



## MINUTES OF MEETING held on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> August 2022 at 7pm

### PRESENT:

RDCC: Moray Simon (Chair), Alison Izatt (Vice Chair), Helen Blackburn (Treasurer), Edith Cameron (Secretary), Committee members: Jamie Scanlon, Abby Houston,

RESIDENTS: 11

ATTENDEES: Councillor Pauline Winchester

**APOLOGIES:** Janey Hoefflich, The Police, Jenny Gray (Office manager to Colin Beattie MSP),

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<b>1.</b>	<b>POLICE REPORT</b>
	The police report was read out. A copy is available on the RDCC Website and will be posted in the village noticeboard.
<b>2.</b>	<b>MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING</b>
	The minutes of the previous meetings held on 6 <sup>th</sup> June 2022 were approved.
<b>3.</b>	<b>TREASURER'S REPORT.</b>
	The balance in our account is £3973.77 This includes £770 ringfenced for Keep Rosewell Beautiful co-ordinating repair of the disabled footpath and garden area between the LASC building and Midlothian Council building. It also includes money ringfenced for replacement defibrillator pads and money ringfenced for the calendar. It was discussed that the cost of producing the calendar has increased and is now £1800 for 1200 calendars.
<b>4.</b>	<b>LOCAL COUNCILLOR REPORT.</b> – Pauline Winchester spoke about youth problems in Bilston too and was keen to hear if there were other “hot spots” for vandalism as they managed to get CCTV cameras installed after their community garden was attacked. She stated we should all expect cuts to public services but she didn’t know what those cuts would be. A resident queried why MC were not back in the offices. PW stated that they were but there were cost savings of people working from home, acknowledged it was difficult to get hold of anyone. There were discussions about the free bus pass scheme and the lack of contract of good behaviour for using them. PW will inform the local MSP of people’s concerns. PW mentioned the bin strikes. A resident spoke about the can recycling bin at the bus terminus which has been overflowing with generalised recycling for weeks. PW will email the council about it. It was clarified that anyone in Midlothian can request a larger blue bin if they feel they need one.
<b>5.</b>	<b>MATTERS ARISING</b> – no significant correspondence since last meeting
	<b>GENERAL UPDATES:</b>
<b>6.</b>	<b>Rosewell pump track</b> – MC have stated that the cost of the pump track has increased due to inflation, covid and the passing of time and would now likely cost about £80,000 to build a pump track which was a third the size of the one in Ormiston. MC still only have the £50k allocated for improvements to Rosewell Park so we would need to raise at least 30K and the

