



**MINUTES OF A MEETING HELD ON MONDAY, 27 JUNE 2011 AT 7pm
IN ROSEWELL PARISH CHURCH HALL**

Present:

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

Local Councillors: Owen Thompson and Les Thacker

Police: PC Ian Hutchison

Residents: Over 50

Guest: Colin Beattie, MSP

Banks Developments: Siobhan Samson, Community Engagement Co-ordinator & Rebecca Mickleburgh, Project Manager.

Apologies: Cllr Russell Imrie and Patrick Edwards, Committee Member

ACTION

1.	POLICE REPORT	ACTION												
1.1	<p>PC Hutchison reported the Crime Statistics for May 2011. Total Crimes Recorded: 4. Total Crimes Solved: 0 – 0% solvency (This YTD 28.57%, Last YTD 100.00%) Break Down as follows:</p> <table style="margin-left: 40px;"> <thead> <tr> <th></th> <th style="text-align: center;">Received</th> <th style="text-align: center;">Solved</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Serious Assault</td> <td style="text-align: center;">1</td> <td style="text-align: center;">0</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Crimes of Dishonesty</td> <td style="text-align: center;">2</td> <td style="text-align: center;">0</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Vandalism</td> <td style="text-align: center;">1</td> <td style="text-align: center;">0</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There were 30 calls received to the Rosewell area for the month of May 2011. • On the 5th, 11th and 12th, 17th, 25th and 28th May 2011, 6 calls were received from Pentland Crescent, Carnethie Street, Victoria Street and Gorton Road, Rosewell regarding the use of mini-mottos and off road bikes. Descriptions of the youths were passed and officers attended but on all occasions the area was searched with no trace of the youths in question. • Between 29/04/11 and 04/05/11 a pedal cycle was stolen from a garden at Gorton Place. Complainer unable to identify actual date of theft. • Around 01.00 hours on 14th May 2011 – A male was seriously assaulted within a property situated in Gorton Road, Rosewell. He had significant injuries to his face and ear. He was conveyed to the ERI where he absconded the next day and refused to co-operate with police. • On 17th May 2011 at around 02.00 hours, a male occupant of a house in Victoria Street, Rosewell made a complaint of damage to the doors and windows of his property. On Police attendance the complainer was unable to provide any further details due to being under the influence of an unknown substance. • On 18th May 2011 a mini green house was stolen from the garden of a property in Lothian Street. Rosewell. Item not traced. • In Carnethie Street, Rosewell on 25th May 2011 a suspicious incident was reported of a male trying to enter a property of an elderly female claiming to be from Scottish Water. No access was gained but advice was given regarding “Bogus Callers.” <p>If any person has any information about the incident(s) listed above or indeed any other issues, please contact your Community Officer or Bonnyrigg Police Station. PC 11372E Sue Akers Community Officer Bonnyrigg and Rosewell PC 3912E Ian Hutchison Community Officer Bonnyrigg and Rosewell Email EDivCBOPKGroup@lbp.pnn.police.uk Telephone: Bonnyrigg Police Station 0131 663 9221 or Crimestoppers: 0800 555 111.</p>		Received	Solved	Serious Assault	1	0	Crimes of Dishonesty	2	0	Vandalism	1	0	
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1.2	A resident said that, whilst walking along the Tyne Esk Trail near the old Rosslyn	PC												

