



**MINUTES OF AGM ON MONDAY, 26 APRIL 2010 AT 7pm  
IN ROSEWELL PARISH CHURCH HALL**

**Present:**

**RDCC:** Dave Mackay, Chair; John Sime, Vice-chair; Laura Mackay, Secretary; Sandra Muir, Treasurer; Moray Simon, Patrick Edwards, Alan Perry, Committee Members.

**Councillor:** Owen Thompson.

**Police:** PC Lumley.

**Castle Rock/Edinvar Neighbourhood Trust:** Clare Halliday.

**Residents:** 12

**Apologies:** Cllr Les Thacker.

		<b>ACTION</b>
<b>1.</b>	<b>CO-OPTED COMMITTEE MEMBER</b>	
1.1	Following his invitation at the previous meeting for volunteers to serve on RDCC, the Chair was pleased to announce that Alan Perry was now a co-opted Committee Member. Alan moved to Rosewell last year with his wife and daughters and lives on the Fairmeadow estate. He is keen to become involved in the community.	
<b>2.</b>	<b>POLICE REPORT</b>	
2.1	PC Lumley gave PC Kennedy's apologies and reported on the crime statistics for March. Total Crimes Recorded: 3. Total Crimes Solved 1 – 33.33% solvency. Breakdown as follows: Crimes of Dishonesty - 2 Received, 0 Solved: Vandalism -1 Received, 1 Solved. There were 42 calls received to the Rosewell area for the month of March.	
2.2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• On 12/3/10 a female was assaulted by a known male on Preston Street. The male is to be traced and charged.</li> <li>• On 17/3/10 the window of a car parked in the car park at the top of Roslin Glen was smashed and a handbag stolen from within.</li> <li>• On 18/3/10 a male was charged with drinking in the public park and issued with an ASB fixed penalty ticket.</li> <li>• On 19/3/10 a male was caught a charged with vandalising the wing mirror of a car parked on Victoria Street.</li> <li>• On 19/3/10 a laptop and computer games were stolen from an address in Preston Street. It is believed the culprit may have attended a party at the address that evening.</li> <li>• Following enquiry by the Vandalism Reductions Officers into historical vandalisms in the Rosewell area, 2 males have been reported for various offences.</li> </ul> <p>If any person has any information about the incident(s) listed above or indeed any other issue please contact PC Lucy Kennedy your Community Officer or Bonnyrigg Police Station. E-mail <a href="mailto:EDivCBOPKGroup@lbp.pnn.police.uk">EDivCBOPKGroup@lbp.pnn.police.uk</a> or Telephone Bonnyrigg Police Station 0131-663 9221 or Crimestoppers 0800 555 111.</p>	
2.3	A resident complained of youths drinking in the Park, Whitehill and Prestonhall Crescent. PC Lumley said that police regularly patrolled known hot spots and residents should always phone the police if they witnessed any incidents giving cause for concern. Cllr Imrie, who did not attend the meeting, had been asked to investigate double yellow lines and bus stop markings near Auction House, but RDCC had not yet received an update from him. A resident mentioned cars obstructing the pavement on Gorton Road. PC Lumley said illegal parking should be reported to police.	Cllr Imrie
<b>3.</b>	<b>MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING (8.3.10)</b>	
3.1	The minutes were approved.	
<b>4.</b>	<b>TREASURER'S REPORT</b>	
4.1	The Statement of Accounts for 2009-2010 had been prepared and audited (copy attached).	
<b>5.</b>	<b>COUNCILLOR'S REPORT</b>	
5.1	The Chair invited Cllr Thompson to report on the outcome of the Managerial Review at	

