

Clarkston Community Council Minutes
Wednesday 2nd February 2022
7 – 9pm via Zoom

Item	Notes
Attendance	
1. Welcome & Apologies	<p>In attendance:</p> <p>PC Members: Rebecca Nicholson (Chair) – RN Linda Dillon - Minute taker – LD Julia Sagasti - JS Gillian Cox – GC Lise Fisher – LF Brian Dillon – BD (online at 7:30pm) Joe Pakenham - JP</p> <p>Visitors:</p> <p>Apologies: Kirsten Oswald, Cllr Ireland, Cllr Miller, Sgt. Gordon Sweeney, Chris Kelly, Julie Flaherty</p>
2. Previous minutes and actions	<p>Minutes approved as presented.</p> <p>RN noted that actions from previous minutes would be discussed in Chair’s update.</p>
3. Police Report	<p>The standardised Police Report had been circulated to members. It was briefly discussed and it was noted that the Police would attend CC meetings again once they are held in person, allowing for additional discussions.</p>
4. Chair’s update	<p>60 Busby Road: An initial steering group has been formed, with Iain Mulholland (IM) leading. The steering group includes GC and RN from the PC, Simon Cunningham – Chair of W/Wood Parent Council, an architect and a chartered account who will help with advice and support.</p> <p>IM and RN had a meeting with the ERC building surveyors/inspectors. They were advised at this meeting that a community asset transfer could be considered with a rental amount potentially offset with how much ERC would save in terms of providing the associated services and maintaining the building. RN stressed the need for transparency of process. Whether there can be any progression with the proposal would depend on final costings and ability to attract capital grant funding and deliver revenue through a sustainable business plan.</p> <p>Next steps: The steering group will meet to flesh out the business proposal and develop an application to become a constituted body.</p> <p>Parklets update – Cllr Ireland had forwarded an update noting that further consultation work is ongoing.</p> <p>Litter – RN advised that there is a pressing issue with litter in the lanes off Busby Road. Cllr Ireland had advised RN during a recent catch up that she will speak to ERC again.</p>

	<p>Action: RN will speak to Andy Dunlop at BID to enquire about any plans to tackle this.</p> <p>Community roses – RN advised that KO had emailed advising that there had been an offer of some John Ystumllyn roses for the community, see https://www.theguardian.com/uk-news/2021/oct/21/new-rose-named-after-one-of-britains-first-known-black-gardeners-john-ystumllyn for more information on the initiative. A limited amount is available.</p> <p>Action: RN will respond to the email and try to secure roses for the planters.</p> <p>Potential Hustings for local elections: Chair of Netherlee and Stamperland community council, Bob Shaw (BS), contacted RN re: proposed joint hosting of a hustings by Netherlee and Stamperland / Clarkston / Busby for Ward 4 candidates.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - BS sent an email with specific issues and requirements – looking for tellers to monitor hands up, some tech support, signers and translators (if required). - BS suggested April - given elections are in May - We need costings for halls - VMcC had advised that it is within our remit to hold and facilitate a hustings for the community - Questions should be entered in advance - Elections take place on the 5th May - We must ensure all candidates on the ballot are invited - We must check deadline for postal voting <p>Actions: LD will email lettings re: hall hire for hustings – a Thurs evening in April from 7-9pm. RN will contact Vincent to check on postal voting date. RN will create a post for the Facebook page re: the election information from VMcC RN will continue to liaise with BS and any other relevant local CC members are required.</p> <p>Online Comms – RN had added a Facebook post for a new member with specific Social Media experience and also looking for a volunteer for the SW building (one volunteer responded) JP asked what we wanted from a Social Media manager - RN and LD outlined the role as per previous discussion at January 2022 meeting.</p> <p>Membership update: Following his application to join the CC, Graham Wood was proposed by RN and seconded by GC. He was therefore co-opted as a member. Welcome Graham!</p>
<p>5. BID Update</p>	<p>I LOVE Clarkston Community Awards – consensus from the group was that some CCC members should attend this year’s awards to support them and to promote the CCC.</p> <p>Action: RN will seek an Awards update from Andy Dunlop.</p>
<p>6. Subgroups</p>	<p>RN noted that with limited member numbers, the proposal was to focus on core areas and initially this would mean subgroups for Carolside Park improvements, Roads, Events and 60 Busby Road.</p> <p>Carolside Park: GC explained the difficulties with the funding and equipment requirements. We now need to create a questionnaire for the community in order to get targeted community responses from P6/P7, S1 and S2 pupils.</p>

Fundraising: JP suggested that with Crowdfunding there are different tiers and levels of funding and that we could offer plaques / bricks/ with different funders names on them. LD suggested that perhaps the path that we have suggested running down from Mearns Road could have named bricks. This would need to be approved through the funding process.

