

Clarkston Community Council (CCC) September Meeting Minutes

Date: Wednesday 2nd September 2020

Time: 7pm to 8.40pm

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), Linda Allan (LA), Cllr Annette Ireland (CAI) Cllr David MacDonald (CDM), Kirsten Oswald MP (KO),

Apologies:

Agenda

1. Welcome and apologies
2. Meeting Minutes for July
3. Police Scotland Report
4. Matters for discussion
 - Aims & Objectives for CCC
 - Social media / communications
 - Clarkston Post Office Closure
 - Activity Trails
 - Eaglesham Mobile Library
 - Roads Update
 - Wildflowers scheme
 - Litter Pick
5. CCC Survey
6. Planning applications
7. Licensing applications
8. Treasurers Report
9. AOCB

Meeting Minutes

1. Apologies received and attendance recorded. CCC member Neal Ross has resigned. CCC will be seeking to recruit new members.
2. CCC 01/07/20 meeting minutes

Actions

- CCC Survey as individual agenda for next meeting - Maryam Imran**
- To create Social Media Strategy Plan - Social Media Sub Group**
- Make contact with East Renfrewshire Youth Forum and see if any support can be given in the Clarkston area - Cllr David MacDonald**
- Share post on Facebook offering members of public if they want to individually litter pick, can borrow tabards and litter pick equipment - Rebecca Nicolson**
- Seeds for Hope - Collect and collate photos of plants grown from seeds and ask on original Facebook posts for photos - Brian Dillon.**
- Compilation of list of local organisations, groups and activities - Brian Dillon**
- Promote Clarkston Community Council Facebook group over I Love Clarkston group and page - Andy Dunlop**
- Send existing list of organisations and groups from BID - Andy Dunlop**
- Send Police Scotland link for Summer Safety campaign to share on Social media - Maryam Imran**

Minutes approved.

3. Police Scotland Report

- MI – No monthly report sent but Cyber Resilience bulletin was sent. The bulletin focused on the National Cyber Security Centre who support organisations to prevent and respond to cyber-attacks. Trending topics included cyber scams involving holiday scams, remote access scams and that online shopping fraud has increased for 18 to 26 year olds. There was also a focus on keeping children safe online and how to deal with fake news with the current infodemic about Covid-19. Scottish Government have posted a video online on how to spot false information and news.

4. Matters for Discussion

Aims and Objectives

- Aim to recruit new CCC members, regroup with existing members for year ahead. Clarify AGM arrangements with Vincent at ERC. Agree future focus areas from there.

Social Media/Community Communications Update

- Logo/Mascot Competition, will engage graphic designer once we have selected a winning design. Details to be promoted and shared on Facebook
- To avoid confusion with other local Facebook groups, the group will be renamed CCC – Clarkston Community Council. Set up next social media and marketing strategy group Zoom.

Post Office Closure

- With the recent announcement of the closure of the Post Office at RS McColl there are petitions and letters from councillors and local MP in regard to identifying a new site.
- CDM -There has been communication with the Post Office who have advised that the Clarkston Post Office would have to be recalled into the bidding process and would be put on website for tender. However, the support for a new applicant must be factored in as there is difficulty in managing post office functions with little financial incentive and many restrictions.

Activity Trails

- There are few wooded areas within Clarkston that could be utilised - the park on Seres Road known as Tinkers and the private site at Aidens Brae run by Off Grid Kids. The green space behind Greenbank Church and residential homes known as the Clarkston Trumpet has no lane or pathway to provide an entrance or exit for the public. Busby Glen is having a fairy and nature trail developed. Action to contact Friends of Linn Park for ideas. The high street could also be utilised to create points of interest and shops could help host signage and marketing resources. Research into developing ideas and resources for possible trails with Halloween and Christmas themes.

Eaglesham Mobile Library

- KO has visited Eaglesham's community mobile library and very impressed with setup, takes place once a week with books and other resources organised into boxes for people to access in public. Most libraries are reopening with the exception of Clarkston library that remains closed for refurbishment. Therefore with a gap of library provision in Clarkston, CCC could look into setting up a mobile library for Clarkston. GCox will contact the organiser of Eaglesham Mobile Library and send a proposal to CCC.
- CAI contacted the ERCL Trust CEO Anthony McCreavy who confirmed Clarkston Library refurbishment works have started again and estimates completion date as January 2021. There may also be a smart card system introduced to allow members to

access the library later in evenings, including meeting rooms. Anthony McCreavy would be happy to talk to CCC about local developments.

