

**MINUTES OF MEETING held on Monday 17th January 2022 at 7pm
(VIA ZOOM)**

PRESENT:

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

RESIDENTS: 8

ATTENDEES: 0

APOLOGIES: PC Graham Black, PS Michele Lindsay

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1	POLICE REPORT	
1.1	<p>Police officers are not permitted to attend zoom meetings. The Rosewell Crime statistics for 17th November to 12th January have been posted on RDCC website CRIME REPORTS page and also the neighbourhood FB page. Contact details are contained within the report.</p> <p>They also provided clarification about the 2 omissions from last month as follows: <i>“On the evening of Friday, 29th of October, police were called to Victoria Street in response to an ongoing disturbance involving persons with weapons. On attending officers observed that several males had been injured. Three males aged 30, 33 and 36 years were subsequently arrested and charged in connection with the incident and detained in custody to appear at ESC on Monday 1st December 2021.</i></p> <p><i>Around 3.15 pm on Friday 12th November 2021 police attended a report of a Road Traffic collision, which had taken place on the A6094 between Rosewell and Howgate, where the driver appeared to have lost control at a bend and the vehicle landed on its roof. The male driver was initially trapped, however freed. Ambulance attended and conveyed the male who sustained minor injuries to hospital as a precaution.</i></p> <p><i>In relation to the Youth related incidents. I have arranged for extra patrols to be carried out by Midlothian Community Action Team officers and Community Officers in the areas of Rosewell where reports have been received. I am also engaging with Lothian Buses and SFRS. Please be assured that enquiries where crimes have been committed are being progressed as a priority to try and trace those responsible and deter further incidents. Officers are following a positive line of enquiry in relation to one of the youth related incidents”</i></p>	Police/ Residents
2	MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING	
2.1	The minutes of the previous meetings held on 22 nd November 2021 were read and approved.	
3	TREASURER’S REPORT.	
3.1	The balance in our account is £1349.52 The Rosewell Calendar costs £1637.36 to produce, so more fundraising will be required in order to keep this going.	RDCC/ Treasurer
4	LOCAL COUNCILLOR REPORT.	

4.1	No Councillor in attendance. No reports received.	Midlothian Councillors
5	MATTERS ARISING	
5.1	The Pharmacy Practices Committee appeal hearing refused the application by Light Pharmacy to start their business in Rosewell. RDCC wrote 2 letters of support and attended the hearing to support the community receiving this amenity. Support letters were also provided by local councillors. Colin Beattie MSP has written a strongly worded open letter questioning the processes of the PPC however we've not heard from our local councillors regarding the rejection yet. We discussed the uncertainty and complexity of pharmacy funding, applications process and licenses but it was felt there is little else we can do regarding that pharmacy application.	Residents
5.2	With the changes to indoor meeting restrictions, we should consider hybrid and face to face meetings for 2022. It was decided that a few members of the committee would go to the hall and assess the mobile signal strength and whether our projector and screen could be used so that people could choose to attend or to zoom in.	RDCC, residents
5.3	New paediatric defibrillator pads were required at a cost of £130. New adult ones will be required next year at a similar cost. Rosewell Cares has donated £280 towards the cost of these. The defibrillator is outside the Rosewell Primary School on Carnethie street and is available 24 hours a day to anyone dealing with a collapsed, unconscious person awaiting an ambulance. There are also defibrillators in the Steading Hub and in Whitehill Welfare football building, however these are only accessible when their premises are open.	RDCC, residents
6	GENERAL UPDATE	
6.1	All Rosewell calendars have been delivered. Many thanks to all the volunteers who helped deliver them. If anyone has not received their copy, they can contact the secretary to request one.	residents
6.2	Rosewell park – Secretary had a walk with James Kinch (Land Resources Manager) from Midlothian Council to discuss the new facility. Confirmed it will be a pump track, not a skatepark. It will be below the tennis court area. At present MC are waiting for a company to do ground investigation work, after which the contracts will be put out to tender.	Midlothian Council
6.3	Keep Rosewell Beautiful – Strutt and Parker land agents have contacted 3 joiners for quotes to repair the 3 bridges over the Shiel Burn. A new bin has been requested for outside Prestonhall Shop as it has gone missing. The cover of the bin on Carnethie street was moved to outside the pavilion but has now gone missing. A new sticker has been requested for the can/tin bin at the bus terminus because people have put in a black bag and some other household recycling. This has been reported to the council.	residents
6.4	Rosewell canary trail – This project is in conjunction with Roslin Rusties. The idea is that a walking trail could be created where people walk and look out for the yellow canary rusties which would be placed along the route. They would be out of the reach of vandals and a map could be available at some local business premises for a small donation. Residents could purchase a rustie to display in their garden with the proceeds going for the benefit of the community. For more information – Rosewell Canary Trail Facebook page	residents
6.5	Rosewell Tennis Club (RTC) – Update from the Tennis Club – <i>“2021 was a very successful year bringing in 70% of our total project costs. The raffle raised £3490 in ticket sales and local businesses have donated £3200 towards the development. Before we can start the renovations, we need to match fund the grant from Sport Scotland. The club has been awarded funding from Baillie Gifford, Club in Crisis and a Smart Gate from the LTA. The local councillor has supported the project by</i>	residents

