

**Clarkston Community Council Minutes**  
**Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> June 2022**  
**7 – 9pm in person and via Zoom**

Item	Notes
<b>1. Welcome &amp; Apologies</b>	<p>In attendance:</p> <p><b>PC Members:</b>  Rebecca Nicholson (Chair – via Zoom) – RN  Brian Dillon - (Vice Chair – via Zoom at 7:30pm) - BD  Linda Dillon – (Secretary) – LD  Gillian Cox – GC  Chris Kelly – CK  Lise Fisher – LF  Joe Pakenham – JP (via Zoom)  Linda V Allan – LA (via Zoom)</p> <p><b>Visitors: Cllr Kate Campbell (KC), Joe Scanlon (JS – potential new member)</b></p> <p><b>Apologies:</b> Graham Wood, Cllr Annette Ireland, Cllr Katie Pragnell, Kirsten Oswald MP, Julia Sagasti has resigned.</p>
<b>2. Minutes and actions</b>	<p>Last month’s minutes were discussed – GC highlighted that she had requested an amendment to the minutes. LD to double check that these changes have been made. Minutes approved subject to confirmation of changes as requested.</p>
<b>3. Police Report</b>	<p>Whilst the Police were not present at the meeting, the group discussed the Police report recently submitted to CCC. The main topic discussed was that of ongoing youth disorder and anti-social behaviour.</p> <p>Youth Disorder – LA reporting that during May there had been issues of youths on top of Greenbank Church. RN asked if people are reporting these crimes. LA advised that they are, however, nothing seems to be being done, and the anti-social behaviour is still on going.</p> <p>RN advised that we can put a Facebook message out to ask for people to report any issues.</p> <p>LA went on to advise that the kids on the roof at Greenbank Church were then going along the main road and Mansfield trying to get access to cars, and that friends have reported to her that they have witnessed fights in multiple locations.</p> <p>The group continued to discuss the lack of money and resources for youth services in Clarkston, and LA advised that this is a point she would like to take forward with the Police &amp; Community services. The group agreed that LA should progress these discussions and we can discuss this further at the next meeting.</p> <p>JP asked about reposting the Community Warden number and liaising with them, however, it was noted by the group that they have very limited to deal with anti-social behaviour and that when RN had called them about issues previously, the response was not helpful.</p> <p>LF stated that we need to find out the remit of the Community Wardens, in order to know what we can and cannot use them for.</p> <p><b>Action:</b> LA to contact LF to organise an action plan on youth antisocial behaviour to include youth services and community wardens.</p>

<p><b>4. Chair's update</b></p>	<p><b>BOS Closing:</b> RN advised that she had not managed to speak to the Branch Manager about the closing due to restricted opening hours however she had noted the handout with statistics about the rationale for the closure. There was collective agreement that we had very little power to stop this closure happening.</p> <p><b>60 Busby Road</b></p> <p>RN recapped that a visit to the potential Community Hub took place, with the architect from the working group providing advice and direction on the work that was required within the building. RN reiterated that to apply for funding for a business plan and feasibility study requires charity status, and that this is taking a long time, however the project can't really move forward until this happens. There is ongoing consultation with ERC and other groups who could form part of the business plan, however there are restrictions posed by the building layout and size. The building has lots of potential but requires significant funding. RN stated that there would be a significant reduction in rent from council if statutory services could be managed out of it, alleviating some of the burden from council properties.</p>
<p><b>5. BID Update</b></p>	<p>AD not present – no current update</p>
<p><b>6. Subgroups</b></p>	<p><b>Community Noticeboard:</b> No one able to advise GC on noticeboard in spite of contacting several departments of the council.</p> <p><b>Buses/local transport:</b> Bus discussions to move to regular subgroup spot once GC makes contact</p> <p><b>Carolside Park:</b> EREFF grant funding has been awarded and fundraising for our 12.5% commitment has started. We need £3k and currently £2375 has been raised, leaving £500/£600 left to raise, the group are positive this can be achieved.</p> <p><b>Crowdfunder for Carolside Park:</b> RN advised that she had emailed all pledges to advise why we were reducing the funding amount, given that we had the big donation from Clyde. LA asked if we'd had any money from Arnold Clark as they provide an online funding grant. LA will send the link to the online application.</p> <p><b>Action:</b> LA to send the link to the online Arnold Clark application</p> <p><b>National Lottery funding:</b> Additional seating area – GC has searched for new and different seating structures and play equipment which Adrian Baines (council playpark contact) has tentatively agreed to, however, consultation/engagement with the community is potentially required. GC has 2 contacts to speak to about this. Also, Adrian has advised that we require concrete under a seating area – so we need to get a quote for this.</p> <p>One of the comments highlighted on Facebook was regarding drainage being required at Carolside Park. The group discussed this briefly and agreed that the lower path leading off into Burnside Gardens often got really muddy in Autumn and Winter but over the last year this had been filled with stones by the council, which made the situation a bit better. The group agreed that the drainage issue was not something that we would undertake but would keep our eye on.</p> <p><b>Roads:</b> It was noted that GW was on holiday this month and, as such, there was no specific roads update. LF raised the issue of the traffic islands at the park on Newton Mearns Road and the mini roundabout at Seres Road still being unfit for purpose and not helpful to pedestrians looking to access the park. This is of particular concern to families with young children. Cllr KC will take forward the issue with mini roundabout.</p> <p>RN to talk to Graham about an action plan for roads going forward as the group would like to plan and prioritise roads for the year ahead.</p>

	<p><b>Action:</b> Cllr KC will discuss the mini roundabout at Seres Road with ERC Roads Dept.</p> <p>LF highlighted that there were lots of issues with roads signage, traffic cones and general roads work debris being left after contractual work had finished (at the Greenwood Rd junction for example). LF suggested that we should ask for someone from Roads to meet with Community Councillors and elected members for a walk around the area.</p> <p><b>Website:</b> We need to get the member bios onto the website and links to the Minutes.</p> <p>Action: LD and JP to do a workshop with the group in August/Sept to review and implement the new website. LD stated that we need somewhere with better Wi-Fi to do this.</p> <p><b>Action:</b> LD to discuss lets with better wi-fi connection with the Community Facilities dept.</p> <p><b>Litter:</b> Next litter pick to be planned for August, but we need to check with AD to ensure we link in with any BID organised events. There was group discussion regarding the ongoing litter issue – Cllr KC advised that this was something she was keen on taking forward and is going to discuss the litter and refuse provision in the area with ERC.</p> <p><b>Action:</b> Cllr KC will take ongoing litter issues to ERC to be discussed.</p>
<b>7. Planning update</b>	No specific planning updates or applications. RN noted Happy Days is turning into a Dessert bar and the Italian Bistro at Sheddens becoming a Tapas Bar.
<b>8. Licensing update</b>	Public entertainment licence for Carolside Summer Fair has been granted.
<b>9. Treasurer's update</b>	Current balance is £10, 053.26 however, £8590 of this is accounted for (£7.5k National Lottery funding and £1k from Clyde donation). Council grant and Zoom payments have both been applied for.
<b>11. AOB</b>	<p>Potential discussions at next meeting:</p> <p>Local Housing Strategy as part of the council's recently released Local Development Plan Memorial for Armed Forces Ask KO about the development of Williamwood train station for wheelchair users and DONM: 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2022</p>