

Clarkston Community Council April Meeting Minutes

Date: Wednesday 1st April 2020

Time: 8pm to 8.45pm

Venue: Zoom Video Meeting (Online meeting)

Attendees: Chairperson - Rebecca Nicholson (RN), Secretary - Maryam Imran (MI), Treasurer - Christopher Kelly (CK), Gillian Cox (GCox), Julie Richardson (JR), Neal Ross (NR)

Apologies: Vice Chair - Brian Dillon, Greg Chalmers, Iain Bell

1. Apologies
2. Meeting Minutes from 4th March
3. Police Scotland update (TBC)
4. Available support at this time for the community
5. CCC communications and actions to support
6. Facebook – increasing membership
7. Planning and Licensing
8. CCC Survey
9. Plan for upcoming events
10. Treasurers report
11. AOCB

Meeting Minutes

1. Apologies received and attendance recorded.
2. CCC 4/03/20 meeting minutes
 - Ensure minutes sent to all CCC members and responses received before sending out. - ACTION
 - Notable points since minutes
 - ERC Community Council Officer Vincent McCulloch confirmed it is still ok to continue community council meetings online.
 - We were notified that our AGM was due to take place in May, however with the current pandemic it is appropriate to postpone this as long as necessary
 - The survey can be extended online rather than paper copies. We can use this time to encourage more people to complete the survey.
 - The I Love Clarkston Awards took place online
 - Most actions will have to be carried over for next few months as not able to complete currently.

Minutes awaiting approval and in draft form on ERC website.

3. Police Scotland Report (tbc)
 - No report has been sent in which is understandable with changing priorities for Police Scotland during the pandemic.

4. Available Support at this time for the Community –

- RN attended the Voluntary Action East Renfrewshire (VAER) meeting along with Councillor Ireland. Was well attended by community groups and helped to facilitate discussions on :
 - What groups and organisations are available?
 - What are challenges?
 - What support is available?
- VAER will take on centralised phone number and liaise with networks to get support. ERC looking how to use resources and staff.
- JR queried if VAER are working alongside “Hubs” health and social care staff supporting the vulnerable. There was not clear information if they were working together.
- RN - the meeting was more about a community based approach, for example, the street to street approach. More likely neighbours know who has needs in their neighbourhood. Also how to safeguard community action and ensure appropriate support?
- There are Facebook groups set up for Glasgow Southside, Platform to Help ER and Williamwood Group. RN will be promoting the VAER Hub flyer online.
- GCox queried how healthy adults could help, RN suggested best to direct to VAER to coordinate.
- RN knows the organiser of the Williamwood support group, there are also whatsapp groups for some streets. VAER will be a centralised support service. Our CCC Facebook group only has 80 followers, the ER Platform group has over 1000 followers. We can direct to VAER and promote our Facebook page as much as possible
- LA –a neighbour put note through through all doors in her street. Already had list of volunteers and added contact details on letters for support. Have online group for calls for helping vulnerable and elderly.
- RN – East Renfrewshire Council is keen for people to be referred to VAER for support.
- LA – There has been a concern raised from pharmacies, large amounts of medication are being ordered and there is a concern about people stockpiling medication. There needs to be more awareness about this as it’s impacting pharmacies and staff adversely.
- RN – Can share existing message by pharmacist at Eastwood Health Centre from ERC social media pages.
- GCox – There is VAER social media messages with images we could share out to show how they are coordinating support.
- RN – BBC also covered the VAER meeting. Information will also be updated with new changes, for example, bin collections changes.
- LA –Local people are struggling with lack of bin cycles especially as council recycling site(dumps) are closed. Would ERC be in a position to accept volunteers to help manage these sites?
- JR – Health and safety would be a risk for lay people to help at such sites.
- LA – Can CCC do anything to help with this? Residents are concerned about infestation from the changes of bin collections and wanted to share with CCC.
- RN – Weekly collections should help prevent infestation? ERC have reported that staff at recycling sites are being abused. Don’t believe ERC would support volunteers at these sites. RN will ask Councillor Ireland about plans for longer term.

