

Clarkston Community Council Minutes
Wednesday 6th October 2021
7 – 9pm via Zoom

Item	Notes
Attendance	
1. Welcome & Apologies	<p>RN welcomed everyone to the meeting and apologies were noted.</p> <p>In attendance:</p> <p>PC Members: Rebecca Nicholson (Chair) - RN Christopher Kelly (Treasurer) - CK Julia Sagasti - JS Gillian Cox – GC Julie Flaherty – JF Lise Fisher - LF Linda Dillon - Minute taker – LD Brian Dillon – BD (last half of meeting)</p> <p>Visitors Local residents</p> <p>Andy Dunlop – BID Kirsten Oswald MP Cllr. Annette Ireland Vincent McCulloch – ERC Jane Corrie – ERC Roads</p> <p>Apologies: Joe Pakenham, Jackson Carlaw MSP, Linda Allan, Cllr Stewart Miller</p>
2. Meeting minutes	<p>RN actions followed up: CCTV in town is confirmed as in working order</p> <p>Cleansing Dept. won't allow us to hold the ERC litter pickers (see point 7).</p> <p>September meeting minutes approved</p>
3. Mearns Road roadworks	<p>Jane Corrie (JC) from the ERC Roads Dept. provided an update with the road and pavement works on Mearns Road and issues raised</p> <p>Supply issue with cement products – cement for 200m of new kerbs and traffic islands is required. Shortage is a national issue.</p> <p>JC has been told that they have the products now, however, they now have a shortage of the staff and skills required. Can't do surfacing until the kerbing is done. Covid-19 guidelines are also coming into play as they work in bubbles – again, this is something that is affecting works across the board. No easy fix with this – no point in moving contractors, now working on other work that doesn't rely on cement / kerbing. New type of contracts from the council means that they must work alongside contractors to fix issues.</p> <p>Traffic Regulation Order is good for 18 months, they don't have to stick to the dates advertised. They will let businesses and residents know if there are any extensions to this.</p>

	<p>ERC might take legal advice as to next steps if the contractors don't return to site. Finish date of late Oct/early November. Once they get in there, it shouldn't take too long. Kerbing must be done first.</p> <p>RN advised the light system is not fit for purpose - issues with traffic lights not working, and traffic lights not being there and people running through in cars.</p> <p>LD raised the issue of safety for children and parents going to school and the fact that there's no safe route for people to cross the road and lights being out and no replacement.</p> <p>JC advised that the contractor should be doing leaflet drops and keeping residents up to date and reviewing and changing signs. GC advised that they need to communicate better with residents as no one knows what is happening and stressed that ERC have a part to play in ensuring these comms happen. GC and RN advised that we can help communicate via our Facebook pages etc.</p> <p>Issues being escalated all the time, JC going to escalate all of this tomorrow.</p>
<p>4. Police report</p>	<p>Nothing on the Police report. Noticed that the report came from a different sender – RN has queried for a response to the email she had sent. RN will update if she gets a response.</p> <p>Local resident raised the issue of speeding – pointed out there were a lot of speeding assessments performed in the area and CCC could ask to see the analysis of this – thinks these are conducted by the Roads department at ERC.</p> <p>Vincent McCulloch advised that a neighbouring community council produced a lot of good information of speeding on roads, he can pass on the details of the person and see if he can share the data that was produced.</p> <p>Drones: Kirsten Oswald advised that she had spoken to the Police and they have been using drones for those harder to reach areas.</p>
<p>5. Overview of parklets consultation</p>	<p>RN to go back to them for update</p>
<p>6. Gas explosion memorial</p>	<p>GC shared post from ERC stating that there would be a memorial event and that CCC has been invited. There will be a one minute silence at 2:50 on 31/10/2020 and the CCC will send a wreath.</p> <p>RN to arrange a wreath with florist. RN and GC to attend memorial event</p>
<p>7. Litter picks</p>	<p>RN advised that ERC won't provide litter pickers for us to keep as other groups require to use them.</p> <p>Andy Dunlop can provide litter pickers and are also arranging some litter picks for COP26. AD suggested a community litter pick box which could be put beside the planters. AD can send an email re: costs. Depends on where we're putting the box and attaching it to something whether we need permission or not.</p> <p>CLlr Ireland going to explore with ERC about how we can get some – as this is how it's run in Renfrewshire.</p>
<p>8. Update from the BID</p>	<p>Christmas event going ahead.</p> <p>Not changing the layout too much – but not doing a beer tent.</p> <p>Will have stalls in Clarkston Halls and will be controlling numbers going in there.</p>