	Midlothian Council (MC). Removal of 2 Directors and 1 Head of Service posts would result in a one off cost of £258,000. This would generate annual recurring savings of £350,000. Three Divisions were now proposed: Communities & Wellbeing Division; Corporate Resources Division, and Education & Children's Services Division. Cllr Thompson also said that MC would reduce spending by £25m over the next 4 years.	
5.2	At the previous meeting Cllr Imrie said he would set up a meeting to discuss proposed Sports Academy with Whitehill Welfare FC, but this had not yet been arranged.	Cllr Imrie
5.3	Gourlaw Sub Cttee (distribution of funds to communities affected by Opencast sites). Cllr Imrie had been asked to investigate available funding and whether or not the remit remained the same. Cllr Thompson had also been investigating this but had not yet received a comprehensive response. James Kinch, MC Land Resource Manager had sent RDCC a proposed design for gateway entrances to Rosewell. The design was felt to be inappropriate for a village setting and could be prone to graffiti. It was made from dressed sandstone, triangular in shape with a floral display, and would cost £18-22K per feature. RDCC thought that this was too expensive. Another design was being considered and Mr Kinch hoped to send RDCC more details within a couple of weeks.	Councillors
5.4	Severe weather conditions at end of March. A resident at Rosedale had complained of lack of gritting. Cllr Thompson had investigated this and Lothian buses decision not to run buses to Rosewell until at least 3pm. On the subject of buses, residents also complained of the 49 service terminating at Tesco and Poltonhall due to buses running late. The Secretary would inform Karl Vanters. [Response now received and attached].	Secretary
<b>6.</b>	<b>CHAIR'S REPORT AND REVIEW OF BUSINESS 2009-2010</b>	
6.1	Rosewell Mains Steading: Richard Thompson of Smiths Gore sent the following update:- Smiths Gore is compiling some detailed site studies on the buildings and, while we have received the engineer's report on the current state of the buildings, we have asked them to clarify some points within these reports. This clarification has delayed the making safe of the roofs, but I have asked our building surveyors to progress the works necessary to make the buildings safe as the progress on the buildings' future is clearly running more slowly than we would all like. I will be reviewing progress with the project as a whole on 26 April with my planning colleagues, and if I can add more detail then I will."	
6.2	An update had been received from Katherine Kerr of Smiths Gore: - "Gourlaw Farm flooding on road – we have managed to establish the cause of the flooding problem which transpired to be a trough connection within the wall of the cattle court. It had failed to be capped off sufficiently when a more modern watering system was installed within the building and the water had gradually been tracking through the brickwork and at a given time when the water level was high enough, out of the building and onto the road. Now that we have established where the water is coming from, we have undertaken work to block off the pipe. This seems to have resolved the leak so far, but we will continue to monitor the situation. Flooding on Gorton Loan/Cochrina Place – we have arranged for a contractor to start investigations w/c 26 April within the field, in order that we can establish where the main drain is and connect a drain to this which will hopefully alleviate the flooding on the road. We were hoping to have this started by now, however the weather lately has delayed action. Rosewell Mains Steading (tyres) – We have arranged to have the tyres stockpiled, collected and removed from site w/c 10 May."	
6.3	Allotments. Richard Thompson had asked if RDCC had explored this with other landowners. MC had been approached but had no available land. For security reasons allotments should be sited within the village. NHS Lothian had contacted RDCC about a project to try and identify what and where there is activity currently taking place in Midlothian regarding community gardens/growing projects. Chair had been invited to a future meeting. RDCC had passed a copy to Richard Thompson.	
6.4	Reviewing the past year. Presentations had been given by the Head of Planning in June 2009 on changes to the planning system, and by Gareth Ware in September 2009 on redevelopment of Gourlaw Filters for a car hire business. Upper Dalhousie Sand Quarry – RDCC's visit had been postponed due to bad weather. Shewington Opencast expected to be completed by end 2010. Presentation of RDCC Community Award to Youth Club to Jillian Neil. Castle Rock Edinvar Neighbourhood Trust -Youth Club had received a donation of £500. The Youth Club would apply to Federation of Community	