CCC communications and actions

- RN – Can everyone try to build Facebook membership, invite friends /residents, share posts etc

- MI – Your Clarkston Page was taking a break before pandemic. MI was going to approach the page admins to ask if CCC could help support as it is an existing page for Clarkston with sizable audience. The page is currently live and operating to support community with notices through pandemic period,
- RN – We should share CCC group to other groups on Facebook and build audience. Share information about group including word of mouth.

7. Planning and Licensing Applications

Off Grid Kids Application

- **GCox** – Application about Off Grids Kids organisation applying to erect a shelter /outdoor store including a composting toilet. The structure is estimated to be 4metres by 7 metres in the middle of the site next to one of the public lanes.
- **RN** – Environment information about food preparation, what does that refer to?
- **MI** – Was involved at start of project assisting project manager. Has conducted cooking exercise in past with pakora cooking over camp fire with outdoor kids camp and mainly utensils and tools are stored and ingredients were only brought on site when needed, Will clarify with organisation, Looked over application and has been aware of this development from previous plans with project.
- **RN** – One objection has been sent around concerns for antisocial behaviour near the 121 Scout Hall. Does CCC need to consider this application? All members agreed no action was needed.

Watt Brothers Store Application

- **GCox**– The owners are seeking planning permission to change from Class 1 to Class 3 for food and drink purposes. Not sure if at this stage that property to sold or rented. However the property does not fall in CCC boundaries for planning and will be part of Busby Community Councils planning process. Just wanted to raise awareness of development.

Licensing Applications

GCox -

- Michelangelos – applying to deliver alcohol, need permission before starting to do this. Application hearing scheduled for 16 April – unclear what will happen in current situation. RN has left message for Licensing contact Christine at ERC.
- Monteiths – application made for outdoor seating.
- Station Masters House application – Planning meeting for applications due and awaiting update.

8. CCC Survey -

- Leave online survey in place for time being. Paper survey cannot be used due to social distancing and isolation guidelines for public. All members to please promote online survey and encourage more people to complete it.

9. Plan for upcoming events– . Are Zoom meetings ok for meetings going forward for time being? All present agreed. Should also promote our work and meetings online through Zoom and invite local councillors to meetings going forward. Next meeting will be 6th May. AGM delayed as referenced above.

10. Treasurers Report – There is £1424.03 in the bank account at present. Secretary has now been reimbursed expenses since CCC started in September 2019. ERC grant will also be sent to CCC this month. Treasurer proposed CCC make a contribution to support local community foodbank. Members agreed this would be a positive idea. RN will check with ERC for guidance and confirm.

11. AOCB – Arrangements will be made for May meeting on Zoom and emailed to all members.

Actions

- MI send out March meeting minutes for approval by CCC members.**
- RN will contact Cllr Ireland for more information about waste and recycling plans for longer term.**
- CCC to promote and signpost people needing support or wanting to volunteer support to VAER Community Hub centralised service.**
- Share social media information about VAER Community Hub on CCC Facebook group – FB page admins**
- Share existing posts about medication and prescriptions by pharmacists by ERC to Facebook page - RN**
- Increase CCC Facebook Group membership with sharing group and inviting Facebook friends and sharing to other groups - all**
- Extend Survey and encourage more people to complete online as may have time with lockdown in place - all**
- Contact ERC Vincent McCulloch about financially contributing to support groups and organisations like foodbanks - RN**
- Secretary to post agenda, meeting dates and links to Minutes on Facebook group**
- Continue to organise CCC meetings as scheduled via Zoom, email details of next meeting to members.**

Meeting ended.

Next Meeting – Wednesday 6th May 2020

Meeting Minute Author

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Date Completed: 20/04/2020