

MINUTES OF MEETING held on Monday 6th June 2022 at 7pm

PRESENT:

RDCC: Moray Simon (Chair), Helen Blackburn (Treasurer), Edith Cameron (Secretary),
Committee members: Jamie Scanlon, Abby Houston, Janey Hoeflich
RESIDENTS: 14
ATTENDEES: PC Black

APOLOGIES: Alison Izatt (Vice Chair), Ann Montague, Jenny Gray (Office manager to Colin Beattie MSP), Due to SPAM filters it turned out that the invite to this meeting was not sent to our councillors or anyone in MC.

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1	POLICE REPORT
1.1	PC Black read out the crime report for March – April which is available on the RDCC website. A recent event was also mentioned where the shopkeeper was attacked by 3 youths. Midlothian Council has installed CCTV cameras at the entrance to the shop and the 3 youths were caught and charged with assault and making racist comments. PC Black spoke at length describing all the work that the police are doing to combat youth crime. The problem is all over Midlothian and is not noticeably worse here. They liaise with schools, the social work department, education authority. They have more patrols by car and quad bike and also liaise with Lothian buses to deal with issues. He spoke at length about the difficulties of changing the behaviour of some youths, difficult home environments and family dynamics were discussed along with things that have been tried in the past or in other areas. A resident asked about rescinding the free bus pass scheme, but it was explained that this would be a legal issue as it is a Scottish Government initiative. However, it was suggested that individuals could give feedback to the Scottish Government about it if they wanted to. PC Black can be contacted by residents if they wish to discuss anything individually and Officers Lennox or Black will endeavour to attend future meetings.
2	Guest Speaker – Mo Ameen. The pharmacist was unable to attend but has said he will re-schedule.
3	AGM – See separate document for those minutes.
4	MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING
4.1	The minutes of the previous meetings held on 18 th April 2022 were approved. An error was made in the minutes regarding the ownership of the area of land in front of the Steading. It is not owned by the community council. This paragraph has been corrected.
5	TREASURER'S REPORT.
5.1	The balance in our account is £4149.20 This includes £770 ringfenced for the widening and repair of the disabled footpath and garden area between the LASC building and Midlothian Council building.
6	LOCAL COUNCILLOR REPORT. – none
7	MATTERS ARISING
7.1	Book Fayre / Sale. RDCC hosted a Book Fayre coffee morning on 23rd April which was enjoyed by residents. Many thanks to everyone who donated books and came to buy them. There are still lots of books available so RDCC will have a stall at the table sale in St

	<p>Matthew's hall on 18th June. If anyone would like to help with set up, selling or tidying at the end, please contact Helen on rdcc.treasurer@gmail.com</p> <p>Some residents asked if it would become a yearly event. The team could only do this if there was dry safe storage for the books which at present we do not have.</p>
5.2	<p>Shiel Burn Clean-up – RDCC co-ordinated a clean-up of the Shiel Burn and got 2 skips of rubbish out of the river. Many thanks to the 20 volunteers who helped. We are also grateful to Sinclair's Building yard who got their apprentices to remove debris from their section of the slope and will endeavour to prevent further rubbish falling. Also many thanks to Fitzsimmons Steel Fabricators who have agreed to use metal cutting power tools to retrieve and dispose of a tyre and 3 large oil drums which are too embedded. They've also promised to look at their perimeter fencing to prevent further rubbish falling.</p>
5.3	<p>Free Trees - RDCC heard from the Queen's Vice Lord-Lieutenant with a link to apply for free trees as part of the Queen's Green Canopy. RDCC are in talks with Crown Estate Scotland regarding the possible options. A "Queens Walk" was suggested – with the trees planted along current paths on her land, another option might be to reclaim part of a field for a woodland area. 250 trees can be applied for but they are only 50cm in height, bare root and would need planted by volunteers in November. It was decided that we'll apply for the trees and will hopefully get volunteers to plant them nearer the time.</p>
5.4	<p>Carnethie Street – Sewer work improvements are underway and recent correspondence showed the works would be finished by 20th June.</p>
	<p>Rosewell Canary Trail – The land and countryside manager in Midlothian Council, and the Midlothian Ranger service have given permission for the small canary art features to be placed along their trails and walkways. They agreed it was a great idea but stipulated the canaries were off the ground at a safe height. The location of the larger starting point canary has yet to be decided but a local business has offered to have it set in a recycled Whisky barrel frame.</p>
	<p>Summer Fun Day – different ideas were discussed with suggested dates at the end of August. Potentially a photography and art contest with the subject "Life in Rosewell", stalls, tombola, beat the goalie, coconut shy. If anyone has other ideas or would like to join the committee to help organise it, please contact rdcc.treasurer@gmail.com</p>
6	GENERAL UPDATE
6.1	<p>Rosewell pump track – no update. MC are still waiting for a company to do ground investigation work, after which the contracts will be put out to tender.</p>
6.2	<p>Keep Rosewell Beautiful – Granted £770 from 'Cash for Kids' charity. This is to widen and repair the disabled footpath outside the children's nursery, after-school club and Young Adult Services building in Rosewell Park. Money will also be spent on fruit trees and flowers for a border.</p>
6.5	<p>Rosewell Tennis Club (RTC) – Statement from RTC: "Work has begun on the tennis courts and a lot will be happening over the next few weeks laying the new surface, painting lines, installing a smart gate and painting the fence. The completion of the resurfacing, in particular the top coat, is weather dependent so we intend to open up membership once we have a firm completion date. Once open, membership and court bookings will be done through the LTA Clubspark webpage. When a court is booked players will receive a code that allows access through the smart gate. We will keep everyone up to date on progress via our facebook page but we anticipate plenty of play this summer. We do not have access to toilets at the moment but we are exploring some options."</p> <p>The tennis club will be hosting a coffee morning to raise funds.</p>
6.10	<p>The Steading, Rosewell Community Hub – Hosted a Jubilee picnic event. They have plans for a farmers' market which would start in July. They are getting a polytunnel for their gardening groups and children's' gardening groups. Volunteer gardening group are working on the flower beds on Carnethie Street.</p>

7	UPDATE ON MAJOR AND LOCAL PLANNING APPLICATIONS - none
8	ANY OTHER BUSINESS
8,1	It was asked if the agenda could be printed and left on each chair as this used to happen in the past. Because of uncertainty about how many people would come, and in order to save the environment and paper costs, in future the projector and screen will be brought so that everyone without a smart phone can see what topics will be discussed.
9	DATE OF NEXT MEETING
9.1	The next meeting will be held on Monday 22nd August at 7pm in the Church of Scotland Parish Church Hall.

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

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