



**MINUTES OF MEETING held on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> February 2022 at 7pm  
(VIA ZOOM)**

**PRESENT:**

RDCC: Moray Simon (Chair), Alison Izatt (Vice Chair), Helen Blackburn (Treasurer), Edith Cameron (Secretary), Janey Hoeflich (Committee Member),

RESIDENTS: 5

ATTENDEES: Jenny Gray (office manager to Colin Beattie MSP)

**APOLOGIES:** Ann Montague (Media), Abby Houston (Committee Member), Jamie Scanlon (Committee Member), Cllr Pauline Winchester, PC Graham Black, PS Michele Lindsay

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<b>1</b>	<b>POLICE REPORT</b>
1.1	<p>Police officers are not permitted to attend zoom meetings. The Rosewell Crime statistics for 13<sup>th</sup> January to 27<sup>th</sup> February 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.</p> <p>They also provided clarification:</p> <p><i>“As you will see from this report, and to make you aware, there has been a number of youth related matters occurring in Rosewell of late. Crimes such as theft, vandalism and fire-raising (as well as anti-social behaviour) has been reported in recent months. Action has been taken and a number of youths have been identified and charged with the crimes. We are seeing this unacceptable and dangerous behaviour replicated across Midlothian at the moment. Our Community Officers, Community Action Team and School Link Officers are well aware of these ongoing incidents with certain individuals who instigate such crimes. We will continue to pursue those individuals and the wider groups of youths they appear to influence.”</i></p> <p>JG advised that all incidents be reported to the police by calling 101 as it helps build a database of where and when incidents are occurring. If a crime is in progress people should call 999.</p> <p>It was queried whether there were Community Youth Workers who would pro-actively drive around and talk to youths on the street and engage with them. EC will ask our contacts whether this service exists.</p> <p>PS Michele Lindsay has moved to Dalkeith Police Station as Community Sergeant for the east of Midlothian. PS Kris Burns is now the Community Sergeant at Penicuik and will be our contact from now on, along with PC Black.</p>
<b>2</b>	<b>MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING</b>
2.1	The minutes of the previous meetings held on 17 <sup>th</sup> January 2021 were approved.
<b>3</b>	<b>TREASURER’S REPORT.</b>
3.1	The balance in our account is <b>£1544.52</b> This includes money ringfenced for replacement defibrillator pads.
<b>4</b>	<b>LOCAL COUNCILLOR REPORT.</b>

4.1	<p><b>Pauline Winchester (Councillor for Midlothian West):</b></p> <p>Emailed to let us know that she wrote a letter in support of the pharmacy for the appeal panel – as did the Medical Director of Midlothian Health and Social Care Partnership. Unfortunately, this had no bearing on the matter. She believed that the rejection was purely down to the objections from the Roslin and Bonnyrigg Pharmacies about the apparent loss of trade that they would suffer should a pharmacy in Rosewell go ahead. She thinks this is a travesty, and is looking to see if there is anything else the community can do.</p> <p>A resident of Rosewell emailed and asked if Carnethie Street was down for repair soon. I asked the question to the roads department and although it will be done, it's on a long list. I went back to the resident and asked for the worst potholes – which were repaired within a couple of days.</p> <p><b>Jenny Gray (office manager to Colin Beattie):</b></p> <p>If people have issues regarding a council service, they should report it via Midlothian Council's website. If their issue is not resolved to their satisfaction after a week or if they haven't received a response, they can contact their MSP Colin Beattie for help in resolving the issue. His email address is: <a href="mailto:colin.beattie.msp@scottish.parliament.scot">colin.beattie.msp@scottish.parliament.scot</a></p>
5	<p><b>MATTERS ARISING</b></p>
5.1	<p><b>World Book Night.</b> RDCC has been successful in its application to receive books for the "World Book Night 2022 Giveaway". We will receive 80 copies of "My Policeman" in mid-April. People can nominate Rosewell residents who might be shielding or disabled to receive a copy and remaining copies will be available at the book fayre on 23rd April. We hope that the books will be read and then passed on and shared around the people in Rosewell and District. Contact: <a href="mailto:rdcc.treasurer@gmail.com">rdcc.treasurer@gmail.com</a> to nominate someone to receive a book.</p>
5.2	<p><b>Book Fayre / Sale.</b> RDCC will host a Book Fayre on 23rd April in the Parish Church Hall. Entry will be a donation and receive tea, coffee, refreshments and 2 books of their choice. All other books can be bought for a donation. Anyone wishing to donate books to the sale can contact the secretary or treasurer on <a href="mailto:rdcc.treasurer@gmail.com">rdcc.treasurer@gmail.com</a> to arrange having them collected and stored before the sale.</p> <p>We would be grateful for volunteers to help categorise and lay out the books the night before the sale and to help at the event too. Anyone keen to help please contact <a href="mailto:rdcc.treasurer@gmail.com">rdcc.treasurer@gmail.com</a> or <a href="mailto:rosewellcc@gmail.com">rosewellcc@gmail.com</a></p>
5.3	<p><b>Easter Raffle.</b> RDCC has been successful in obtaining a gambling licence for the purpose of holding an Easter Raffle to raise money to fund events and activities throughout the year. Tickets will be on sale once they've been printed and a selection of wonderful prizes have already been donated by individuals and local businesses. Anyone who would like to donate a prize for the raffle can contact <a href="mailto:rdcc.treasurer@gmail.com">rdcc.treasurer@gmail.com</a> to arrange this.</p> <p>The draw will be on Easter Monday and livestreamed on Facebook.</p>
5.4	<p>Hybrid meetings in the hall. Unfortunately, the signal in the Parish Church Hall was not stable enough to ensure continuous connection. Hopefully once the new 5G mast is up and working, hybrid meetings could happen. With covid restrictions lifting next month, it was decided that the April 18<sup>th</sup> meeting will be an in-person one in the Church of Scotland Parish Hall.</p>
6	<p><b>GENERAL UPDATE</b></p>
6.1	<p><b>Pharmacy application</b> – The Midlothian Federation of community councils were very interested and disappointed to hear about our pharmacy being refused. Secretary had a meeting with the Bonnyrigg and Lasswade Community Council chair who is interested in the main reasons it was declined. They're collecting data on the issues with the pharmacies in Bonnyrigg and are keen to work with us to see if there is anything else we can do. JG reported that Colin Beattie was very aware of the issues at all the Bonnyrigg pharmacies,</p>