	Castle Station, he had encountered a dozen horse riders galloping along the footpath. PC Hutchison agreed this was extremely dangerous and said he would make enquiries.	Hutchison
2.	EDUCATION – ROSEWELL PRIMARY SCHOOL – DEVELOPER CONTRIBUTION, PRE-SCHOOL AND COMPOSITE CLASSES	
2.1	A large number of concerned parents attended the meeting to express their views at Midlothian Council (MC) Education Department's announcement, on Tuesday 21 June, of composite classes for next year. The years are to be: P1: P2/3: P3/4/5: P5/6/7. Parents whose children's year groups have been split / who have been moved into composites are very upset at this decision. The Scottish Executive recommends that composite classes do not cover more than two academic years so understandably this situation is less than ideal. Also of concern is the fact that the entire teaching staff with the exception of the new pre-school teacher, are on temporary contracts; 80% of the teaching staff will be new to the school this academic year. Following a heated debate, Owen Thompson agreed to organise an urgent meeting with Colin Taylor of MC Education and parents.	Cllr Thompson
2.2	Developer Funding. Cllr Thompson assured everyone that the £400K developer contribution was definitely earmarked to go towards a Rosewell Primary School extension. Ogo Onwuchenko, MC Head of Communities & Support Services had sent him the following comments: <i>Firstly, can I clarify that the contributions of £400k were always earmarked for 'additional educational capacity' in the Rosewell area. The contributions were negotiated on this basis and I can confirm that funds have been set aside to achieve this, most likely through the building of an extension to Rosewell Primary School. There is no risk of losing the funds because they have been secured and allocated. Following the feasibility study, the options are now being considered and then we will proceed to the design stage. The key milestones for the project are the approval of the design, the approval of additional funds, the signing of the agreement and obtaining full planning permission. As you pointed out in your e-mail the funds need to be committed by June 2012 and even allowing for statutory procurement processes this deadline will be met. Midlothian Council has always viewed investment in schools as a priority and over the last 10 years we have invested nearly £100m in the building of new schools and extensions with an additional £40m currently being progressed. These figures do not include the millions of pounds we have spent on upgrading and improving our schools over the years. The main issue regarding a timeline would be Council agreeing the extra funds. The feasibility study predicted a project cost of under £800k for the extension, which means the Council would need to contribute about £400k to the project. A paper will go to Council around September / October this year for the additional funds. We've got a basic design through the feasibility study and we're in the process of putting it through Hub. Hub have already gone through OJEU so there would be no need to advertise, which would save a lot of time. They will produce and cost a more detailed design; if we accept it, they will put it through Planning and then we will enter into a contractual agreement with them to build it. All this could be accomplished this side of Christmas if Council approved the request. So, given that there are different routes we can take with different timelines (we may decide not to use Hub; the design could be found acceptable at the first attempt or at the seventh etc). The project continues to be managed properly. Milestones we will be monitoring are the approval of the design, the approval of additional funds, the signing of the agreement and the obtaining of full planning permission.</i>	
2.3	The Future of Pre-School Education in Rosewell. This appears to be no further forward, but hopefully the Parent Councils will keep RDCC informed of any developments regarding the use of the spare class room in St Matthew's as an extra pre-school classroom. It will be unfortunate if pre-school children have to go outwith the village.	Parent Councils
2.4	Colin Beattie MSP offered some very helpful advice and explanation of procedures during the above debate.	
3.	UPDATE BY BANKS DEVELOPMENTS ON PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT ADJACENT TO ST MATTHEW'S RC CHURCH	
3.1	The representatives of Banks Developments said the reason they wished to meet with RDCC again was because there had been a new policy called Design for Streets introduced by the Government and MC wanted them to change the layout within the development to accord with this new policy. Banks is not obliged to have another	

	exhibition, but wished to seek RDCC's views, once revised drawings were available, on whether or not a further exhibition would be helpful. The general opinion was that it would. The planning application would go forward when contracts were in place with a developer for the site. Ms Sampson then answered some residents' questions about the site regarding SUDS and house styles. Residents and RDCC hoped that Rosewell developers' contributions could be deployed specifically within Rosewell rather than all being diverted to the new Lasswade High School Centre.	
4.	MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING (9.5.11)	
4.1	The minutes were approved.	
5.	TREASURER'S REPORT	
5.1	The balance of the account was £413.52.	
6.	SMITHS GORE – COCHRINA PL/GORTON LOAN TURNING POINT - FLOODING AND POTHLES	
6.1	The Secretary had asked if a Statutory Notice could be served on Smiths Gore to carry out repairs to this area, given that they had ignored the many previous requests from RDCC and were now doing the same with MC. The following response had been received from Neil Dougal, MC Road Services Manager. <i>There is approximately 150km of private roads within Midlothian, most of which are in a very poor state of repair. The council took the decision several years ago that it was not going to Statutory Notice and in most cases, carry out repairs on private streets. The decision was made on the basis that most of the private owners simply wouldn't pay the bill and the work ultimately would have been carried out at public expense. The only way to recover these costs would ultimately be through the courts. The council at present has difficulty maintaining its current 450km of public road never mind an additional 150km. We will continue to pursue Smith's Gore on this matter and get back to you when we are able to establish what repairs they are willing to undertake.</i> This decision may explain why Smiths Gore feels under no obligation to maintain Crown Estate-owned land such as this in Rosewell and District. Colin Beattie MSP asked the Secretary to send him background details.	Secretary
7.	WHITEHILL HOUSE PLANNING APPLICATIONS	
7.1	No further correspondence had appeared on the MC online planning pages since 11 April.	
8.	ROSLIN GLEN REOPENING UPDATE	
8.1	The following update had been received from Alan Heatley, MC Network and Structures Manager. <i>Works on site have progressed well with the recent favourable weather. The majority of the new interceptor drain is complete, and installation of new kerbing is underway to reinstate the road edge. Construction of a new reinforced earth embankment in one of the areas of failed road is nearing completion with re-installation of utility ducts and road side drainage. In the other failed area, piling for a new buried supporting slab is due to start in July, however, this is still subject to the agreement of suitable treatment of existing buried services. As the works have progressed, the design has been modified where appropriate to account for actual ground conditions encountered, and additional problems experienced with ground water and soft sub-strata. This has resulted in some works taking longer to complete than anticipated. The current estimated completion is now mid September 2011, however, we anticipate there could be further issues encountered with the piling and supporting slab works which could affect progress.</i>	
9.	ROSEWELL DEVELOPMENT TRUST	
9.1	The Steading Steering Group visited Comrie Development Trust in Perthshire on 22 June and had been tremendously impressed by what had been achieved there through the community working together with numerous volunteers. Visit their website www.comriedevelopmenttrust.org.uk . The next meeting with The Crown Estate/Smiths Gore to discuss development of Rosewell Mains Steading will take place on 7 July. Colin Beattie MSP asked the Secretary to send him background information. RDT will have a stall at the Rosewell Fun Day on 30 July to recruit new members and inform residents of progress and plans for the future. The Fun Day Sub-Committee - Steve, Shona and Dave (and RDCC Secretary, Laura, has volunteered to help out with the administration), are working hard to ensure that the Fun Day is a success. Residents were asked to volunteer their services prior to the event and on the day. Please contact Shona Maguire info@rosewellddevelopmenttrust.or.uk or Tel 0131 663 9471 if you would like to get involved.	Secretary Residents