	<p><i>upgrading the electrical supply to the courts and we are hoping to install the smart gate and upgrade the fencing in the next few months. We are hoping to secure a final grant from Virador so that the project can get underway. On the coaching front we are very proud of our chair, Juliette, who has qualified as a level 1 coaching assistant and is currently training for her Level 2 Tennis Coach qualification. As part of the training, she has been coaching a class at Craiglockhart Tennis Centre as well as learning how to coach people with visual impairments and deliver wheelchair tennis. We look forward to putting her skills to use when the courts open later this year.”</i> For more information - Rosewell Tennis Club Facebook page</p>	
6.6	<p>At the November meeting a resident reported spray paint drifting across the Shiel Burn from Fitzsimmons Steel Fabrication yard and was concerned about the river and its wildlife. Secretary contacted G Fitzsimmons & Sons to discuss the issue. They were aware it was a current issue but reported that they will be creating a spray booth in Spring / early summer 2022. In the last year they have erected a fence along the perimeter and cleaned up what debris they could as there was previously an issue with items falling down the steep bank into the river. This should no longer be a problem but the fence is a penetrable one at present. A roof structure will be connected to their lean-to, and an enclosed booth created, which will prevent any further spray drift. He said they were extremely busy but he will prioritise the creation of their spray booth as soon as possible.</p> <p>Residents were concerned that things had worsened since this was brought up at the previous meeting and with uncertainty about the timing of the creation of this booth were keen to find out whether this level of spray painting was legal and environmentally safe as paint had been noted on the trees and plants around the yard. Residents also raised concerns about the bonfires emitting smoke and ash from the Sinclair’s building yard as these drift across the woodland to where people are walking.</p> <p>Secretary will contact Midlothian Environmental and check what rules exist with regard to these issues.</p>	RDCC , residents
6.7	<p>At the November meeting a resident was concerned that clusters of Whitehill House Estate had been sold by Savills in November and wanted information about whether any planning applications had changed. Secretary - Checked online and there were no changes to the existing planning application for that site and no new planning submissions were evident. Representations (Objections/Supporting and Neutral Comments) can only be made for Planning Applications that are still pending consideration.</p> <p>Other residents have written to RDCC on the same topic and have concerns about the long-term future of the beautiful Whitehill House, because it was understood that the creation of these clusters of housing included funds towards the saving of the house. Its now understood by the residents that this agreement was nullified some time ago. They have written to their local councillors, MSPs and Historic Scotland. It was suggested that Councillor Pauling Winchester might be interested in the risk to the house as she was involved at the time of the planning applications for the magnificent Rosslynlee Hospital building</p>	RDCC, residents
6.8	<p>The Steading, Rosewell Community Hub – information on events being held in the centre can be found on Rosewell Development Trust’s Facebook page or website - Rosewell Development Trust RDT Facebook or http://www.rdtrosewell.org.uk/</p>	RDT, Residents

