



**MINUTES OF THE ELECTION AND AGM HELD ON 27 APRIL 2009 AT 7pm
IN ROSEWELL PARISH CHURCH HALL**

Councillor Russell Imrie presided over the Election of Office Bearers. No nominations had been received and the following were re-elected. Dave Mackay, Chair: John Sime, Vice-Chair: Laura Mackay, Secretary: Sandra Muir, Treasurer: Moray Simon and Patrick Edwards, Committee Members. There were currently vacancies for Committee Members. Cllr Imrie said that if anyone wished to come forward at a future date they could be co-opted to become a Committee Member.

Present:

RDCC: Dave Mackay, Chair: John Sime, Vice Chair: Laura Mackay, Secretary: Sandra Muir, Treasurer: Moray Simon and Patrick Edwards, Committee Members.

Local Councillor: Russell Imrie

Residents: 20

Apologies: Cllr Les Thacker, Cllr Owen Thompson, PC Rod Stewart.

		ACTION
1.	MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING (9.3.09)	
1.1	The minutes were approved.	
2.	TREASURER'S REPORT	
2.1	The Treasurer tabled the Statement of Accounts for 1.4.08-31.3.09 (copy attached). The balance of the account was £371.98.	
3.	POLICE REPORT	
3.1	PC Stewart had sent in his report. Crime figures for March – no violent or sexual crimes recorded. Dishonesty – 1 recorded: Vandalism – 2 recorded: Other crimes - 1 recorded, 3 solved. There had been 38 calls ranging from speeding to anti-social behaviour. Local officers located a gang hut in the woods at the entrance to Whitehill Golf Course. Midlothian Council had been contacted to have this construction removed. Inspector Simpson's letter to all households was currently with the printers and would be distributed soon.	
3.2	A resident reported that trees had been set alight on Polton Road West at Gorton Lee Farm. Another resident said that youngsters had been camping overnight within Whitehill House environs and that fires had also been spotted in this area. The Chair would speak to the owners of these properties.	Chair
4.	CHAIR'S ANNUAL REVIEW/REPORT/COUNCILLOR'S REPORT	
4.1	The Chair read out a resumé of last year's business. RDCC Community Award Scheme launched. Community Service by Offenders' Scheme. Site H10 deleted from Local Plan. Accidents at Gourlaw crossroads. Liaison with Commercial Services on improvements to village. Opening of public footbridge over Shiel Burn. Poltonhall Post Office closure. Gourlaw Sub Committee funding for landscaping. Crown Estates SSCI proposals for new village centre and rented housing. Castle Rock Edinvar Housing Association's Neighbourhood Plan. The following issues were discussed.	
4.2	Roslin Glen closure and the presentation at January meeting by Ross Nicolson, Chief Engineer. Cllr Imrie said a report was in preparation but that no money was available from the capital programme. To be discussed at next Cabinet Meeting. Roslin Glen Road was the responsibility of the local authority. Repairs to the Glen road would swallow up the whole of MC's budget for road maintenance. Engineers were reluctant to carry out repairs to the alternative route until Glen road problem resolved. A resident asked that special funds be made available in next year's budget. He said that weight restrictions, eg cars only, should apply but Cllr Imrie said that this would be difficult to enforce. Cllr Imrie would report back to next meeting.	Cllr Imrie
4.4	Crown Estate SSCI update. They hope to have a decision from SSCI panel before the end of May. Richard Thompson of Smiths Gore was following up residents' suggestions for the Steading and was giving thought to commissioning an architectural scoping report to see what might work. He was also investigating the sheltered accommodation idea for the housing to let area.	
4.3	Flooding Problems. No further news from Smiths Gore regarding Thornton Road. Gourlaw Farm – the cause of flooding given by Smiths Gore appeared to be inaccurate	Chair and

	as water was still cascading onto the road. Chair would contact Katherine Storrar. Gorton Loan/Cochrina Place – no update yet on legal ownership. Victoria Street – Moray Simon would continue to liaise with Commercial Services – problem still not resolved.	Moray Simon
4.4	Buses. Feedback was positive, although some delays had been experienced. Cllr Imrie said this was happening with other services and was mostly due to tram and other road works in Edinburgh. If the buses were well used then Lothian may consider increasing services.	
4.5	Speeding vehicles. RDCC had been invited to comment on the 40mph speed limit on a section of the A6094 to the west of the roundabout junction with the new B6392 road. RDCC agreed with this speed limit and also requested further restrictions. A response from Dave Kenny, Senior Consulting Engineer is attached/on notice board.	
4.6	Broadband Service. The Chair, Patrick Edwards and Cllr Imrie had met with BT Openreach representatives to discuss a means of improving the Broadband service in the village. Unfortunately, BT was unable to offer a solution to the problem, but did offer some alternative routes for us to explore, which Chair and Patrick Edwards would follow up.	Chair Patrick Edwards
4.7	Whitehill Welfare FC. The Chair, Secretary, Cllr Imrie, Cllr Thacker and Clare Halliday had been invited to a sponsors' meeting at the Club. The Club Management discussed their plans for the future and RDCC assured them of its support.	
5.	SECRETARY'S REPORT	
5.1	Changes to the Scottish Planning System. The Head of Planning would arrange a briefing meeting for Community Councils. Some changes: Local Plans to be replaced by strategic development plans; planning permission to expire after 3 years instead of 5. Further information should be available by the next RDCC meeting. The Chair and Secretary attended a preview meeting on E-Planning to be launched on 29 April. Access via Scottish Government's dedicated web site <i>Scottish Planning Online</i> . This would allow people to apply for planning permission and access information on line. Paper copies of applications would continue to be available to view in local libraries and MC offices. Planning Gain Seminar on 14 May - John Sime and Patrick Edwards hoped to attend. Coffee Morning at Rosewell Parish Church Hall on 9 May 10-12 noon.	
5.2	Licensing Applications for Rosewell Miners Welfare Society & Social Club and Whitehill Welfare Football Club had been circulated by e-mail. Small Grant Funding for Community Groups – details on notice board. Learning in Regeneration Skills Workshop - details on notice board.	
6.	ADOPTION OF MIDLOTHIAN LOCAL PLAN	
6.1	Plan on view. See online at www.midlothian.gov.uk , or local libraries, MC offices. RDCC copy can be borrowed on request.	
7.	MODEL SCHEME OF ESTABLISHMENT OF COMMUNITY COUNCILS	
7.1	This would establish consistency of operational arrangements for community councils. MC would take forward to consider and review the documents. View online at www.scotland.gov.uk under the heading title.	
8.	PLANNING APPLICATIONS	
8.1	09/00131/FUL Shewington Opencast Eastern Extension. This would probably go ahead given Scottish Government policy.	
8.2	09/00130/FUL Change of use from former water works to create care hire business, alterations and extensions to existing plant building and water tank and formation of car park at Gourlaw Filters.	
9.	ANY OTHER BUSINESS	
9.1	There was no other business.	
10.	DATE OF NEXT MEETING	
10.1	The next meeting would be held on Monday 22 June at 7pm in Rosewell Parish Church Hall.	

Contact the Secretary on 0131-440 2086 or 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. If you wish to display your community notice on the board please either e-mail to rdcc@hotmail.co.uk or pop it into the mailbox at Rosewell Mains House, 150 Carnethie Street, Rosewell