

Clarkston Community Council Minutes
Wednesday 2nd June 2021
7 – 9pm via Zoom

Item	Notes
Attendance	
1. Welcome & Apologies	<p>Attending;</p> <p>PC Members: Rebecca Nicholson (RN) (Chair) Christopher Kelly (CK) (Treasurer) Julia Sagasti (JS) Gillian Cox (GC) Lise Fisher (LF) Linda Dillon (LD) (Minute taker) Joseph Packenham (JP)</p> <p>Visitors: Heather McVie Branley – Community and Learning Development (HMB) Josh Parker – Eastwood MSYP (JP) Andy Dunlop – Clarkston BID Manager (AD) Samantha MacConnell – potential new member (SM) Cllr. Annette Ireland (CAI) Cllr. Stewart Miller (CSM) Kirsten Oswald (MP) – partial attendance</p> <p>Apologies: Maryam Imran (MI), Brian Dillon (BD), Linda Allan (LA), Julie Flaherty (JF)</p> <p>RN welcomed everyone to the meeting and apologies were noted.</p>
2. Josh Parker MSYP	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • JP provided some background on his role and the remit of the SYP • Age group represented by MSYPs is 12-25...and will be standing until re-election in Nov • His role is to consult with YP in Eastwood regarding national policies, ensuring young voices are considered in the creation of Scotgov policies. • Currently working on the 'Bounceback' campaign which is about Covid-19 recovery and collaborating with youth working group involved in attracting funding for youth projects across the area. • JP is involved with a mental health working group, looking at young people's mental health support across East Ren. • Donald McLean is the other MSYP for Eastwood <p>GC asked JP about how he engages with young people in the area. JP advised that social media, specifically Instagram, is the platform he would recommend as the one that people are most likely to engage with.</p> <p>LD asked if JP would be able to share links to CCC surveys etc. for us in order for us to try and reach the local youth audience.</p> <p>HMB advised that whilst JP would be able to do this, it should be noted that the young people are pretty much feeling 'surveyed out'. It is exceptionally difficult to get feedback and engagement at the moment, as there have been lots of questionnaires and surveys across a variety of services and platforms through the Covid-19 pandemic.</p>

	<p>LD asked if HMB would have any previous surveys that they could perhaps read to gain some insight into what young people want for the area. HMB advised she would look at the possibility of sending the results of a survey from the Youth Voice membership group (March 2020), but would need to get the ok from the young people involved in the group.</p> <p>AD advised that he also has a survey he could share once he had redacted it – but ultimately, it showed that young people want to have ownership over their own spaces – a self-run café for example. This was investigated but costs were too high.</p> <p>Action: HMB and AD to send previous surveys for review</p>
<p>3. BID Manager update</p>	<p>Clarkston BID got through renewal for another 5 years – current projects in the planning:</p> <p>Gardeners doing an event on 12th June at the planters - free session with advice on planting.</p> <p>The BID has the overarching goal for making Clarkston a green town.</p> <p>Project for COP26 with an org called ‘After the pandemic’ – about bringing everything back locally, local services and produce.</p> <p>AD would like to re-establish a Farmers Market using the upstairs car park and seeking feedback from local businesses.</p> <p>AD would like to start an ‘I LOVE Clarkston’ magazine and is looking for positive stories for the area. LD will write a focused piece on some of the recent work of the CCC.</p> <p>JS asked if Carolside school memorial project would be ok to be added. AD stated yes and is keen to ensure that all articles are positive and upbeat. There is no publishing date scheduled yet, AD is still trying to gather content.</p> <p>Local Authority Gift cards – Clarkston BID is signing up to use the ScotGov funded ‘East Ren Gift Card’, as there are a few teething problems being ironed out but hopefully this will get off the ground soon.</p> <p>Pumpkin Festival – this will take place in the two weeks running up to Hallowe’en and winners will be announced the day before Hallowe’en.</p> <p>Christmas Event – AD recommends CCC take a stall to promote our work and that this should be booked as soon as the forms are released. AD stated the BID sends out a post event survey and will put one question on a post event survey for the CCC.</p> <p>Sunday 28th November is being proposed for a multi faith event as a smaller scale event of what they do at Christmas - not a BID event but would be supported by the BID.</p> <p>Actions:</p> <p>AD will forward the BID business plan. LD to write piece for ‘I LOVE Clarkston’ magazine</p>
<p>4. Meeting Minutes 5th May 2021</p>	<p>No comments on the Minutes.</p> <p>Actions from 5th May 2021:</p> <p>Bins – CAI had supplied feedback from ERC following the last meeting.</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Missing bin has been replaced at Cathkin Dr. • Council feel there is not enough footfall between Vardar and Carolside Primary for additional bins– RN would like to push back on this and make the case that it is required. • RN would like to put a poll on Facebook page to gather strength of feeling amongst the community. • Bins at Tinkers – no additional collections at this point – council staff have been asked to keep a close eye on it. • RN asked everyone to log anything that they see and continue to promote the ring and report line to the community. <p>Approved: The Minutes from 5 May 2021 as presented.</p> <p>Action: Carried forward to next meeting – MI looking into paid email accounts Action: RN to seek support from Carolside Parent Council re bins between Vardar Ave / Carolside.</p>
<p>5. Police Report</p>	<p>See separate report.</p> <p>No further bike thefts reported in this area.</p> <p>Bike marking event taking place at Rouken Glen Park in June.</p> <p>Five reports of public nuisance in CCC area– continuing to work with youth services</p> <p>Action: RN will share the Bike Marking Event on the Facebook page</p>
<p>6. Playpark Update</p>	<p>GC and LD provided update on the proposed development of ‘Tinkers’ play park on Seres Road.</p> <p>ERC have confirmed that Tinkers is earmarked for a £60k refurb which has been approved and will be spent in financial year 21/22. This will cover putting in a basket swing, new ground cover, an accessible roundabout, new seesaw – there might be some monies left over in the budget for something additional. RN stated it would be good to consult with slightly older children as to what they would like to see here.</p> <p>There is a fund we can apply for which funds 88-12% of the costs of inputting new equipment. Adrian Baines, the council rep, is keen to work together with us to improve the facilities. There would need to be a fundraising element to this and there was a discussion around this. The application deadline is July so subgroup work will continue on this through June.</p> <p>LF: Can we ask Adrian if they can absorb the labour costs? GC advised that this will all be discussed with Adrian when GC and LD meet with him on Friday. LD stated that maintenance costs and ongoing resources need to be considered too.</p>
<p>7. Planning Applications</p>	<p>Greenbank Church extension: GC advised that the recent planning application does not include the new house, GC believes another application for that will be submitted soon. Will be done as sympathetically as possible, using similar materials and lots of glass. Access into it will be via a new road from Mansefield Rd which may be of concern. Some CCC members attended a briefing session on the plans and the overall feeling is that it is a positive plan. There is a car parking provision, albeit not many spaces and two disabled bays.</p>

