



## MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 23rd NOVEMBER 2020 at 7pm (VIA ZOOM)

### PRESENT:

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

RESIDENTS 9

ATTENDEES: Cllr. Pauline Winchester

**APOLOGIES:** PC Alan Forbes, Dianne Alexander, Robert Scott (Manager RDT)

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<b>1</b>	<b>POLICE REPORT</b>	
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 October 2020 and other information can be viewed on RDCC website <a href="#">CRIME REPORTS</a> page and also the neighbourhood FB page. There were 4 crimes recorded with 2 solved.	Police/ Residents
1.2	Police are aware of recent incidents at the woodland classroom and are carrying out regular patrols in the area.	Police
1.3	A number of residents in the Midlothian area have contacted police after becoming victims of fraud, whereby they have received phone calls from persons declaring themselves as representatives of various banks fraud teams. Victims are advised that their accounts have been compromised and asked to transfer funds elsewhere at which time control of funds is lost. Police are also aware of a report of fraud where the complainer received an email purporting to be from a financial company offering a high interest rate on savings. Police request members of the public to be vigilant to such conduct and educate elderly or vulnerable family/friends. Further information on types of fraud can be found on the Police Scotland website	Police/ Residents
1.4	Community Officers would also like to take this opportunity to remind everyone that they 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 <a href="#">CRIME REPORTS</a>	Police/ Residents
<b>2</b>	<b>MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING</b>	
2.1	The minutes of the previous meetings held on 12 <sup>th</sup> October 2020 were read and approved.	
<b>3</b>	<b>TREASURER'S REPORT.</b>	
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 informed meeting of Community Council's Christmas raffle to raise funds for projects around the village. Tickets are £1 each and are available from Loves Local shop. Anyone who cannot get to the shop can purchase tickets from the Treasurer who can deliver tickets to residents' door (cash or community council card reader). Contact 07986 747139 or rdcc@email.com	RDCC/ Treasurer

<b>4</b>	<b>LOCAL COUNCILLOR REPORT.</b>	
4.1	Cllr. Winchester informed the meeting she had received a massive amount of emails regarding the proposed closure of Roslin Glen Road. A petition had over three thousand people against the closure of the road. This consultation has yet to come before full Council before any decision is made.	Midlothian Council/Cllr Winchester
4.2	Cllr. Winchester reported that a full council meeting took place last week, whereby it was agreed that Councillors would be able to spend participatory budgeting on capital projects within their wards. Cllr. Winchester asked that we let her know of any capital projects arising. Cllr Winchester will check if the building work required for the Christmas tree in the community garden would qualify under the rules.	Cllr. Winchester/ RDCC
4.3	Cllr. Winchester informed the meeting that Midlothian would be remaining in tier 3 tomorrow (24 <sup>th</sup> Nov) and would not be going into tier 2 as had been previously been thought and how this was a real disappointment to local businesses. Chair asked about Covid figures in Midlothian – Cllr. Winchester will send these figures on and informed the meeting Midlothian Council are starting a weekly health meeting.	Cllr. Winchester/ Residents
4.4	Chair asked Cllr. Winchester about flooding in Roslin Glen Road. Cllr. Winchester spoke of a constituent contacting her last week about this matter and asked to get back in touch if she hadn't heard anything within a couple of days! The constituent replied almost immediately to say there had been an accident whereby a car had aquaplaned and crashed into railings. MC attended immediately and cleared drains thereby resolving the problem.	Midlothian Council
<b>5</b>	<b>MATTERS ARISING</b>	
5.1	<p>Chair introduced Juliette Paris-Newton to give a short presentation in relation to the tennis courts in Rosewell park.</p> <p>Juliette informed the meeting that a number of girls from primary school wanted to try tennis this year and found it difficult to find a class in the area. Having two tennis coaches on hand it was suggested using the tennis courts in the park, but unfortunately, they found them to be in a dangerous condition. A group of parents suggested restoring the facility for all to use and have been looking into sources of funding to restore the facility. A survey was conducted to gauge opinion on this idea, resulting in 183 answers, with 69% from Rosewell, 26% from Roslin which could result in cross village support and tournaments. The survey was open to all ages and also took in 'active schools' where 50% children are interested and 42% may be interested, but have never had the opportunity to try out tennis. 94% said lack of facilities explained lack of interest in the sport. 76% of people would like to play. The survey also showed majority of yes or maybe, which is very encouraging and also that a number of people from Roslin replied to the survey.</p> <p>Juliette has set up and been meeting various sources in relation to opening the tennis club which would be a charity, also how to set up for it to be as cheap as possible for people that they can just play without having to invest in the sport. She said 'we would like to have a good quality facility where we can have training and coaching sessions that anyone can come along to'. The pigeon club, who operate from the small building in the park have been made aware of the proposal and that the tennis groups idea of an asset transfer of the facilities, making it very clear that they only wish to add to the village and not take anything away and that both clubs would have access to the facility. The active schools club already have equipment and are ready to go. Other communities in Midlothian link sports with their community hubs, therefore RDT were approached but were unable to help because they were at a critical stage in the building of the steading, however this may change in the future. The question of courts being multi-use was raised, but it was pointed out Tennis Scotland would not fund for this purpose.</p> <p>Other Routes of funding options were discussed and a number of attendees at the meeting have agreed to pass on other helpful information to Juliette.</p>	