Roads Update

- CAI thanks CCC for highlighting the crossing of Mearns Road near Scotmid – requires safer measures for crossing. The Roads department have visited the junction and are now developing plans and will email us an update.

Wildflowers Pilot

- CAI will ask council for update on pollination plans after the wildflower pilot in Rouken Glen.

Litter Pick

- Will request local community to identify key areas for litter picks on Facebook, and post dates and times for these to take place.

5. CCC Survey

- 304 survey responses online and still have received a good varied representation. It was worth noting under additional comments there was mention around litter, better activities for children and young people, need to update Clarkston and dog fouling. MI will close off survey and prepare update of results for the community.

6. Planning

- An application has been made by a local charity shop to change use of the premises to takeaway and restaurant. There is no progress in relation the phone masts as previously discussed or the application on the Station Masters House.

7. Licensing – No licensing applications for Clarkston.

8. Treasurers Report – The bank account total is £1638.68. There has been no activity.

9. Questions from the Public – None taken

10. AOCB

- RN, can we source for information on the data being referred to in the East Renfrewshire guidelines for restrictions. Will the Clarkston Christmas event still be going ahead? Does CCC need to look at supporting activities to help fill the gap if cancelled?
- JF requested if we could find out more about the proposal to introduce charges for the car park at Clarkston Halls. The BID had presented the proposal. CDM informed that a number of parking spaces are being used by regional staff of the estate agents company with a branch in Clarkston. CAI will check with council about current discussion about the car park.
- RN had met with the Chair Of Netherlee Primary Parent Council who are looking to develop a new outdoor football pitch. Planning permission has been sought for half of the grounds to be a football pitch and half the grounds to be for outdoor play. The grounds are owned by ERC Education but can be used by all. Currently seeking funding and engagement with local groups and community for feedback and any local support.

- MI updated CCC that ERC Webpage for CCC is being updated but not all minutes for the past year are available so advised best to signpost to email address if minutes for last year are being requested.
- MI has received 60 packs of game cards for parents from Parent Club Scotland and happy to distribute through CCC. GCox suggests the cards can be used for the new mobile library initiative.
- GCox raised awareness around the unused railway bridge next to Williamwood Train station and could there be a possibly use for disability access. CAI suggested connecting with ER Disability Action.
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11. Next Meeting –Next meeting date set as 7th October.

September Actions

- Post message for recruitment of new members on Facebook group - Rebecca Nicholson
- Send RSVP request for future CCC meetings to help manage attendance - Maryam Imran
- Check AGM requirements and when we can organise for CCC - Maryam Imran
- Kirsten Oswald to put Eaglesham Mobile Library in touch with CCC and CCC to explore similar model for Clarkston and put plan together - Gillian Cox
- Update on Wildflowers Pilot form ERC - Cllr Annette Ireland
- Create content and post CCC logo design competition - Julie Flaherty
- Update Facebook Group Name to CCC - Clarkston Community Council to avoid confusion with other groups -
- CCC to be introduced to Friends of Linn Park for ideas around activity trails and material for Clarkston - Cllr Annette Ireland
- Organise dates for litter picks and put on Facebook group once agreed - Rebecca Nicholson
- Supply information on wardens supporting litter picks and providing dog fouling stencil signs - Cllr Ireland
- Close CCC Survey and summarise results to share with CCC and community and other stakeholders - Maryam Imran
- Obtain update from ERC on car parking charging proposal – Cllr Annette Ireland
- Work with ERC to get minutes updated on website - Maryam Imran
- Provide information on owners of bridge into Williamwood station from Drumby Crescent – Cllr David Macdonald
- Connect CCC with East Ren Disability Network re access to Williamwood Station – Cllr Annette Ireland

July Actions Carried Over

- Next meeting to be arranged for social media planning and development - Social Media Sub Group
- Seeds for Hope - Collect and collate photos of plants grown from seeds and ask on original Facebook posts for photos - Brian Dillon.
- Compilation of list of local organisations, groups and activities - Brian Dillon
- Send existing list of organisations and groups from BID - Andy Dunlop

Meeting ended.

Next Meeting – Wednesday 7th October at 7pm

Meeting Minute Author

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Date Completed: 02/10/2020