	Councils for further funding. Chair continues to liaise closely with Ricky Moffat of Commercial Services on improvement and maintenance work within the village. Tyne & Esk Trail at Rosewell had been tarred and a tidy up will be carried out over the next month. Damaged wall at Hawthornden Cemetery will be repaired over the next couple of months. Lasswade High School Campus – tenders received and appointment planned for 28 April. MC had carried out an inspection of the road and footpath network and repairs were estimated at £3.74m, not including £18m repairs backlog.	
6.5	Flooding around all weather pitch at Rosewell Park. Chair had contacted Commercial Services and received the following response from Justin Benton. Men have been sweeping away surface water and within the next few weeks drains will be opened up and cleared and the situation monitored. Continued flooding at Victoria Street – Moray Simon advised to contact Ricky Moffat Tel 561 5306.	Moray Simon
<b>7.</b>	<b>SECRETARY'S REPORT</b>	
7.1	Newbattle Abbey's Celtic Festival on 29 May, 11am-6pm, Free - Poster on notice board. Police Choir, Rosewell Parish Church, 20 May, 7.30pm, £5 – Poster on notice board. Public meeting 'Say no to Council Cuts' and Public Private Partnership, 28 April 7pm Dalkeith Arts Centre. Community Activist of the Year – Individual Award nominations for community achievement by 7 May to Mary Blair, Fairfield House, 8 Lothian Road, Dalkeith. Support Fair Trade – see <a href="http://www.fairtrademidlothian.org.uk">www.fairtrademidlothian.org.uk</a> for information. Application for Variation of Premises Licence, Rosedale Arms for children aged 0-17 to be accompanied by adults at all times Mon-Sat 11am-8pm and Sunday 10am-8pm – notice to be displayed at premises until 12 May.	
<b>8.</b>	<b>UPDATE ON CLOSURE OF ROSLIN GLEN</b>	
8.1	The following update had been received from Ross Nicolson: "Consultant has advised that due to unfortunate delay and disruption during winter period the stated date for completion of investigation and submission of report will now be the end of May 2010. This is unfortunate but the prolonged period of sub-zero temperatures and snow covered ground made it impossible to carry out investigation work. Without this essential data, no analysis was possible or conclusions with respect to repair scenarios. I look forward to receiving the report and moving toward a potential solution that will enable the Glen Road to be re-opened to the public."	
<b>9.</b>	<b>PLANNING APPLICATION 10/00114/DPP Bett Homes and Banks Developments to build 36 houses and formation of access roads and SUDS in field adjacent to St Matthew's RC Church</b>	
9.1	RDCC had responded on 16 April and to date no objections have appeared on the Online Planning pages. The Church had received neighbour notification. The Chair showed residents a plan of the proposed site. The field had previously been the property of Gorton Lee Farm. This application is for Bett Homes to build in one half of the field, the remaining half is now owned by Midlothian Council. The Chair had been in contact with Bett Homes who said that ideally they would wish to develop the whole field and also the green open space to the rear of the Church. MC had given Melville Housing an option on this green space. However, access to it can only be gained from the field adjacent to the Church, which is why Bett Homes wish to develop the whole area. One resident said she thought that the green space was owned by the Church. RDCC had been invited to meet with Bett Homes on 12 May.	
<b>10.</b>	<b>UPDATE ON WHITEHILL HOUSE PLANNING APPLICATIONS</b>	
10.1	The applicants continue to discuss details with MC and Historic Scotland. Mr Butchart was unable to be present at the meeting but had provided photos of revised house styles. He asked the Chair to pass on his thanks to all the walkers he has met in and around the grounds of Whitehill House who have supported his proposals.	
<b>11.</b>	<b>ANY OTHER BUSINESS</b>	
11.1	There was no other business.	
<b>12.</b>	<b>NEXT MEETING</b>	
12.1	The next meeting will be held on Monday, 21 June at 7pm in Rosewell Parish Church Hall.	

Contact the Secretary on 0131-440 2086 or [rdcc@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:rdcc@hotmail.co.uk) for further information.

Please view the Community Notice Board in the public garden at the corner of Carnethie Street/Gorton Road for up-to-date information on community issues.