & will post notice of time and date for anyone wishing to attend.	RDCC/ RRG/ Residents
6.2	<b>Brown Bins</b> - Midlothian Council are reminding residents the £35 chargeable kerbside garden waste collections (Brown bin) is now payable for 2020.	MC/ Residents
6.3	<b>HcL Transport</b> - we have invited a speaker from the Dial-A-Ride and Dial-A-Bus services to our next meeting on 2 <sup>nd</sup> March. They have provided transport for people with limited mobility across the Lothians for the last 36 years. If you know of someone who could benefit from this service, please make them aware of this information.	RDCC/ 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 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
<b>7</b>	<b>UPDATE ON MAJOR AND LOCAL PLANNING APPLICATIONS</b>	
7.1	<b>Rosslynlee Hospital</b> – 20/00016/DPP Oakridge Group have submitted planning application for Formation of bus turning area	MC Planning
7.2	<b>Banks Development</b> – (Doctors field) 18/00403/DPP Awaiting Decision	MC Planning
<b>8</b>	<b>UPDATE ON ROSEWELL DEVELOPMENT TRUST</b>	
8.1	<b>RDT</b> produce <a href="#">‘A little bird told me’</a> 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
8.2	<b>New Community Hub (Steading)</b> – work is progressing well and plans to open in June 2020. For further information about the facilities for residents and groups please contact Robert Scott (Manager) at RDT.	RDT/ Residents
8.3	<b>RDT</b> asked that the meeting discuss their request for RDCC to update their previous Letter of support (2018) supporting the need for a pharmacy (in the hub). Secretary asked about results of recent survey, but was told this was done by NHS. A discussion took place with the following comments made by residents:	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Why is no-one present from RDT to answer questions from the community and hear their points of view – it is not for the community council to just rubber stamp their ideas and reminded the meeting of previous accusations from RDT about RDCC not carrying out 'due diligence' in offering letters of support</li> <li>b) There were comments on Facebook to say there was no need for a pharmacy and if they did a survey – why not show us results.</li> <li>c) What is a concern to a lot of people is that they get their medicines delivered? However, there are a lot who could go to the pharmacy for them.</li> <li>d) A pharmacy would take a lot of pressure from the very overworked GP services, but education is required to seek the appropriated service.</li> <li>e) Rosewell is growing immensely and there is a need for a GP surgery - I would support a pharmacy if it was attached to a GP surgery.</li> <li>f) RDCC were refused the results of the last pharmacy survey from RDT - A resident suggested the reason as being it was a Survey Monkey and didn't think you could get</li> </ul>	

	<p>results from it, also it was cancelled after a year. It was pointed out this was a public survey and results should be made public.</p> <p>g) RDCC asked RDT about the current survey, but was told RDT they do not have this information because it's an NHS survey. A resident suggested a FOI request, but said we really shouldn't need to do this.</p> <p>h) The Secretary suggested it was most likely there would be support for the pharmacy, however a resident said RDT should bring forward information as the community were not in a position to make a decision.</p> <p>i) A community council member suggested we ask RDT for a contact at NHS for information about survey result, however a resident said it should be RDT who bring should provide this information.</p> <p>j) A resident asked how the results would be worked out &amp; said not everyone has a computer, another resident said there has to be statistics including how many respondents to the survey, also that the information should be fed back to participants in order to make informed decisions.</p> <p>k) A resident asked if it was the pharmacist who came to the meeting a few years ago, as he thought he was excellent. It was confirmed this was not the same pharmacist, which led to another resident asking why there was not a tendering process for businesses wishing to operate in the hub.</p> <p>l) A comment was made about the pharmacist not being local and had apparently commented on social media that the pharmacy would open no matter the weather. A resident said it made no difference where the pharmacist lived, whereas others commented that an assistant can open the shop but cannot dispense or give medical advice.</p>	
<b>9</b>	<b>UPDATE ON ROSEWELL NEIGHBOURHOOD GROUP</b>	
9.1	<b>Rosewell Calendar</b> – The 2020 Rosewell Calendar has been delivered and our thanks go to everyone involved in funding, production and delivery. Spare calendars have been left in the Resource Centre for anyone wishing an extra copy - we ask for a £3 donation which will go towards the 2021 calendar.	RDT/ Residents
<b>10</b>	<b>ANY OTHER BUSINESS</b>	
10.1	A request was made to clarify a comment made at a previous meeting regarding an award given to RDT for work done in the park, when it was actually for the stone planters the children attend to.	Residents/ RDT
10.2	The Church Hall has been booked for 7 <sup>th</sup> June 2020 for 'The Big Lunch' Helen asked Tony if he would consider helping with a photographic exhibition of old Rosewell at the event.	RDCC/ Residents
<b>11</b>	<b>DATE OF NEXT MEETING</b>	
11.1	The next meeting will be held on Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> March 2020 at 7pm in Rosewell Parish Church Hall.	Chair

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

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