	<p>however he can only take an issue forward if it is reported to him by an individual who has been directly impacted by the issue. He cannot act on stories told second hand from someone who heard about a problem. He needs their name, address, postcode and a brief summary of the issue and problem they had at the pharmacy. These should be sent to <a href="mailto:colin.beattie.msp@scottish.parliament.scot">colin.beattie.msp@scottish.parliament.scot</a></p> <p>With regard to Rosewell's pharmacy, JG advised that RDT should liaise with the councillors to see what can happen as they were interested to find out if RDT might let the space to another service, or whether they were trying to get a different pharmacy company to open there. JG will contact the NHS Health and Social care Directorate for any information they can provide.</p>
6.2	<b>Rosewell pump track</b> – no update. MC are still waiting for a company to do ground investigation work, after which the contracts will be put out to tender.
6.3	<b>Keep Rosewell Beautiful</b> – Have applied for a grant to widen the disabled path at the LASC nursery and Young Adult Services pavilion building. Still pursuing CES regarding the broken bridges, fly-tipping and Shiel Burn debris. Snowdrops planted by the Brownies and Guides last year are peeping through and the daffodils planted at the entrances to the village are starting to appear.
6.4	<b>Japanese Knotweed</b> – this was noted in 2 sections of Crown Estate Scotland land. CES were informed and have passed the details to Strutt & Parker land agents. They have contracted a company to deal with the Knotweed. If any other areas are spotted on Crown Estate land, Strutt and Parker can be contacted at: <a href="mailto:crownestatescotland@struttandparker.com">crownestatescotland@struttandparker.com</a>
6.5	<b>Rosewell Tennis Club (RTC)</b> – No update
6.6	<b>Remembering Together MC project</b> - all 32 local authority areas are getting £120k for this project. At the end of March there will be an advert to call for artists who then have 10 weeks to apply. They will then have 5 months of consultations before reaching a plan for Midlothian's outcome. It could be a book of memories or the creation of a community space rather than a piece of art. Any artists or anyone with an interest in getting involved can go to their website <a href="http://www.rememberingtogether.scot">www.rememberingtogether.scot</a> or <a href="http://www.greenspacescotland.org.uk">www.greenspacescotland.org.uk</a>
6.7	<b>Miners Memorial Plaque</b> –A resident had a meeting at the Miners Welfare Bowling Club and they were very keen to help with the idea and proposed a plaque at the front of the building and were thinking of fundraising to do something at the roundabout.
6.8	<b>Spray painting at Fitzsimmons</b> - Secretary contacted Environment department of Midlothian Council but has not heard back yet.
6.9	<b>Whitehill House</b> – Residents are concerned regarding the future of Whitehill House. Their update is that: Planning permission for the developments around Whitehill House was granted solely on the basis for developing and renovating Whitehill House. Profits from the sale of the cluster developments was supposed to be used on the refurbishment of the house. Residents have heard from Peter Arnsdorf at MC that immediately after the planning committee agreed permission on the basis of enabling development, the head of planning and the chair of planning agreed between themselves with the developer that such a scheme was not viable. The residents have replied to those 3 people in MC as they feel it was improper procedure and they have asked for a full explanation.
6.10	<p><b>The Steading, Rosewell Community Hub</b> – Girl Guides are hosting an Easter Fayre on 5th March and Easter events from 11-22<sup>nd</sup> April. There will be a plant sale on 14<sup>th</sup> May. They will have a Platinum Jubilee Big Lunch Street Party on 4<sup>th</sup> June. A new sewing/ knitting/ textile group is starting on Tuesday afternoons.</p> <p>Information on events being held in the centre can be found on Rosewell Development Trust's Facebook page or website - <a href="https://www.facebook.com/RosewellDevelopmentTrust">Rosewell Development Trust RDT   Facebook</a> or <a href="http://www.rdtrosewell.org.uk/">http://www.rdtrosewell.org.uk/</a></p>
6.11	<b>Crown Estate Scotland 2030 consultation.</b> The organisers of this project had a call with some of the committee after the last RDCC meeting, as they were looking to find out the