Action: JP needs to get his name changed over from the Hydro project so that he can get the closure report completed for the National Lottery. CCC can then apply for the remaining funding amount if wished.

GC and LD to complete the questionnaire/survey process.

Events: The group discussed potential events that could happen across the year. Easter/Spring trail / Witchy Windows Oct / Christmas Fayre Nov / Christmas Wanderland, were some of the examples discussed. A calendar of events to be completed and further consideration given to some possible Spring events. It was agreed that it would be positive to run a handful of events across the year with clear planning and deadlines to cover resources and funding required, plus risk assessments and agreement on areas of responsibility. LF noted she is happy to assist in the Events sub group if required.

Actions: JS will put together a calendar of events and associated planning requirements following discussions with JF.

Action: Agenda point for March meeting – discuss a strategic approach to Events to get people out and about in the area – tie it in with litter picks for example, billed as ‘the Big Spring clean’.

Roads: GW contacted Patrick Docherty /Fraser Brown from the Roads Dept who advised that there is forecast information available for the public on upcoming road works. GW is going to verify this and ensure he knows where to locate this information in the future so that we can share it. RN stressed that CAI often gives us an update but is only able to as and when she gets information to pass on and it is not planned/scheduled.

GW to contact his contacts in the Roads Dept on a regular basis and ask for regular updates and foresight of what’s happening in the local area and let them know when we are not receiving forecast information on the Roads Dept channels.

GW provided a summary of the speeding data provided by ERC.

- Mearns Road – high speeds with a high volume of traffic
- Greenwood Road – 20% speeding at greater than 30 mph
- Carolside Avenue – high volume of traffic
- Eaglesham Road – 85% speeding at over 30mph
- Busby Road – 25% speeding at over 30 mph

LD highlighted that this data is a baseline of data for the CCC to begin to monitor and build a picture and provide evidence of consistently problematic areas.

LF highlighted that the islands on Mearns Road might not necessarily slow people down. RN mentioned that the hope is that whilst there are not TLs or something more specific, the

	<p>islands should perhaps mean people instinctively slow down. LF stressed that there needs to be something more at Mearns Road as there's no pavement and no solid traffic calming measures – and the data highlights that this is a high speeding area.</p> <p>RN also suggested that Clarkston Toll, crossing at the Toll and walking down Clarkston Road towards Stamperland does not have safe crossing points and also something that we can put on the agenda and perhaps take forward for discussion with the community and the Roads Dept.</p>
7. Planning update	<p>GC noted submission of plans for the 5G mast at Mearns Road. This follows the pre-planning notice discussed at a previous meeting. It was agreed that nothing has changed within the application, and it was noted that there appears to be a split of opinion amongst residents, between opposition to masts being sighted against desire for an improved mobile phone signal. It was confirmed that CCC members feel this is a marginally preferential sight compared to others proposed previously.</p> <p>It was suggested we could ask for a green mast instead of a grey mast which would blend into the surroundings slightly more.</p> <p>Action: GC will issue details of the application on CCC social media to the community and ask the network if the mast can be green instead of grey.</p>
8. Licensing update	No new licensing applications.
9. Treasurer's update	<p>CK not present at the meeting but had provided an email update.</p> <p>Bank account balance is £1527.91</p>
10. Website update	<p>To be put on agenda for the next meeting – LF, JP and LD have submitted bio's for the website. JP has noticed a problem with the website that he needs to look at. JP suggested doing a whole launch of the website and new email addresses as a full package. The group will look at the website in more detail at the next meeting.</p> <p>Action: JP to review the issue with the website. Action: Website to be on agenda at next meeting.</p>
11. AOB	No additional business noted.