5.2	Chair read out changes that have been made to RDCC's Constitution: <b>Item 5 Para 4 now reads-</b> The COMMUNITY COUNCIL must have a Chair, Secretary, and Treasurer and sets the maximum membership at 12 elected members. <b>Item 14(c) Para 2 now reads</b> - All disbursement shall be by cheque or by BACS payment. Payments by cheque must be signed by at least two Office Bearers who are not related to each other or co-habitees. BACS payments must be made using a method whereby payment can only be made by authorisation of unrelated authorised members of the Community Council.	RDCC
5.3	Midlothian Council's second round of consultation on review of the Midlothian Core Paths Plan ends on 14 December 2020 before they prepare the Draft Core Paths. A statutory 12-week consultation period will begin in 2021. Further details are on MC website.	Midlothian Council/ Residents
<b>6</b>	<b>GENERAL UPDATE</b>	
6.1	<b>Lothian Street Disturbance</b> – RDCC wrote to Criminal Justice Team Midlothian regarding this incident and Fiona Kennedy, Service Manager has offered to come along to our meeting on 18 January 2021 to help address residents' concerns.	Fiona Kennedy/ Residents
6.2	<b>Rosewell Calendar 2021</b> – Calendar is at the printer and we hope to carry out deliveries in December.	RDCC
6.3	<b>Rosewell Development Trust</b> – Due to the pandemic, the steading had a soft opening in November. For all news information and updates on events please refer to 'a little bird told me' or contact Robert Scott, RDT Manager.	RDT
6.4	<b>Xmas tree</b> –Midlothian Council contacted RDCC regarding delivery of the Christmas tree and asked if we could re-install the socket which had been removed during the garden refurbishment. Community Council instructed a local builder carry out this work, which has been completed. Midlothian Council are not supporting or endorsing any public events therefore the lights will come with the street lighting on Saturday 5 <sup>th</sup> Dec. A suggestion was put forward that the village have a light switch on ceremony next year with the Steading being opened up during the event.	Midlothian Council/ RDCC
6.5	<b>Rosewell Park</b> – Midlothian Council have no updates this month regarding the new wheeled sports facility to be constructed within Rosewell Park.	Midlothian Council
<b>7</b>	<b>UPDATE ON MAJOR AND LOCAL PLANNING APPLICATIONS</b>	
7.1	Nothing to report.	MC Planning
<b>8</b>	<b>ANY OTHER BUSINESS</b>	
8.1	The damage at the woodland classroom was discussed and that the police are patrolling the area. A resident had reported seeing a group of youths walking down from Gurlaw Crossroads towards the woods around the time of the fire, suggesting youths from outside the village are gathering at the classroom.	Police
<b>9</b>	<b>DATE OF NEXT MEETING</b>	
9.1	The next meeting will be held on Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> January 2021 at 7pm via zoom. Information on how to join the meeting will be posted nearer the time.	Chair/ Residents

UPDATES ARE ADDED AT REGULAR INTERVALS TO THE RDCC WEBSITE TO KEEP RESIDENTS INFORMED OF PROGRESS ON MAJOR PLANNING APPLICATIONS, COMMUNITY NEWS, AND EVENTS. INFORMATION IS ALSO POSTED ON THE COMMUNITY NOTICE BOARD IN THE PUBLIC GARDEN AT THE CORNER OF CARNETHIE STREET/GORTON ROAD  
[www.community-council.org.uk/RosewellandDistrict](http://www.community-council.org.uk/RosewellandDistrict)

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