

Minutes of meeting held on Monday 3rd October 2022 at 7pm

PRESENT:

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

RESIDENTS: 3

APOLOGIES: The Police, Committee member Abby Houston, Councillor Pauline Winchester

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1.	POLICE REPORT
	The police report was read out. A copy is available on the RDCC Website and will be posted in the village noticeboard.
2.	MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING
	The minutes of the previous meetings held on 22nd August 2022 were approved.
3.	TREASURER'S REPORT.
	The balance in our account is £4603.22 This 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. The committee extended huge thanks to those who have donated money towards the calendar and for events. All donors will be thanked on the Rosewell Neighbourhood Group facebook page too.
4.	<p>LOCAL COUNCILLOR REPORT. – Updates and Action Points taken by Councillor Pauline Winchester</p> <p>Regarding Rosewell Primary School. Adding an extension to the existing grounds of Rosewell Primary would be possible, but the school has been classed as Condition C (poor) and Suitability C (poor). Any planned extension works would not address the condition or suitability of the existing school and would not improve its rating. Other options are being considered as a matter of urgency as the school roll is set to increase from 165 currently to 293 by 2028.</p> <p>Councillor Winchester's questions to one of the MC business managers are in black and their answers are in red.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The cans bin at the bus terminus is overflowing and people are starting to put bags of cans by the side of it. Could this be emptied, when possible, please. – have requested that this be done – will be impacted by industrial action and backlog but the team will get to it as soon as they can 2. I was told that the blue bin rubbish was being emptied along with the general waste – blue bins and grey bins are emptied on alternate weeks. The only reason they may be collected together is if a missed bin was reported i.e. a blue bin may be collected as general waste as we do not have separate vehicles/crews to collect the five streams of waste from missed collections 3. Whitehill Welfare have apparently leased their ground to Hearts B and Rosewell now has parking issues on match days. Is there anything that can be

	<p>done? Unfortunately, increased car use on match days will be inevitable but it is not standard practice to issue TTROs and/or restrictions at these games, as we would require resource to do so.</p> <p>4. The cemetery end of Carnethie Street is apparently being used as a race track in the evenings. Again, is there anything anyone can do? – there isn't anything the Council can do unfortunately here as we have no powers to deal with dangerous driving and we would encourage the CC to speak to the Community Policing Team (albeit I know their resources are limited in this regard too)</p> <p>5. Roslin Glen pathways are in a sorry state with growing bushes encroaching on them – would it be possible to have them cut back? – the hedges/bushes affecting the Roslin Glen pathway have all been cut back and the verges will be cut back this month as part of our planned maintenance</p> <p>6. There was a complaint that Avant are not clearing the area as much as they should – would this be better going to planning? – Passed to Planning</p> <p>7. Avant have apparently been working on Sundays – this is causing a great deal of annoyance. I know they are allowed to work on Saturdays, but apparently, they spent one Saturday breaking up concrete that had been left to harden – again, should this go to planning? – Passed to Public Health/Environmental Protection</p> <p>Pauline Winchester Councillor for Midlothian West Midlothian Armed Forces & Veterans Champion Pauline.winchester@midlothian.gov.uk</p>
5.	MATTERS ARISING – no significant correspondence since last meeting
	GENERAL UPDATES:
6.	Rosewell pump track – Secretary has written to the council. They will get back to us about exactly how much money was allocated, when it must be used by and the exact criteria. They stated it was for Outdoor children's play – so parkour or exercise equipment would not qualify.
7.	Keep Rosewell Beautiful – The disabled path at the children's nursery has been built and some fruit trees and shrubs were planted by the volunteer gardening group in the village. SEPA conducted a survey of the Shiel Burn because it had been reported that there was a discharge pipe coming from the Steel Fabricators Yard, SEPA inspected the site and found no pollution. They discussed the issue with the site and provided them with information about water discharge.
8.	Rosewell Tennis Club (RTC) – The tennis courts are complete and open for business. Floodlights are due to be installed on 3 rd October. Courts are open 7am – 10pm. People can buy membership and play as much as they want, or can pay and play without being a member. More information can be found on their facebook page or at https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/RosewellTennisClub . Social tennis and coaching sessions will be created too
9.	Shiel Hall Grove and Avant building site – Secretary had a meeting with site manager to discuss the maps and land. The 2 areas of grass at the start of Shiel Hall Grove, near Gorton Road are owned by the homeowners of Sheil Hall. Their factors are responsible for maintaining their communal land which includes these 2 small grassy areas. A RDCC committee member has written to the factors to ask them to ensure they attend to these areas. The 2 other untidy fields of weeds near the site offices are in the process of being handed over to the council so the site manager was unsure who had responsibility for strimming for them. He will chase this up and ask that they are tidied up.

10.	Bus Terminus shrubbery – The area of shrubs and trees behind the bus stop is owned by the Fairmeadow residents. Their factors have been contacted to tidy up the litter behind the bus shelter in the shrubs and they have been asked to do something to stop people damaging the hedges or nearby resident's wall.
11.	<p>UPDATE ON MAJOR AND LOCAL PLANNING APPLICATIONS</p> <p>22/00616/MS –Erection of 121 dwellinghouses; formation of access, car parking and associated works (approval of matters specified in conditions of planning permission 17/00980/PPP)</p> <p>This is not a new development proposal, its simply the layout and house types which will be built on the previously approved site.</p>
	ANY OTHER BUSINESS
12.	A resident reported that traffic was speeding on Gorton Road. The pavements are very narrow in places, there are more cars parking on that road now and pedestrians are having to dive to the side to avoid being hit by wing mirrors as vehicles swerve about. Plan – Secretary will write to the police to make them aware and suggest random speed checks. Secretary will write to the council regarding speed calming measures for that stretch of road.
	DATE OF NEXT MEETING
13.	The next meeting will be held on Monday 21st November at 7pm in the Church of Scotland Parish Church Hall.

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 garden at the corner of Carnethie Steet / Gorton Road.

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