



**MINUTES OF MEETING held on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2021 at 7pm  
(VIA ZOOM)**

**PRESENT:**

RDCC: Moray Simon (Chair), Alison Izatt (Vice Chair), Helen Blackburn (Treasurer), Ann Montague (committee member), Edith Cameron (secretary), Abby Houston (Committee Member), Janey Hoeflich (committee member)

RESIDENTS: 4

ATTENDEES:

**APOLOGIES:** PC Graham Black, Councillor P Winchester, Jenny Gray (Office manager to Colin Beattie MSP)

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<b>1</b>	<b>POLICE REPORT</b>	
1.1	Police officers are not permitted to attend zoom meetings. The Rosewell Crime statistics for September have been posted on RDCC website <a href="#">CRIME REPORTS</a> page and also the neighbourhood FB page. Contact details are contained within the report. It was noticed that a serious assault incident was missing from the statistics as residents were aware it happened on 29 <sup>th</sup> Oct and serious RTA on Nov 12 <sup>th</sup> which caused a temporary road closure of the A6094 South of Gourlaw junction. Action point - Secretary will query this with our community police officer.	Police/ Residents, Secretary
<b>2</b>	<b>MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING</b>	
2.1	The minutes of the previous meetings held on 4 <sup>th</sup> October 2021 were read and approved.	
<b>3</b>	<b>TREASURER'S REPORT.</b>	
3.1	The balance in our account is <b>£2022.68</b> . Much of this will be required for the 2022 Rosewell Calendar which has now been sent for print. More fundraising will be required next year in order to keep this going. Any local business keen to help fund the calendar are acknowledged on our December 'Thank You' page and should contact RDCC by email.	RDCC/ Treasurer
<b>4</b>	<b>LOCAL COUNCILLOR REPORT.</b>	
4.1	No Councillor in attendance. No reports received.	Midlothian Councillors
<b>5</b>	<b>MATTERS ARISING</b>	
5.1	The Rosewell Baby and Toddler group has closed. It was previously on Monday mornings in the Parish church hall. Toys were shared with residents via the 'Rosewell Shares' facebook page and the remainder donated to Rosewell nursery LASC childcare services who have opened a charity shop in Portobello. Anyone else having a clear out can donate clean clothes, handbags, accessories shoes jewellery, bric-a-brac and toys to the LASC in Rosewell, who will then transport it to their shop.	Residents
5.2	The Pharmacy Practices Committee hearing on 8.10.21 refused the pharmacy application for Rosewell. RDCC collected views from residents via the facebook	PPC/RDCC

	page and on 15 <sup>th</sup> Nov gave a very supportive letter to the PPC. The PCC are considering the appeal and a result is expected around mid-December.	
<b>6</b>	<b>GENERAL UPDATE</b>	
6.1	<b>Rosewell Park</b> – nothing to update regarding the new multi-wheeled sports facility to be constructed within Rosewell Park	Midlothian Council
6.2	<b>Rosewell Tennis Club (RTC)</b> – No update. For more information - <a href="#">Rosewell Tennis Club   Facebook</a>	
6.3	<p><b>Keep Rosewell Beautiful</b> - Midlothian Paths Group improved the footpath next to Rosedale cemetery and pruned trees near the entrance gate. Daffodils and crocuses have been planted at the entrances to the village and near the Rosewell Pavilion children's nursery. The Rosewell in Bloom team helped clear and re-use some fly-tipped roof tiles as crocks or for their art displays. More broken tiles are available if any residents could make use of them. Fly-tipped tyres have been donated to RPS and LASC nursery. We continue to pursue Crown Estate Scotland with regard to bridge repairs, path maintenance, blocking fly-tippers and cleaning up the Shiel Burn.</p> <p>It was brought up that there are logs and natural debris further upstream from the main broken bridge and its unclear whether these pose a threat to the river or its wildlife. Action point – secretary will add this to the list of things to discuss with Crown Estate Scotland and their land agents. There was previously a woodland expert working with RDT and the Midlothian Ranger service who we could consider contacting if we gain permission to look at this.</p>	KRB, Secretary
6.4	<p><b>The Steading, Rosewell Community Hub</b> – information on events being held in the centre can be found on Rosewell Development Trust's Facebook page or website - <a href="#">Rosewell Development Trust RDT   Facebook</a> or <a href="http://www.rdtrosewell.org.uk/">http://www.rdtrosewell.org.uk/</a></p> <p>Lateral Flow (rapid) coronavirus testing is available for those with no symptoms of coronavirus. Home testing kits are also available to collect from this site. <b>Please check times and dates at <a href="http://www.midlothian.gov.uk/get-tested">www.midlothian.gov.uk/get-tested</a></b></p>	RDT
6.5	<p><b>Update from James Palmer, Terranova, Whitehill Estate 2030 consultation</b></p> <p><i>Many thanks for reaching out, and apologies we have not been in touch sooner. We intend to communicate with all interested parties this week and give them an update on our revised timescales.</i></p> <p><i>Firstly, we would like to thank you and the rest of the Rosewell Community Council for helping us to spread the word about phase one of the Whitehill Estate 2030 community conversation. As you know, the discussion aimed to understand the challenges and opportunities facing the area and how Crown Estate Scotland could help to facilitate an exciting and prosperous future.</i></p> <p><i>We were delighted to see such a strong response from the community and have received an incredible amount of data for consideration. We are still working through the key themes and ideas, giving them all due consideration and helping us inform our plan for phase two of the conversation. These themes are being shared with Crown Estate Scotland for feedback to ensure they align with all existing commitments and aspirations.</i></p> <p><i>As we are already well into November and to avoid clashing with festive obligations, phase two of the conversation will now take place in early 2022, allowing as many people as possible to take part. We hope that you understand our reasons for</i></p>	Residents

