

**Clarkston Community Council Minutes**  
**Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> May 2021**  
**7 – 9pm via Zoom**

Item	Notes
<b>Attendance</b>	<p>Rebecca Nicholson – (RN) - Chair, Brian Dillon – (BD) Vice Chair, Maryam Wasim (MW) Secretary, Christopher Kelly – (CK), Treasurer, Julie Flaherty (JF), Gillian Cox (GCox), Linda Dillon (LD), Lise Fisher (LF)</p> <p>Visitors: David Miller (DM) – ERC, Julia Sagasti (JS)</p> <p>Apologies: Joseph Pakenham, Brian Dillon, Cllr Annette Ireland</p>
<b>1. Welcome &amp; Apologies</b>	RN welcome everyone to the meeting and apologies were noted as above.
<b>2. Minutes – 31<sup>st</sup> March Meeting</b>	<p>GCox noted she had submitted the following amendment within the Greenbank Church planning application section, to read as below;</p> <p>“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 are required in order to understand the full scope. Currently only one has been submitted.”</p> <p>Minutes should also be updated to reflect LF’s attendance at the May meeting.</p> <p><b>Action carried forward; -</b>  <b>MW - Survey results</b></p> <p>Minutes from 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021 were approved subject to the above amendments.</p>
<b>3. ERC Litter Update</b>	<p>DM from Neighbourhood Services from East Renfrewshire Council (ERC) provided an overview of refuse services in response to concerns, stated as follows;-.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• State of bins is a concern, many appear rusty</li> <li>• Lack of bins on route from Vardar Avenue to Carolside Primary.</li> <li>• Aidens Brae litter issue.</li> <li>• Bins at Tinkers park are overflowing.</li> <li>• Query whether ERC use sensor bins like Glasgow City Council (GCC). Is there routine sweeping in the main street - rubbish tends to get trapped so could it be swept and power washed like GCC?</li> <li>• Bin removed at the top of Cathkin Drive next to the grass area - raised with ERC. Lack of bins on Eastwoodmains Road especially near Health centre.</li> <li>• Area behind Williamwood High School is badly littered.</li> </ul> <p><b>DM feedback;</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The main street in Clarkston has 10 bins which are emptied daily and there is a sweep up after school daily. Apology issued for rubbish overload on previous weekend. The volume of footfall has increased twice as much as before pandemic. There are no extra resources. There will be an amalgamation with Parks Dept, bringing services together and resources. ERC will also be looking at using bigger bins like GCC. The size of the bins are quite big and would put on extra uplift and will be looking to upgrade to 90 litre street bins.</li> <li>• <b>ACTION – DM will take back action to organise extra uplift for Tinkers park bins.</b></li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The night shift operative does a mechanical sweep at night for the main street area. Have also put a sweeping schedule with an aim that every street in ERC will be swept once every 8 weeks.</li> <li>• In terms of bins being removed, they are usually removed if damaged. Dog waste only bins are being removed due to the health and safety implications. <b>ACTION – DM will look into reinstating bin at Cathkin Drive.</b></li> <li>• For a bin to be allocated there needs to be an increase in footfall.</li> <li>• Eastwoodmains Road was considered but many residents were not happy with a bin being placed outside their homes.</li> <li>• Aidens Brae has a lot of broken glass constantly and is swept. Have asked community wardens to patrol the area more.</li> <li>• In terms of the area behind Williamwood High School, the land is not wholly owned by ERC and cannot go into rivers/streams. Advised to do land search to see who is responsible for the land.</li> <li>• Community Litter picks are a great support as can cover more areas that ERC does not cover.</li> </ul>
<p><b>4. Clarkston BID Update</b></p>	<p>BID manager Andy Dunlop not present.  <b>ACTION – RN will email and re-engage with Andy Dunlop.</b></p>
<p><b>5. Police Scotland</b></p>	<p>CCC met with Sergeant Gordon Sweeney last week who is keen to engage with CCC. He clarified the monthly police report will cover what happens in Clarkston as an overview, and he will provide more information where possible. There are a lot of resources in place to address antisocial behaviour locally and there is hope that lockdown restrictions lifting will also result in improvements.</p> <p>The public are encouraged to continue to report incidents as appropriate and RN feedback some residents' comments that they could not get through to 101. Sergeant Sweeney noted this should be raised internally if ongoing but requested that residents persevere when calling.</p> <p>Problems identified with trains, potentially partly due to period with no conductors. The report will remain the same – CC will contact Sergeant Sweeney directly whenever we need to provide feedback or discuss concerns.</p> <p>It was noted that lighter nights are likely to mean more youth presence.  <b>ACTION - re-engage with youth services on plans for area and continue engagement with Ian Mulholland who is looking at developing youth provision.</b></p> <p>RN noted ongoing issues with traffic at Eastwood Health Centre junction. It was advised that drivers should be following the signalling correctly.</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>Priorities – Tinkers and Overlee Park</u>  JP will lead on a survey for parks in Clarkston. It was noted that Overlee Park is out with the CCC boundaries but used by many residents. GC noted a preference for improvements to Tinkers Park on Seres Road. A recent report showed a lack of spend on parks in Clarkston in recent years compared to other ERC areas.</li> </ul> <p>There was a discussion about the potential to begin a campaign to improve Tinkers, and potentially to look at renaming the area.</p> <p><b>ACTION – Set up subgroup for parks work and liaise with local councillors/ERC</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>Planters</u>  LF advised that one planter has been planted with herbs, still deciding what to flowers/plants to plant in other planters due to the weather. Three planters are on Seres Road, 1 at Scotmid. Contacting BID for help with posters to put on planters. Would like to do a workshop and get local people involved. Need ideas of what to put in fourth planter.</li> </ul>