	<p>Cllr Miller stated the entrance will be on Mansefield Rd, and he feels that the parking will be problematic.</p> <p>Pre-planning for Eastwood Leisure Centre: Not in our boundary area but worthy of everyone's awareness. GC will post link to consultation on Facebook</p> <p>Action: GC to submit note of support to Greenbank proposal Action: GC to repost Eastwood Leisure proposal link on Facebook</p>
8. CCC initiatives	<p>Art Trail: CF action for JF to update at next meeting</p> <p>Planters: LD updated on behalf of BD/LF</p> <p>Planter 1: Wildflowers have been planted and have started to poke through Planter 2: Herbs...Rosemary, Sage, Thyme Planter 3: Scottish Natives being provided by member of the growers' network Planter 4: Needs some bright flowers</p> <p>Youth Engagement: RN advised she will send out emails to the Headteachers of Williamwood and St. Ninians - KO suggested getting involved in the Careers Fair and CAI advised that this takes place in October.</p>
9. Comms subgroups	<p>LD updated on responses from JF/RN/LF and starting to collate the ideas and themes that are coming up. Pulling together a comms plan with actions and ideas that will be discussed with the Comms group and then brought back to the wider group.</p> <p>LF: Asked about face-to-face meetings and the possibility of doing a mix of face to face and Zoom meetings. RN advised that a hybrid model would be something that could be discussed.</p> <p>Action: LD will pull together a Comms action plan, discuss with sub group and bring back to the wider group once agreed</p>
10. Licensing applications	<p>CK: No further applications and the licensing website hasn't been updated since 27th April.</p> <p>RN asked about the Pizza Max application – CK advised that they were awarded the 1am licence.</p>
11. Treasurer's report	<p>CK advised of a balance of £1208.39 currently, with the annual grant and Zoom payment refunds coming through shortly.</p> <p>LD asked if CCC would be able to part fund the playpark upgrade. RN advised that CCC funds are to enable the effective operation of the CCC. Given there is a surplus from previous years, there may be a possibility to look at whether a small contribution could be made to tie in with promoting our work in the area.</p>
12. Meeting dates	<p>RN proposed that the CCC take a break in July given many members may be away on holiday and suggested meetings resume in August, with exception of the subgroups where necessary. This suggestion was approved by members.</p>
12. AOCB	<p>MP Kirsten Oswald provided an update on her local and national work and advised that everyone can read her newsletter on her Facebook page.</p> <p>GC asked about Williamwood train station accessibility – discussions are still ongoing; KO will be attending the next meeting of ERSDA and feels that changes will be</p>

incremental. KO is also working on provisions for disabled access taxis – discussions are still going on for this facility in East Ren.

CAI noted a meeting today with officers from Roads dept and Parent Council for Williamwood, reviewing the bottom of Glendoune, where there is an issue with visibility – both of school children being able to see traffic and cars being able to see them crossing. Discussions centred around extending the pavement around the crossing – ERC accept that there is an issue and are away to investigate ownership of land round about and will come back with potential solutions.

RN: Update on Busby Rd SW building due in mid-August.

GC – advised that she has been contacted by a resident about kids constantly trying to cross Mearns Road to Lomondside Road. CAI advised that the roads department got back to her and specified that they won't put in a crossing there because there is a crossing nearby – CAI will respond to the resident directly.