	<p><i>delaying the conversation slightly and will be back in touch in due course to explain how phase two of the Whitehill Estate 2030 conversation will run.</i></p> <p><i>Please feel free to share this email with your network as way of an update; if you have any queries, get in touch at <a href="mailto:info@whitehillestate2030.com">info@whitehillestate2030.com</a></i></p>	
6.6	<p><b>Esk River Improvement Group meeting 15<sup>th</sup> Nov</b> – EC dialled in. Dalkeith are getting a river purification plant built over the next 5 years to deal with Acid Mine-water rising from disused mines and polluting the river with Iron and Manganese. Scottish Water plan an information campaign about not flushing wet wipes down the toilet as these are causing increasing problems to the sewage treatment works. EC raised the issue of the Shiel Burn clean up. Colin Beattie MSP was supportive in offering any help getting a response from Crown Estate Scotland if required</p>	
6.7	RDCC are looking into the feasibility of holding hybrid meetings which would satisfy both face to face and online meetings.	RDCC/ residents
<b>7</b>	<b>UPDATE ON MAJOR AND LOCAL PLANNING APPLICATIONS</b>	
7.1	<p><a href="#">21/00870/DPP</a>   Installation of Submerged Aerated Filter with associated cabins and equipment; formation of access track and hard surface; and associated works   Rosewell Waste Water Treatment Works Whitehill Road Rosewell.</p>	Residents, MC planning
7.2	<p><a href="#">21/00904/DPP</a>   Formation of footpath   Land South of Kirkettle Farm Rosewell</p>	Residents, MC planning
<b>8</b>	<b>ANY OTHER BUSINESS</b>	
8.1	A resident queried the consultation process for the 18metre 5G tower being erected in the centre of the village. It was clarified that the informal consultation was a courtesy but that communication towers are part of a government commitment to infrastructure. RDCC put forward the views expressed by residents and would remind residents also have the opportunity to submit their own comments and concerns to MC planning department.	Residents, MC planning
8.2	A resident brought up the information that some housing plots on the Whitehill House Estate had been sold by Savills recently. They had concerns about whether there would be any change to the current planning applications and design of these housing plots. Action point – Secretary will check the application status of the current plans	Secretary, MC planning
8.3	A resident asked if there was an update about the development of 62 holiday lets at on the Drummond Moor landfill site south of Rosewell. Action point – secretary will check the planning applications.	Secretary, MC planning
8.4	A resident had concerns that they had seen spray paint drifting across the river from its source at the Steel fabrication yard and was concerned this might have a detrimental affect on the river and its wildlife. Action point – Secretary will query it with the yard manager and add it to her list of things to discuss with SEPA regarding the river.	Secretary
8.5	The resilience group plan to check their current list of contacts and ensure they are ready with volunteers should the emergency plan be activated.	Committee Residents
<b>9</b>	<b>DATE OF NEXT MEETING</b>	
9.1	The next meeting will be held on Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> January 2021 at 7pm via zoom. Information on how to join the meeting will be posted nearer the time.	RDCC/ Residents

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