

Clarkston Community Council January Meeting Minutes

Date: Wednesday 8th January 2020

Time: 7pm to 8.40pm

Venue: Clarkston Community Halls

Attendees: Chairperson - Rebecca Nicholson (RN), Vice-Chairperson - Brian Dillon (BD), Secretary - Maryam Imran (MI), Treasurer - Christopher Kelly (CK), Gillian Cox (GC), Ian Bell (IB), Linda V Allan (LA), Elena Rose Job (EJ) Julie Richardson (JR), Neal Ross (NR), Pamela Graham (PG), Cllr Stewart Miller (SM), Cllr Annette Ireland (AI)

Guest Speakers - Police Scotland Officers, Andy Dunlop(AD) (Clarkston BID), Precious Osadolor (PO) (University of Glasgow)

Apologies: Greg Chalmers, Cllr Alan Lafferty,

1. Apologies
2. Minutes from Last Meeting
3. Police Scotland Report
4. Clarkston BID Update – Andy Dunlop
5. University Of Glasgow Student Research of local community
6. Planning Applications - Gillian Cox
7. Draft Questionnaire
8. CCC Business - Leaflets Distribution, Social Media, Notice Board
9. Scottish Water - Greg Chalmers
10. Recycling and Litter in Clarkston
11. Treasurers Report
12. AOCB

Meeting Minutes

1. Apologies received and attendance recorded.
2. CCC 03/12/2019 Meeting Minutes. Please see planning section of these minutes with regards to an objection. Minutes were approved without further changes.
3. Police Scotland Report by Police Scotland Officer for the period of 03/12/2019 to 05/01/2020.
 - Please see attached Police Update report for December 2019 for Clarkston Community Council.
Discussion followed; -
 - Mentioned instance of antisocial behavior with a break in of a garage with spray paints being stolen. Also vandalism and graffiti.
 - CCC Council member mentioned their home had been egged around 3rd to 4th of January 2020 and they reported it to the police. There was a spate of egging on homes incidents in the Williamwood area. Police Scotland urged that every incident should be reported so that they can build up a picture of what's happening locally.

- Local councillor mentioned there was a video being shared on social media of someone spraying graffiti locally in a public area. Police Scotland did receive the video but cannot comment.
- It was enquired about the “ramming incident” in Scotmid at the end of November 2019. It was mentioned it was not included in the December 2019 report. Police Scotland said there is an ongoing investigation but cannot comment.

4. Clarkston BID Introduction and Update by BID manager Andy Dunlop (AD) –

- Clarkston BID covers 130 businesses from Clarkston Toll to Sheddens and Eaglesham Road near Greenbank Church. The businesses pay into a collective pot of funds which helps with business support work and hosting local events in the community. Clarkston BID is not part of East Renfrewshire Council (ERC) and is independent with their own Board and autonomy. BID members pay 1.75% of their business’s rateable value a year
- Clarkston BID hosts local events for the area including the annual Christmas Event, Easter event, and a Community Awards Ceremony. The Community Awards on Friday 28th February 2020 have a lot of nominees but need more, particularly Young People category for anyone under 18 years old. All categories will be staying the same The deadline for all nominations is 24th January 2020 and these can be made online. The cost of attending will be £300 for a table of 10 which will include drinks, dinner and more.
- The BID has drafted a report from the recent BID Christmas(Xmas) event and was circulated to all members present at the meeting. The Xmas event costs £16,000 to run and was partly funded by The Big Lottery with £5000 and around £2000 from stall space hire. The rest of the money was contributed by the BID and no profit is made from the event. Around 15,000 people attended the event with 70% being local people. The event helped to boost sales for local businesses in the town centre. Therefore, it is considered a very important event to the town and local community. The report aims to share knowledge of the BID event and impact with ERC, local business owners and local funders.
- There was £23k for Christmas lights for this year and there will be signage accompanying the lights next year to inform of the BID involvement
- The BID is currently in their renewal year and requires sufficient ‘yes’ votes to continue for the next 5 years, otherwise Clarkston will no longer hold events such as those at Christmas and Easter, or the awards etc. . The Clarkston BID renewal vote will be on the 4th June 2020. The renewal vote needs everyone’s support. BID will be making a short media clip of the work they do in Clarkston to share on social media to help promote support for the renewal vote. They will also be releasing their business plan in the next month which will include summer, Easter and winter events as well as a pop up or regular market in Clarkston. We would encourage everyone to talk to local businesses and find out how they engage with BID and highlight their work
- AD is keen to increase engagement with all business owners and mentioned the range of training and other services available to members – at least 4 at any time – however this is little uptake of these BID proposal to ERC about charges in the Clarkston Halls car park to introduce reasonable car parking charges with the first 2 hours free of charge and then an hourly charge implemented to stop all day parking. The car park has a large capacity and business owners have identified that lack of parking has affected their businesses.
- CCC member feedback – Xmas 2019 event was extremely busy.. It would be good if more support from ERC and police in terms of traffic management. This has been requested The BID manager has looked at other areas to host the event, for example Overlee Park but it is out-with the Clarkston BID district.