	<p>LD updated that BD is planning to plant wildflower in planter but concerned about cold weather. Would also like to do a clipping workshop for the local community. JS suggested that tulips, dandelions, summer flowers that do not need much care could be used.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>Youth Work Proposal</u></li> </ul> <p>RN fed back on Iain Mulholland’s visit to social work building in Clarkston with a view to using it for youth activities. Building is in poor repair and may be reused by ERC. Awaiting feedback. Iain is keen to support if possible, and will engage with youth services.</p> <p>MW noted that using social media platforms and well know faces does help engage with young people, use of TikTok and Twitch for example.</p> <p>KO suggested contacting local High School Headteachers, LD agreed it’s important to speak with young people about what they want in the area and all agreed this was important. All to consider further ideas for youth engagement with CC.</p> <p><b>ACTION – LD to draft communication for headteachers.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>Activities and Competitions</u></li> </ul> <p>RN noted she has emailed the CC members in advance of the meeting to propose that we should not offer prizes for future activities. These have been a great boost for the area during lockdown - however our funding can’t continue to support this going forward. It was noted the activities were very successful, providing a great way to get local people in Clarkston involved locally. It’s hoped that people would still be keen to get involved in future events. Other members noted agreement. JF is planning an art trail and there was support for this. JF will look to develop the idea.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>New members – New member application</u></li> </ul> <p>Currently we have 13 members with a total capacity of 19. MW was contacted by Clarkston Hall lets and September was advised as earliest dates for potential face to face meetings. RN noted we remain keen to attract new members and keen to ensure diversity and different skillsets.</p>
<p><b>6. Planning Applications</b></p>	<p>GCoX provided planning update:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Eastwood Leisure Complex PAN</b> - Website will go live on the 12<sup>th</sup> May, there will be information on the proposal and comments can be left. 24<sup>th</sup> May to 25<sup>th</sup> May will be a consultation with live chat.</li> <li>• <b>PAN for 5G Mast</b></li> </ul> <p>The planners have submitted a revised notice following feedback to now place a 5G mast on the grassy area between Mearns Road/Burnside Gardens. CC members observed this is generally a preferred site compared to the last proposal, as it is further from the pavement, away from the crossing and generally less used. There is awareness that some residents are keen for improved mobile signal in the area which a mast will facilitate. GCoX noted she will feed back to the planning department that this site is preferred over the original.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Residential Care Home at Greenbank Church</b></li> </ul> <p>This application has now been submitted by Greenbank Church and the developers. CCC sent letter of objection on 12<sup>th</sup> April. So far there are 52 objections and 35 letters of support and it will therefore go to ERC planning committee. CCC reps will be meeting Greenbank Church online next Monday 10<sup>th</sup> May for a briefing on the second planning application and all CCC members are invited to attend.</p>

<b>7. Licensing applications</b>	CK advised of an application for Pizza Max in Clarkston to extend their hours to 1am. Objection date for applications is 11 <sup>th</sup> May.
<b>8. Treasurers Report</b>	CK noted that the balance on the account is £1372.17 Community Council grant payment and Zoom payments are due from ERC.
<b>9. AOCB</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Discussion on communication – consideration to separate email accounts for CC to avoid confusion. Also look at overall cloud storage for documents and other useful tools.</li> <li>• <b>ACTION – MW to investigate paid email accounts, and associated costs.</b></li> <li>• RN noted concerns raised by a resident of Aidens Brae as an email to Vincent McCulloch at ERC and forwarded to CCC. There are issues being raised around litter, a knife, drugs, alcohol. It has been noted that CAI has been dealing with this matter and the resident continues to make reports to the appropriate services.</li> <li>• LF advised of a subgroup meeting for communications and social media. Will look at CCC remit, understand commitments and start posting regularly. RN noted it would be good to post reminders of meetings for agenda items etc.</li> <li>• LF, JP and LD and JP are setting up the social media events calendar. It was noted there are many religious festivals and it may be tricky to ensure inclusion of all.</li> <li>• Approval was given to LD’s social media draft in regard to the Police report.</li> <li>• Julia Sagasti was nominated by MW and seconded by CK and voted in by CC majority as a co-opted member.</li> </ul>
<b>10. Date of next meeting</b>	Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June 2021 – 7pm
<b>Actions</b>	<p><b>Carried forward: MW - Survey results</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>DM will take back action to organise extra uplift for Tinkers park bins</b></li> <li>• <b>DM will look into reinstating bin at Cathkin Drive.</b></li> <li>• <b>RN will email and re-engage with Andy Dunlop.</b></li> <li>• <b>Re-engage with youth services on plans for area and continue engagement with Ian Mulholland who is looking at developing youth provision.</b></li> <li>• <b>Set up subgroup for parks work and liaise with local councillors/ERC</b></li> <li>• <b>LD to draft communication for headteachers.</b></li> <li>• <b>MW to look into setting up proper paid email accounts, and associated costs.</b></li> </ul>