10.	GOURLAW FUND – VILLAGE ENTRANCE FEATURES	
10.1	The entrance features in the shape of stone planters have been installed and look splendid. RDCC wishes to express its appreciation to Bob Atack and the Gourlaw Fund Sub-Committee and James Kinch of MC Landscaping for helping us to achieve these enhancements to the village.	
11.	BROADBAND	
11.1	The following update had been received from BT. <i>John Blair and the Economic Development team at Midlothian Council are building a Broadband plan for Midlothian region and plan to work with Government and others to see what is possible for all of Midlothian. BT Wholesale have some basic mapping and modelling completed already from our labs, and plan to talk John Blair through this soon. Hopefully this will help a plan for all of Midlothian and help secure BDUK funding for the area, through Government.</i>	
12.	SECRETARY'S REPORT	
12.1	The Big Lunch on 5 June arranged by Emma Drysdale of RDT, with a couple of volunteers, was a great success – despite the cool weather. The 50 attendees enjoyed shared lunches, music performances, human Seagulls!, and a BBQ. Alasdair gave a wild cookery workshop and storytelling. There were also free taster sessions in Reiki, Indian Head Massage, Hand Massage and Laughter Therapy.	
12.2	The next edition of EH24 will be out soon. It will be distributed to all houses in the village and volunteers are required to help out. Please contact eh24@hotmail.co.uk and deliver some copies when you are out and about in the village.	Residents
12.3	Proposed Parking Places for Disabled Motorists Traffic Order. This order requires MC to take the necessary steps to ensure that all parking bays, which are designated as being only for disabled motorists, are made fully enforceable. At present most such spaces are only advisory, but in future any driver parking in such a space will commit an offence if the car does not display a valid “blue badge”. The objection period runs until 1 July. Contact David Quinn, MC Senior Solicitor david.quinn@midlothian.gov.uk .	
13.	ROSEWELL PARK, ALL WEATHER PITCHES AND PAVILION	
13.1	James Kinch, MC had submitted draft proposals for improvements to Rosewell Park and All Weather Pitches. We have to raise funding and justify the reinstatement of the Caretaker post before this work goes ahead. We also have to establish that the facilities will be well-used. Shona Maguire had surveyed the community last year to ascertain the types of activities residents wished to see in Rosewell. We will use the results of this survey to strengthen our bid for funding. The Secretary also issued questionnaires for attendees to complete. Derek Waterson, Chairman and Andrew Renwick, Vice Chairman of Whitehill Welfare FC attended, and said they would send RDCC a letter confirming how improvements to the Park, Pitches and Pavilion would enable them to coach youngsters in Rosewell Park and Pavilion instead of having to travel outwith the village. Cllr Owen Thompson is organising a meeting with RDCC Chair and Gary Sheret, MC Head of Properties & Facilities to take matters forward	WWFC Cllr Thompson
14.	ROSEWELL FUN DAY IN THE PARK, SATURDAY 30TH JULY 2011 FROM 11am – 4pm	
14.1	This year's Fun Day is being held in conjunction with the Midlothian Food & Drink Tourism Initiative and will be widely advertised. The theme will be The Mad Hatter's Tea Party – with prizes for both adults and children wearing the MADDEST HATS! Dress up as an Alice in Wonderland character and join in the fun! Visit www.rosewellfunday.com for a taster of the events and activities on offer. There's more to come! The Secretary will send out a finalised programme nearer the day. If you wish to help out, please contact info@rosewelldevelopmenttrust.co.uk or rdcc@hotmail.co.uk . Join in on Facebook under “Rosewell Development Trust”.	Residents
15.	ANY OTHER BUSINESS	
15.1	Residents complained of various issues concerning road maintenance, fly tipping, damage and theft of recycling boxes. The Secretary advised them to visit www.midlothian.gov.uk Home Page. At the top of the page click REPORT IT and follow instructions. The Secretary had used this facility on a number of occasions and had been very impressed with the service. If residents experience any problems please contact the Secretary.	Residents
16.	DATE OF NEXT MEETING	
16.1	The next meeting will be held on Monday, 5 September 2011 at 7pm in Rosewell	

Parish Church Hall. Enjoy the summer holidays!
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If you would like to receive RDCC agenda, minutes, consultations, and news of community events by email, or if you require any further information or advice, please contact the Secretary, Laura Mackay, Tel 0131 440 2086 or email rdcc@hotmail.co.uk

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 and events.