	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. Please check times and dates at www.midlothian.gov.uk/get-tested	
6.9	Crown Estate Scotland 2030 consultation. The organisers of this project have a call with some of the committee this week where they want to discuss short-, medium- and long-term aspirations and priorities for Rosewell. The committee will keep everyone posted with regard to this.	Residents
6.10	Esk River Improvement Group meeting - nothing to update	
6.11	Midlothian Federation of Community Councils – nothing to update	
7	UPDATE ON MAJOR AND LOCAL PLANNING APPLICATIONS	
7.1	15 metre telecommunications tower – groundwork started on Monday 10th January, the tower is scheduled to be built in March. The provider is EE but usually, other mobile providers will make use of the same tower.	Residents,
7.2	21/00904/DPP Formation of footpath Land South of Kirkettle Farm Rosewell It will have a tarred surface. The developers noted our response, agreed to work with local farmers to ensure safety of their livestock, and wrote: <i>In terms of the reason for the proposed path upgrade, this is to provide a safe pedestrian and cycle route from the development at Rosslynlee as part of the link to be provided to National Cycle Route 196. It represents a safer, more direct, and more attractive alternative to the originally envisaged footway alongside the upgraded access road to Rosslynlee, following discussions with the Council on detailed design matters as part of the forthcoming Road Construction Consent process for the project.</i> <i>The proposed surfacing of the path will be tarmac to meet the Council's requirement for a path to adoptable standard. Intended users are principally pedestrians and cyclists from the development at Rosslynlee, although the path will be open to all.</i> Discussion also highlighted that there were changes to the law regarding livestock worrying where a dog chases, attacks or kills farmed animals. The new law come into place in March '21 and means owners can be fined up to £5000 or face 6 months in prison.	Residents,
7.2	21/01025/DPP Formation of car parking and bus turning area; erection of stone walls and associated works at Former Rosslynlee Hospital, Roslin	Residents
8	ANY OTHER BUSINESS	
8.1	Events ideas for 2022: It would be nice to create some community events this year in order to see each other again, increase community spirit and also fund raise for the calendar next year. Events proposed: (a) Book sale coffee morning – Word Book night is on Friday the 23 rd April and we've applied for copies of the chosen books this year. A second-hand book sale coffee morning could be considered for Saturday the 24 th April where people could make a donation at the door for 2 books and refreshments, and then other second-hand books available to purchase. Organiser of the Book box was very supportive and stated they have lots of books they can donate. (b) An Easter Extravaganza Raffle was proposed. Tickets could be sold, prizes sourced and the draw could be live-streamed on Facebook. A vote was held and Helen Blackburn was nominated and voted in as the promoter of this. (c) The Big Lunch in June. We could look at whether restrictions being lifted mean we could organise this event.	Residents, RDCC
8.2	Remembering Together MC project – <i>REMEMBERING TOGETHER</i> is a project that will commission an artist to co-create with communities, honouring the people that have been lost and finding the ways we want to remember them. It is also about	RDCC, residents

	<p>remembering all the ways Covid is affecting us. Midlothian will receive funding for a commissioned artist, collective, organisation or creative practitioner to co-create a memorial project. The artist will be commissioned through a local partnership or reference group. Initial meeting is by zoom on the 20th January, but we have requested that information is sent to us in writing so it can be shared with the community. The project is specific to COVID, not people lost due to other causes. We discussed whether this creation would be specific to Rosewell but felt it was unlikely to be here rather than in one of the larger communities in Midlothian. If any residents in Rosewell are interested in this project, they can contact the secretary and get details of the organisers.</p> <p>A resident raised the possibility that the Miners Welfare Bowling Club in Rosewell could have a plaque or memorial to the miners here. If anyone is interested in helping with this, they can contact the secretary who will pass their details to the resident who raised it.</p>	
8.3	<p>Road Safety Concerns on Carnethie Street. A resident reported a dangerous incident near the school where the lollipop man noticed a vehicle travelling at excessive speed and he saved the children from going out because he could see that the vehicle would not have stopped in time even if they saw him. This was reported to the school and parent partnership but not the police. Separately, all parents of children at the Rosewell Pavilion nursery were contacted to report vehicles travelling too fast on Whitehill road and near the car park for the nursery. There are no pedestrian crossings in Rosewell and the 20mph zone only extends for part of Carnethie street but does not include the area near the nursery. Secretary will get details from the pavilion nursery, the school and then speak to our community police officers and Midlothian Council roads department about improving the safety for our children.</p>	RDCC, residents
8.4	<p>Japanese Knotweed has been noticed on the banks of the Shiel Burn just around the area of William Burn Grove on land owned by Crown Estate Scotland. Secretary will contact them to ensure they are aware of it and can make a plan to deal with it.</p>	RDCC
9	DATE OF NEXT MEETING	
9.1	<p>The next meeting will be held on Monday 28th February 2022 at 7pm via zoom or possible a hybrid meeting in the Parish Church village hall. More information will be provided online via the website and Facebook if this is going to be possible. Information on how to join the meeting will be posted nearer the time.</p>	RDCC/ 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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