

**Clarkston Community Council Minutes**  
**Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2020**  
**7 – 9pm via Zoom**

Item	Notes
<b>Attendance</b>	<p>Rebecca Nicholson - RN (Chair) , Maryam Imran - MI (Secretary) Christopher Kelly - CK (Treasurer), Julie Flaherty - JF, Gillian Cox - GC, Linda Allan – LA, Elena Job- EJ, Joe Pakenham – JP. Lise Fisher -LF</p> <p>Cllr Annette Ireland - AI, Kirsten Oswald MP – KO, Vincent McCulloch (VM)</p>
<b>1. Welcome &amp; Apologies</b>	<p>RN gave everyone a warm welcome to the meeting.  Apologies were received from Cllr Stewart Miller, and Andy Dunlop (Clarkston BID). Cllr Miller has been unable to attend due to technical difficulties but is hopeful that this may be resolved by the New Year and hopes to attend by January.  VM confirmed that CCC member Tracy Dickson has resigned.</p>
<b>2. Minutes - November meeting</b>	<p>GC requested amend to November meeting minutes – Section 8 – Planning applications. It was a Planning Application for installation of 20m telecommunications monopole at Burnside Gardens (not a pre-planning notification).</p> <p>With this amend made these were agreed as accurate and approved.</p> <p>An update on actions was provided;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CCTV signage will be progressed.</li> <li>• Off Grid Kids (OGK) details passed on and they have been in contact with youth services</li> <li>• Instagram and Twitter setup</li> <li>• Funding application for Litter project completed</li> <li>• AGM will be discussed today</li> <li>• Foodbank Appeal</li> <li>• CCC social media post to update about planning application</li> <li>• Update about Station Masters House application appeal</li> <li>• Date of bulk uplifts shared</li> <li>• Cllr Miller contact regarding attendance</li> <li>• Clarkston Library Update – has not yet reopened</li> </ul>
<b>3. Police Scotland Report</b>	<p>Police Scotland report sent via email for this meeting.  Main points of discussion from report:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Monitoring of youth disorder in the area continues and those responsible are both local and from out with the area</li> <li>• Liaising with British Transport Police, ERC and Youth services</li> <li>• 24 reports of public nuisance received</li> </ul> <p>Additionally, it was noted that there are usually 4 to 6 community wardens on duty during any one shift. A parent of a Pizza Hut employee in Clarkston contact RN with concerns about anti-social behaviour around the car park.  VM – Police report was previously made public, will clarify this with police if this has changed.  Action: RN will post update online</p>
<b>4. ERC Community Safety and Youth Work Feedback from last meeting</b>	<p><u>An update was provided from community wardens:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ 3 instances of youth disorder</li> <li>○ 3 dog fouling incidents</li> <li>○ Clarkston Town Centre has been marked for extra attention</li> </ul>