- Way forward with CCC and Clarkston BID:
 - Share information to ensure we are working to same purpose without overlapping
 - Share work and BID can share baseline data with CCC
 - Support BID with ERC in writing
 - Encourage everyone to shop locally and encourage business owners to support a YES vote for the renewal vote in June
 - Encourage more nominations and attend Community Awards in February 2020
 - AD will propose to BID board if CCC can join and send a CCC member to meetings. CCC members vote in favour in the action. AD will let CCC know the outcome of the request.
5. University of Glasgow Research Request – PO introduced as tutor for medical students from University of Glasgow. She oversees the vocational learning of the medical students and is looking to conduct interviews with local community members as part of community diagnostics projects with MacLeans Medical practice. There has been an email to CCC already introducing the work and requesting for interviews for CCC members who are available for the 2 scheduled interview dates and times. These are 28th January 2020 and 4th February 2020 from 2.15pm to 4.15pm on each date. PO offered to stay at end of meeting and take member names who would like to be interviewed. The information collected will be anonymised and not shared.
6. Planning Applications – CCC submitted a comment on a planning application in December 2019 on the grounds of potential for the award of a Status 11 precedent and concerns around parking . The applicant has sent in a formal complaint about the CCC statement and the following was clarified:
- The planning application in question was not applying for a status 11 application, only for a change of use
 - The applicant wished to clarify that the application was for the purpose of 1 to one 1 and small group sessions of Yoga in the purpose build studio.
 - It was stated that there was misinformation presented by another local resident at the last CCC meeting.
 - The application has now been granted permission with conditions by ERC. The applicant is keen to stress they will of course operate within these conditions and wish to contribute positively to the Clarkston Community
 - It was also noted that CCC members did read all 11 comments on the application as well incorporating feedback from December 2019 minutes in the comment from CCC.
- It was requested that CCC December 2019 minutes were amended to reflect above concerns. CCC members agreed the minutes were an accurate account of the discussion that took place and as such would stand. It was agreed the applicant's concerns would be recorded in these minutes, GC will now be overseeing planning applications for CCC and will be meeting the ERC Planning Dept in this regard. GC has been receiving the weekly planning lists since last CCC meeting.
7. Draft Questionnaire – The feedback will now be extended to 24th January 2020 and requested that feedback be emailed back to the CCC email by members. Once finalised this will be put into survey monkey format and the link can be posted and shared online as well as being used face to face on paper. This action is being carry forwarded to the next meeting.
8. CCC Business -

- Social media communication - BD has set up private Facebook group and recommends we use the group format as it will enable monitoring members and conduct. The aim of the online group is to share information and for feedback on CCC work. The FB group will require; a mission statement, links to the CCC meetings and minutes, online questionnaire once finalised, CCC flyer(already up), small write up of work and ongoing work that we are involved in. The need for website was discussed but social media seems more suitable for the time being.
- CCC Flyer Distribution – CCC members have distributed flyers to residents at the following streets and businesses – Drumby Crescent, Drumby Drive, Tesco Noticeboard, Mearns Barbers, TSB, Mansfield Road, Woodbank Crescent, part of Greenbank Road. Members will continue to distribute flyers.
- Central Community Space – Chair/ AI will organise with GC and IB to visit the previous Clarkston Social Work site.
- Notice Board – GC asked for permission for notice board spaces -still awaiting response. Will be requesting to put CCC meeting minutes on Library notice board.

9. Scottish Water – Carried forward to next meeting due to GC apologies tonight.

10. Recycling and Litter in Clarkston –recent social media discussions have been noted about the removal of recycling bins at Clarkston Hall car park. Concerns were raised about the need for the facility and that Greenhags facility was at full capacity during the Xmas period with recycling going into general waste. This has also affected the litter arrangements after the BID's Xmas event and for the future support ERC has informed the BID they would have to employ the ERC disposal services to clear up after the event. The BID has always supported the local 121 Clarkston Scout group with a donation while volunteers and scouts helped to clear the area. It was asked why the bins have been removed - local Councillors response;

- The recycling bins were being contaminated
- Issues with fly tipping.
- Bins were being abused with general waste. A lot of rubbish was being left around the bins.
- Residential roadside recycling bins collections was endeavored to be enough.
- When ERC tendered for the collections, no response was received

It was suggested that general bins could be added to each recycling site. There was concerns about lack of capacity and various waste sites and bins being full at Greenhags site. ERC has been recognised as the best local authority for recycling in Scotland and extra recycling bags can be delivered to those for whom bins are not suitable. Clarkston BID is looking a plastic free initiative and is creating a sustainable award for this. There will be another litter pick and CCC have offered to assist Treasurers Report – There is £1590 in the bank account at present. An invoice has been raised with ERC for Public Liability Insurance from Zurich which is now in place for CCC. Secretary has recent communication that invoice will be amended and resent so will send on the Treasurer. Secretary will send on expenses for printing and stationary so far to Treasurer to reimburse.

11. AOCB

- ERC contacted CCC about entering the Scottish Civic Trust awards about recognition of local community spaces. The Clarkston Town Centre Parklets and outdoor seating was suggested but CCC has decided it would not be appropriate to nominate as CCC was not involved in the project.

Actions

- ✓ CCC members to feedback to CCC questionnaire for deadline for 24th January 2020.
- ✓ BID manager will propose to BID if CCC can attend Clarkston BID meetings
- ✓ CCC to formally support Clarkston BID to ERC through written communication.
- ✓ BID to send over information about Community Awards Ceremony in February 2020, CCC to discuss booking a table
- ✓ BID and CCC to organise joint litter pick in Clarkston.
- ✓ Mission Statement to be developed for CCC Facebook Group
- ✓ Chair organising community space visit with GC, IB and Cllr Ireland
- ✓ Chair to ask Carolside PTA if they can share flyer on Facebook and Headteacher if he could briefly mention in his regular newsletter.

Meeting Finished.

Next Meeting – Wednesday 6th February 2020 at 7pm at Clarkston Community Hall

Meeting Minute Author

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Date Completed: 13/01/2020