



MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 19th APRIL 2021 at 7pm (VIA ZOOM)

PRESENT:

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

RESIDENTS: 10

ATTENDEES:

APOLOGIES: PC Alan Forbes, Jamie Scanlon (Committee Member)

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1	POLICE REPORT	
1.1	Police officers are not permitted to attend zoom meetings. Our Community Officer has provided the Rosewell Crime statistics for March/April which have been posted on RDCC website CRIME REPORTS page and also the neighbourhood FB page. Contact details are contained within the report.	Police/ Residents
1.2	On 13th March 2021, Midlothian Police launched their Rural Crime Campaign. This campaign will run until 2nd May 2021. This aims to target Livestock Offences, Wildlife Crime, Acquisitive Crime and more. Police will be conducting mobile patrols at weekends in rural areas including The Pentland Hills and Penicuik Estate. If you see anything suspicious or crimes ongoing, please contact 101 or 999 immediately.	Police/ Residents
2	MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING	
2.1	The minutes of the previous meetings held on 1 st March 2021 were read and approved.	Chair
3	TREASURER'S REPORT.	
3.1	The balance in our account is £2801.31 which includes our 2021/22 grant of £641.00 from Midlothian Council. Our 2020/2021 accounts have been prepared and are in the process of being audited.	RDCC/ Treasurer
4	LOCAL COUNCILLOR REPORT.	
4.1	No Councillor in attendance. No reports received.	Midlothian Councillors
5	MATTERS ARISING	
5.1	During lockdown we began holding our CC meetings online via zoom and held our AGM in October 2020. Midlothian Federation of Community Councils will be discussing timings of when AGMs at their next meeting with a view to all being held in the same month.	Midlothian Council/ MFCC
5.2	A resident who previously contacted us regarding wildlife crime – has made contact again about a male who is going out with his dog and a friend (who doesn't live in the village) using their dogs and ferrets to try and catch rabbits, hares, deer & foxes. Whilst out with his 3-year-old son, he came across a dead fox up at the old St Joseph house. This concern has been passed to our Community Officer, who is contacting the resident direct.	Police/ Residents

	<p>A Resident said she had seen the carcass of the fox on the lawn in front of Whitehill House, but thought it had been caught in a snare because there was missing fur on the back leg.</p> <p>Secretary asked residents to report any suspicious activities to the police.</p>	
5.3	<p>Rosewell Primary School P7 House Captains were shortlisted for two categories in the Poppy Scotland Competition. Rosewell PS are the only school in Midlothian shortlisted in the competition. Voting closes on Friday 30th April 2021- winners of each category will receive £500 of Amazon vouchers for their school.</p>	Rosewell Primary School
6	GENERAL UPDATE	
6.1	<p>Rosewell Park — nothing to update regarding the new wheeled sports facility to be constructed within Rosewell Park. MC are now using City of Edinburgh's procurement model which is proving difficult to appoint a Ground Investigation consultant.</p> <p>A Resident asked if the facility would be constructed of concrete & a discussion took place about other sustainable options.</p>	Midlothian Council
6.2	<p>Roswell Tennis Club (RTC) – Application has been submitted to Midlothian Council to lease the tennis courts, but club has not yet received response. RTC are happy for other sports to take place in the courts.</p> <p>RTC now have a Board of Trustee, a constitution and a bank account and applied to Sports Scotland for resurfacing at the beginning of April and also applied to LNER for funding for the floodlights. Members of the Board are attending a crowdfunding training event. A request has been made to LASC to use the toilet facilities and RDCC stated that prior to upgrading the Pavilion, LASC would allow the community access. RTC are still in ongoing talks with the pigeon club to share their facilities.</p>	RTC
6.3	<p>Keep Rosewell Beautiful – Edith explained the group was started with the aim of dealing with the amount of fly-tipping and litter around Rosewell. The group has a Facebook Page with 150 members. Informal litter picks are taking place at the moment and the group are liaising with RDT to borrow litter pickers and to organise a big litter pick once Covid restrictions allow. Midlothian Council have supplied rubbish bags and have asked that once bags are filled, they are left next to any litter bin and a picture sent to MC who will pick up the filled bags. The group are planning to work with Rosewell in Bloom later on in the year to tidy up areas, carry out pruning and plant bulbs.</p> <p>Both Edith and RDCC contacted Strutt & Parker, the new land agents for Crown Estate about various issues, including damaged bridges. S&P have confirmed they will repair the bridges and put in place a maintenance plan for the estate. S&P's land agent is also meeting with Edith to discuss various issues. S&P will also liaise with Midlothian Council direct.</p> <p>RDCC is helping the group with funding for equipment.</p>	KRB/ Crown Estate/ RDCC/ MC
6.4	<p>Rosewell Community Centre – information on events being held in the centre can be found in 'a little birdie told me' which is on RDT's website. Robert Scott emailed RDCC Secretary to ask why 'a little birdie told me' had not been posted on the Neighbourhood FB page and was sent the following reply – 'unfortunately we cannot post 'a little birdie told me' because of the many business adverts contained within. We would be more than happy to post an update describing the activities that are planned for the hub without advertising the companies. To date, there has been no response received from RDT.</p>	RDT
6.5	<p>Bus Information - Revised 49 timetable will be introduced from Sunday 25 April 2021 as part of the steps being taken by Lothian to return closer to the pre-Covid levels of service. X31 is still suspended. If usage of the late April network grows after further easing of restrictions, then Lothian will consider the reinstatement of their "X" services.</p>	Lothian Buses

6.6	Bus Tracker repositioning – because the tracker is old technology, it's being considered if it is viable to move it to new bus stop as 'most people' have smart phones and can check bus times on them. Secretary will update if any further information received.	Midlothian Council
7	UPDATE ON MAJOR AND LOCAL PLANNING APPLICATIONS	
7.1	Nothing to update.	MC Planning
8	ANY OTHER BUSINESS	
8.1	Helen Blackburn informed the meeting we were successful in the application to distribute books on World Book Night. Residents have been asked to nominate people to receive a book. Books will be distributed at the weekend and some lucky recipients will find vouchers inside the book.	RDCC/ Residents
8.2	The Big Lunch will not be able to take place this year because of Covid restrictions and the number of people allowed to gather. If successful with funding RDCC are planning to deliver lunch boxes to residents	RDCC/ Residents
9	DATE OF NEXT MEETING	
9.1	The next meeting will be held on Monday 7 th June 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

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