

Clarkston Community Council Minutes
Wednesday 31st March 2021
7 – 9pm via Microsoft Teams

Item	Notes
Attendance	<p>Rebecca Nicholson - RN (Chair) , Brian Dillon – BD (Vice Chair) Maryam Wasim - MW (Secretary) Christopher Kelly - CK (Treasurer), Julie Flaherty - JF, Gillian Cox - GC, Linda Allan – LA, Joseph Pakenham – JP, Linda Dillon – LD, Lise Fisher – (LF)</p> <p>Cllr Stewart Miller – CSM, Cllr Annette Ireland - CAI, Minister Janet Mathieson – MJM; Julia Sagasti – JS</p>
1. Welcome & Apologies	No apologies received
2. Minutes – 3rd March Meeting	<p>GC requested a change to the Roads section of the Minutes from the 3rd March 2021, to add under point 1 “ Traffic on Eastwoodmains Rd goes straight through when light at red. Are lights not visible, or drivers assuming faulty and stuck on red?”</p> <p>Actions review - all completed other than volunteering action which was carried forward.</p> <p>Minutes from 3rd March 2021 approved subject to the above amend.</p>
3. Police Scotland	<p>The Police report was discussed and it was noted that further detail would be helpful. Sergeant Gordon Sweeney attempted to join the meeting but was unable to do so due to technical issues. The CCC are keen to discuss the following;-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Format and content of the monthly reports • Creating a productive working relationship between CCC and the Police to support the community • Antisocial behaviour in the area • Eastwoodmains and Seres Road junction <p><u>ACTION – MW to organise a follow up meeting with Sergeant Sweeney</u></p>
4. Williamwood Church Proposal	<p>MJM introduced herself and noted the the announcement by the First Minister about plans for Covid Memorials. MJM has expressed initial interest in having a local memorial on the grassy area by the Church building.</p> <p>Williamwood Church will submit a formal EOI in April. The request is for CCC support, encouragement and involvement where possible. Successful bidders will be appointed an artist who they will work with. Some initial theme ideas were discussed. LD updated that Carolside Primary is also planning a memorial so could link in with church.</p> <p>CAI suggested linking up with John Semple at ERC who would be a key contact for local community groups. CCC agreed to support the Williamwood Church proposal with further information to follow.</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Objectives for Year Ahead</u> RN keen to ensure workload is shared as equally as possible across all members and will drop a note out to ask for input to focus areas for the year ahead. GC suggested we focus on how we are the voice for Clarkston and prioritise youth work and improvement of Tinkers park. LF recommends that we create a shared workload; clarity on what is the purpose of CCC, what are the boundaries in terms of geography and what work we do and try to avoid becoming a space for offloading. RN stated a social media campaign for CCC would be helpful. JF

	<p>suggested a focus on the park, community hub and a community garden. LD agreed Tinkers parks should be priority as well as giving back to the community and a communications plan.</p> <p><u>CCC Survey social media and report results – JP</u></p> <p>Will share survey results with members. There were key themes with positive feedback and issues identified. The age demographics from the results has helped inform who we need to aim comms and social media. Also we need to prioritise what we can do, for example, businesses and shops could be signposted to Clarkston BID.</p> <p>JF recommends we also focus on what is remit of CC, our geographical area, objectives and aims and a plan to help a proactive approach. LD can support writing content for social media and comms. We have a social media group and need to broaden to overall comms purpose. Would be good to meet ahead of next meeting. Also more youth membership would help, suggestions were given for ER Youth Voice and the Scottish Youth Parliament and Williamwood High School to try and engage with as many young people as possible. Survey results will be sent out and can be part of next meeting agenda.</p> <p>ACTION – LD Setup comms group meeting with JP, MW, LF</p> <p>ACTION – Send out CCC survey results – JP</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Planters –</u> LF noted that posters are up on planters and they can be used as notice board space. We have four planters and will wait for weather to improve and decide what to plant. • <u>Gas Explosion Memorial</u> GC advised there is a memorial plaque in place at a tree outside Clarkston Hall, with existing work taking place in regard to plans for the anniversary. It will be a small memorial event due to Covid19 and more will take place on social media. It was agreed that CCC will support these plans in anyway way we can. • <u>Easter activity plans</u> JF confirmed activities planned so far: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Cake decorating competition for Spring Easter ○ Miniature garden ○ Distribution of 100 packs of seeds to make Clarkston colourful – would need collection points <p>ACTION: volunteers for sunflower collection points to email JF</p>
<p>5. I Love Clarkston/Bid Update</p>	<p>Clarkston BID manager not present.</p> <p>RN – The renewal ballot was in favour and BID will remain in Clarkston for a further term.</p>
<p>6. Planning Applications</p>	<p>GC provided planning update:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eastwood Leisure Complex PAN - consultation pushed back to May. • Preplanning applications for Telecoms Pole Reapplied for Burnside Gardens. Near crossing point for children walking to school. Concerns about mast at junction and placement on footpath. • Corum application for installation of an illuminated sign at their new premises at Clarkston Toll • Residential Care Home at Greenbank Church Concerns were expressed on lack of sufficient parking spaces - being only 16, of which two are for electric vehicle and two are for blue badge holders. This falls significantly short of the maximum recommendation and it was agreed that a formal objection would be lodged in regard to this, along with scale/height of proposed building, impact on the historical buildings as part of the development and the fact that there are two applications forming this development and both

	<p>are required in order to understand the full scope. Currently only one has been submitted.</p> <p>Action: Circulate proposed objection letter re Greenbank development for approval - GC</p>
	<i>Secretary left the meeting at this point.</i>
7. Licensing applications	No applications for Clarkston.
8. Treasurers Report	<p>The balance on the accounts at the end of the Financial Year was £1492.17</p> <p>We have paid out 5 Zoom payments totalling £71.95 which will be repaid by ERC</p> <p>A new grant will be paid to us in May of approx £400.</p>
9. AOCB	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CAI – Aidents Brae Antisocial Behaviour – site survey for CCTV taking place and discussion in regard to wardens and lighting – will keep CCC updated.
10. Date of next meeting	Wednesday, 5 th May 2021 – 7pm
Actions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MW to organise a follow up meeting with Sergeant Sweeney • Set up comms group meeting with JP, MW, LF – LD • Send out CCC Survey results – JP • Volunteers for sunflower collection points to email JF • Circulate proposed objection letter re Greenbank development for approval - GC