	cost could still potentially rise. People travel from all over Midlothian to Ormiston as it has an incredible pump track and playpark for children, however 80K seems a huge amount of money for something a third of that size. Secretary has written to our 6 local councillors to ask whether they have funds, so far 2 replied that there is not money in their budgets for this, even over the next 2 years. There was discussion on what else the £50k could be used for and the Secretary will write to MC to clarify if there is a deadline when the money will be available until, and what the limitations and criteria exist for the use of the money.
<b>7.</b>	<b>Keep Rosewell Beautiful</b> – Granted £770 from ‘Cash for Kids’ charity. The disabled path at the childrens’ nursery is likely to start in the next few weeks. Colourful art has been created for the fence and they still plan to buy fruit trees and plant a few shrubs to create a bed in line with the fence. If anyone has unwanted plants – can they contact the RDCC secretary to see if they can be re-homed. Its “World Clean-up” day on Saturday 17th September so a village litter pick could be arranged. Likely areas include the length of Carnethie Street possibly as far as the Gourlaw crossroads as there is a pavement. Depending on the number of volunteers, it would be nice to do the A6094 too. A resident highlighted that this is the September long weekend, so there might be more volunteers on a different day through the week or an alternative weekend. Information will be available on the “keep Rosewell beautiful” facebook page or people can contact the RDCC secretary to get more information.
<b>8.</b>	<b>Rosewell Tennis Club (RTC)</b> – The first layer of surface has been laid and they hope weather stays dry enough for the second layer to be laid soon. There is no progress on obtaining access for changing facilities or toilets yet.
<b>9.</b>	<b>Miners Memorial</b> – A beautiful memorial now sits in the garden area in the centre of the village. RDT management chose to keep the unveiling a low-key event. A second memorial is planned at the Bowling Club, most likely at the end of this year. Jo and the bowling team are looking forward to making this a community event and will be keeping the village up to date about an unveiling. Jo is keen to hear from anyone who worked in the mining/brickwork industry here, and is keen for any Whitehill bricks which people could donate for the creation. Please email her at jorobertson334@gmail.com
<b>10.</b>	<b>Queens green canopy</b> - Crown Estate never replied about planting trees along their land. It was noted that each councillors ward was allocated £1000 for this initiative, but Midlothian West’s tree was planted in Loanhead. Secretary will dial into the next Federation of Community Council Meetings to find out more about it as it seems a lot for one tree.
<b>11.</b>	<b>UPDATE ON MAJOR AND LOCAL PLANNING APPLICATIONS – none</b> Only things of note are that there is to be a large development built in Auchendinny, near the Glencourse centre which will include lots of housing and a primary school. The new secondary school at Beeslack is also in the planning permission stage. Information can be found on planning applications on Midlothian Council’s website
	<b>ANY OTHER BUSINESS</b>
<b>12.</b>	Hearts B are using Whitehill Welfare Ferguson Park and the village has been gridlocked when parked cars are along both sides of the road. Discussion was unclear on who had responsibility to do anything about it.
<b>13.</b>	The extension to the primary school was brought up. Pauline Winchester stated the report should be online as the budget and land were discussed.
<b>14.</b>	A resident reported the unkempt land at the entrance to the village near the Avant building site base and the end of Shiel Hall Grove. Residents feel angry about the lies they were told by Avant about the upkeep of the ground. Avant had also promised money to the tennis club but have stopped responding to emails. Avant are likely to be building until next summer. Pauline Winchester said she would look into where the money from the developers had gone. The land at the end of Shiel Hall Grove might be owned by the residents association rather than council land.
<b>15.</b>	St Matthews are having a fete on September 4 <sup>th</sup> and RDCC has a table there to have a tombola and sell books. If anyone has tombola items to donate – can they email the treasurer.

16.	A resident state that vehicles were travelling very fast on the South end of Carnethie street as they accelerate far too quickly before being out of the village. A near miss was reported to the police but no number plate obtained. Secretary had written to the council earlier in the year about speeding outside the primary school but was informed the council wouldn't be extending the 20mph zone of the village at present. Other suggestions of traffic calming measures were declined by the council. Residents are advised to report all incidents.
17.	Residents reported the bushes on the Roslin Glen road needed cut as people were having to walk on the road. Pauline Winchester said she would write to the council to get this done.
18.	A resident asked if the Community Council were given mobile phones by Midlothian Council. No. The secretary has a resilience non-smart phone with pay-as-you-go for calls and texts related to community council work. In lockdown, MC paid for a ZOOM licence which was shared with all 15 community council areas, but no devices were issued to anyone.
19.	Gorton Road land use – Apparently the developer has pulled out of purchasing the derelict land on Gorton Road behind the Steading so the land might get put up for sale again. A local resident is keen to buy the land and is keen for community support for his bid, in favour of just selling the land off for yet more housing. He hopes to use the land for storage, training apprentices and for testing lifting equipment which is used in his business. His company are involved in the flare tips of oil riggs, but any use of the land would not create disruptive noise or pollution. If anyone is interested then a power point presentation can be forwarded from the RDCC chair.
	<b>DATE OF NEXT MEETING</b>
20.	The next meeting will be held on <b>Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> October at 7pm</b> in the <b>Church of Scotland Parish Church Hall</b> .

UPDATES ARE ADDED TO THE RDCC WEBSITE TO KEEP RESIDENTS INFORMED OF 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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