	<p>Santa's Grotto is causing an issue in terms of where to site this, safely and cost effectively. Looking at building a Santa's Workshop so that kids can still get to see Santa.</p> <p>Train not going to be available.</p> <p>Concern about numbers – AD going to ERC for potential road closure for the short period of time leading up to the fireworks to allow people to access the site safely.</p> <p>Concerned about the fall out of licensing issues from Playground.</p> <p>Kirsten Oswald updated that she's had a little bit of correspondence about Playground but no one has heard of any major issues.</p> <p>Cllr. Ireland – hasn't heard anything or had any feedback about Playground.</p> <p>Highlighted that she has had some questions about the beer tent and had a question about local companies supplying the event and providing the stalls. Confirmed that he had 195 applications and that the primary concerns is to ensure a balance in the kinds of stalls and where the stall holders come from.</p> <p>COP26 – AD has linked in with Williamwood, and they are going to organise a litter pick and encourage businesses in making small changes....and is ensuring that recycling is being built into the Christmas Fayre clean-up operation.</p> <p>Magazine – struggling to get the content off the ground, everyone is short staffed.</p> <p>Julia asked about Scarecrow Trail – Andy advising that he has banners going out tomorrow</p> <p>Community awards coming back in March 2022 – and one thing that they want to push is for 'Young Person of the Year'. RN advised that we would help promote the awards via Facebook and other local groups.</p>
<p>9. Park funding</p>	<p>GC confirmed that we submitted the funding application form to ERC and we have passed Stage 1 of the application. We have to include the VAT in our application, so this increases our contribution slightly.</p> <p>Vincent stated that the name 'Carolside Park' was promoted back in the 1930's as part of the new development. T LF suggested running a logo competition to help with rebranding.</p> <p>JF updated on fundraising: Crowdfunding coming in as the most recommended kind of fundraising via the survey but not a lot of people had responded.</p> <p>Discussion around fundraising for the new park and the National Lottery fund.</p>
<p>10. Planning applications</p>	<p>No planning applications this month.</p> <p>The Station Master's house application has been rejected.</p>
<p>11. CCC Initiatives</p>	<p>Witchy windows: JF advised that we could just reuse what we did last year and is happy to promote and go forward.</p> <p>Winter Wonderland:</p> <p>LD mentioned that the kids loved the 'Elfie Selfie' on Greenwood Road on the way to school. JS advised that all the Xmas things that the CCC did last year was really well received. Positive community event which would be good to redo. Volunteers required to assist.</p> <p>Planters: AD will produce posters for the planters and LF will get nice winter plants.</p>

	Youth Engagement: No further updates.
12. Update on new members	Still seeking new members and everyone encouraged to promote this. We will start monitoring attendance with an aim to ensure fair participation and effort to share the workload.
13. Meeting styles going forward	Meetings going forward –request for everyone to complete the survey. LD to put the survey out again and double check with Facilities re: screen at the venue for potential hybrid meeting.
14. Communication and Sub-Groups	Domain name: agreed as clarkstoncommunitycouncil.org.uk LD will get back to JP regarding the domain name and next steps.
15. Licensing Applications	None.
16. Treasurers Report	Balance £4083.80. £71.95 refunded for Zoom. +£2k Lottery funding being paid in for the Hyrdo Project which will be paid out to the Hyrdo Project when appropriate – this will reduce the balance.
17. AOCB	RN to organise a zap stand for the CCC for the Christmas Fayre and other areas. Subgroup will discuss Christmas stand activities. Kirsten Oswald advised that she is hoping to access parliamentary funding for railway stations – and is hoping to use it to make Williamwood station more accessible.