	short-, medium- and long-term needs and wants of the residents. They clarified that before the referendum, Whitehill Estate was run by Crown Estate who ran it from London as a corporate venture interested mainly in the tenancies. After the referendum Crown Estate Scotland was created and now manages Whitehill Estate and various other Crown property. Their scope is to assess whether there are other things that the local people, or people in Scotland would wish for the land. The first part of their consultation received many responses from residents and they are still compiling the information into broad groups before taking anything further. They stated they would contact us with a list of the main things asked for in the first part of the consultation and discuss with us which were short- or long-term possibilities. The committee will keep everyone posted with regard to this.
6.12	<b>Esk River Improvement Group meeting</b> - nothing to update
6.13	<b>Midlothian Federation of Community Councils – (CC news from the rest of Midlothian)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We should be hearing from the Lord Lieutenant about trees for the Queen's Green Canopy. It's not clear if we're expected to buy a tree or are getting one.</li> <li>• <b>Carnethie Street footway</b> is on the list of Midlothian Council – Capital Works Programme but has been pushed back to their 2022/2023 budget / schedule.</li> <li>• Poltonhall &amp; Hopefield CC is going to merge with Bonnyrigg &amp; Lasswade CC.</li> <li>• <b>Bonnyrigg</b> - getting a post office again – it'll be at the counter of a shop called Startastic Scents &amp; Sweets, 70 High Street Bonnyrigg</li> <li>• <b>Moorfoot</b> – Skyrora rocket testing site at Broadlaw quarry is now operational and will start testing rockets which are used to send satellites into space. The company has liaised with their Community Council and noise should be minimal.</li> <li>• <b>Dalkeith</b> - demolishing an old watermill to make way for a mine-water purification unit to deal with the pollutants coming up from mines. Dalkeith town centre is planning its regeneration</li> <li>• Sheriffhall flyover/ roundabout has a provisional completion date of 2027</li> </ul>
<b>7</b>	<b>UPDATE ON MAJOR AND LOCAL PLANNING APPLICATIONS</b>
7.1	There have been no major or local planning applications since the last meeting
<b>8</b>	<b>ANY OTHER BUSINESS</b>
8.1	A resident reported that the A6094 crossing from Hawthornden Cemetery to Polton Road West is very dangerous due to the speed of traffic and limited visibility when crossing from the Rosewell side. They spoke to the local farmer and have erected a mirror to try to increase the view, but it is still not optimal and they wondered what else could be done. It's a frequently used footpath for pedestrians, cyclists and horses. We discussed tunnels, bridge walkways and pedestrian crossings but it seems unlikely any of them would be the solution. Plan – EC went down to take photos and will email the council and the MTRaPs group (Midlothian Traffic Roads and Paths) to see if anything can be done. This crossing will be used even more once the houses in Dr's field are completed.
8.2	A resident reported the broken bridges and steps next to the Shiel Burn. They were reassured that Keep Rosewell Beautiful will continue to pursue Crown Estate regarding these!
<b>9</b>	<b>DATE OF NEXT MEETING</b>
9.1	The next meeting will be held on <b>Monday 18<sup>th</sup> April 2022 at 7pm in the Church of Scotland Parish Church Hall</b> . This will also be the AGM.

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)

If you would like to discuss any matter relating to Rosewell with RDCC, or add your address to our mailing list, please contact us:

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