	<p><u>Youth Worker Update:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Aim to provide 4 x sessions a week, numbers may drop at times</li> <li>○ OGK have met with workers and discussed using the OGK space</li> <li>○ Skate park project in partnership with Police in February 2021</li> </ul> <p>KO MP – Concerns raised about youths outside Pizza Hut in town centre. Extra resources have been put in place by police and also working with partners. Police are also visiting households who are reporting concerns</p> <p>RN and GC – will share information about police efforts via Facebook to keep community notified</p> <p>CAI – Met with police and extra resources have been put in place in Clarkston.</p> <p>RN – Spoke with OGK manager Jacqui Frame. OGK is keen to help and provide support. Suggested a joint funding application to the Big Lottery funds for outdoor work.</p> <p>LA – Looked at youth services website, youth groups available in other areas but not on this side of the local authority and would be good to setup locally.</p> <p>LF – More feedback required about hours provided by community wardens in Clarkston. The community safety phone number needs to be shared to reassure public and deter young people from committing antisocial behaviour and offences.</p> <p><u>Youth Sub Group for CCC</u> – JF proposes we involve youths in CCC by setting up a sub group which incorporates young people’s perspectives. Clarkston Halls could be accessed for a youth club. Young people are more likely to engage in other events like photo competitions with cash prize. Also involve others that work with youth like schools, 121 Scouts and Greenbank Church Youth Club.</p> <p><b><u>Action Point – Set up youth sub group</u></b></p>
<p><b>5. ERC Garden Waste charging proposal</b></p>	<p>Different points of view were raised in relation to this proposal to charge for removal of garden waste from households, which is not a statutory duty. Current proposal is a charge of £40 a year per household. More information is required in relation to;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Cost of implementation and administration of the scheme</li> <li>- Specifics on how it would operate</li> <li>- Opt out process</li> </ul> <p>LA – Original plan was for food waste composting, can this be clarified and concerns about times of collections to prevent issues with vermin.</p> <p>CAI – Agree with LA and has asked for more information.</p> <p><b><u>Action Point– request more information for the proposal</u></b></p>
<p><b>6. Matters Arising</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Social Media / Communications - Zoom Package, Working Group</b> – Twitter and Instagram have been set up. <b><u>Action Point</u></b> – MI will help JP with Instagram and Twitter</li> <li>● <b>Membership/rules</b> – Encourage more membership of FB group – recent posts and shares have increased numbers. Also need to look at what skills and experiences new members could bring to CCC.</li> <li>● <b>Photo Competition</b> – A photo competition of local Christmas pictures could help attract young people to participate. Photo competition agreed with a £50 prize.</li> <li>● <b>Business posts</b> – Discussed this in relation to small business Saturday. It was noted a lot of local pages and groups are doing this already so agreed the CCC will generally promote local shopping and direct to other pages like Clarkston BID for more business information.</li> <li>● <b>Summary of year</b> – An infograph was suggested - the 12 days of Christmas by CCC</li> </ul>
<p><b>7. Christmas Plans</b></p>	<p><u>CCC Wander Land Update</u></p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Most of the Christmas displays are now live. Risk assessment with ERC.</li> <li>○ All congratulated JF and volunteers for setting up and managing the trail, lots of positive feedback locally.</li> <li>○ Will link online to an interactive map, JP will support with google maps.</li> <li>○ Clarkston BID also providing support with all-weather signage for the Wander-Land sites and activities. Also happy to share posts on their social media.</li> </ul> <p><u>VAER</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Contacted about any activities for Christmas day that help anyone locally tackle social isolation.</li> </ul> <p><u>Charity Support</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Discussion about local organisations and charities we would support that can support those socially isolated in Clarkston and East Renfrewshire in general. Meal makers, Good Causes, ER Foodbank, Trussell Trust were identified as a few. Will poll CCC members on email to decide.</li> </ul>
<p><b>8. Updates as applicable</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>CCC Book Swap</b> – Facebook group is continuing with activity online.</li> <li>○ <b>Recycling &amp; Litter</b> – Still lots of litter issues and RN will contact Litter Department. CAI has also made contact with Renfrewshire who have setup a “Team Up Clean” initiative and can send information on to CCC. <b><u>Action Point – CAI send “Team Up Clean Up” information to CCC.</u></b></li> <li>○ <b>Williamwood station access</b> – Received letter from Transport Scotland stating it was a reserved matter . East Kilbride line will have new bridge and access at Giffnock train station. RN and GC continuing liaison with East Ren Disability Action</li> <li>○ <b>50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of gas explosion in 2021</b> – move agenda item to 2021.</li> <li>○ <b>Roads Update</b> – RN has pushed for signs at Seres Road especially near mini roundabout. CAI will ask about signage and shared that the Roads department visit to Scotmid junction as helpful. Plan to organise more engagement with Roads Department at future CCC meetings in 2021.</li> <li>○ <b>Parklets</b> – CAI update on parklets has been requested. Will follow up.</li> <li>○ <b>Funding Updates</b> – no updates.</li> </ul>
<p><b>9. 2021 Planning</b></p>	<p><u>Future meeting dates</u> to be set. Next meeting is 6/2/2021.</p> <p><b>Action – MI to send out future meeting dates to CCC members.</b></p> <p><u>AGM</u> – AGM will take place in April 2021 to tie in with the Constitution.</p> <p><u>Bulb Planting</u> – Need to identify places to plant and it has been suggested to contact Busby and Clarkston Horticultural Society who have experience of planting bulbs. The planters in the middle of Busby Road have also been suggested and could contact Andy from Clarkston BID to discuss further. Still need to look at purchase of bulbs and recruit volunteers.</p>
<p><b>10. I Love Clarkston &amp; Clarkston BID</b></p>	<p>No update available.</p>
<p><b>11. Planning Applications</b></p>	<p>GC gave planning update:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Planning application for 2)m high telecommunications pole at Sheddens roundabout with associated boxes next to bench and planter. Shared to FB group to raise awareness.</li> <li>○ Change of use of Chest Stroke and Heart application on Busby Road from retail to restaurant. It was rejected because it had not been vacant for at least 6months before the request of change of use was submitted .</li> </ul>

<b>12. Licensing applications</b>	An application has been submitted for the Drumby Service station on Eastwood Mains Road. There is no access to website about the application, the next meeting will take place next week on Thursday.
<b>13. Treasurers Report</b>	CK gave the Treasurers Report: Monthly expenditure was £20. LA and JF will send receipts outstanding from Christmas work. It was confirmed that the CCC budget rolls over each year.
<b>14. AOCB</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Coat of Arms</b> – There has been a request for an establishment of a Coat of Arms for Clarkston and a presentation by an individual. Not taking forward at present.</li> <li>• <b>High Tea and Quiz</b> - suggestion by LA for CCC as celebration due to Covid19 restrictions.</li> <li>• The meeting adjourned, continuing with only CCC members present.</li> <li>• Lise Fisher has requested to join as a co-opted committee member. Her application was proposed by RN and seconded by MI. Approval of her application was unanimous.</li> </ul>
<b>15. Date of next meeting</b>	<b>6<sup>th</sup> January 2021</b>