

MINUTES OF MEETING

Title: Houston Community Council Meeting April 2016 **Ref.:** HCC 04/2016
Location Carrick Centre, Main Street, Houston **Date:** 20/04/16
Time: 7.30 p.m. **Sheet** 1 of 4

Attendees:	Representing:	HCC Position:
John McEvoy (jmc)	Houston Community Council (HCC)	Chair
John Chambers (jc)	Houston Community Council (HCC)	Treasurer
Sharon Chambers (sc)	Houston Community Council (HCC)	
Sandra Brown (sb)	Houston Community Council (HCC)	
David Dunlop (dd)	Houston Community Council (HCC)	
Janet Mason (jm)	Houston Community Council (HCC)	
Kathy McFall (km)	Houston Community Council (HCC)	
Gordon Wright (gw)	Houston Community Council (HCC)	
Mark Arthur (ma)	Houston Community Council (HCC)	
Councillor Stuart Clark (sc)	Renfrewshire Council (RC)	
Constable James McCrudden	Police Scotland (PS)	
Constable Richard Trutwin	Police Scotland (PS)	
Jake Fulton (jf)	Resident of Houston (RofH)	
Sandy Bulloch (sb)	Resident of Houston (RofH)	
Joyce Bulloch (jb)	Resident of Houston (RofH)	
Jenny Cowan (jc)	Resident of Houston (RofH)	

Apologies:	Representing:
Caroline Wengel (cw)	Houston Community Council (HCC)
Helen Parker (hp)	Houston Community Council (HCC)
Carol Murray (cm)	Houston Community Council (HCC)
Councillor Anne Hall (ah)	Renfrewshire Council (RC)
Councillor Alan Noon (an)	Renfrewshire Council (RC)

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Minutes taken by: Mark Arthur Chaired by: John McEvoy

Notes

1. Councillor Clark joined the meeting at 8.00pm
2. Sandra Brown left the meeting at 9.10pm

Item	Action	Date Due
1.00 Apologies Apologies were extended by the above noted people.	Note	
2.00 Approval of Previous Minutes The minutes of HCC meeting held on 16 th March were agreed as a true record of that meeting (proposed John Chambers and seconded by Sharon Chambers) and can subsequently be issued to Renfrewshire Council and uploaded to the HCC website.	Note	

Item		Action	Date Due
3.00	Matters Arising from Previous Minutes		
	Refer to the HCC action list attached.	Note	
4.00	Police Report (Constable McCrudden and Trutwin left the meeting after giving the Police Report)		
4.01	Refer to Appendix A for Constable McCrudden's report with 13 No. incidents leading to 4 No. crime offences reported in the month. Constable McCrudden explained the circumstances behind each offence with no further actions required by HCC.	Note	
4.02	Community Policing – Constable McCrudden confirmed Community Policing shall be trialled within the Houston Ward resulting in allocated officers to the area with more visibility in the community.	Note	
5.00	Councillors' Report		
	Councillor Clark gave the following verbal report.		
5.01	Mansfield Roundabout – Cllr Clark confirmed a new fence shall be erected April / May and he has requested it is put on hold until the specification of fence was agreed with the Community Council. After lengthy debate it was agreed by the HCC to let the works progress even though it was a sub standard fence and not a "like for like" replacement. Cllr Clark shall let the Council know that the HCC would like the works to proceed.	RC/sc	ASAP
5.02	Anti Social Behaviour – Cllr Clark noted anti-social behaviour appears to be on the rise and the community policing trial should hopefully prevent this continuing.	Note	
5.03	Virgin Media – Cllr Clark confirmed Virgin Media are looking at the area as part of their roll out programme and flyers should be sent to the residents.	Note	
5.04	Litter Clean Up Group – Cllr Clark would like to thank Jake and his team for the first class job.	Note	
5.05	Brambles Encroaching onto Pathways around Houston Primary School and Gryffe High School – The HCC Litter Clean Up Group asked if it would be possible to get the Council's support in cutting back the brambles around the schools to allow them easy access to pick up litter. Agreed Cllr Clark shall speak to the Council to establish all the options available for assistance / support.	RC/sc	ASAP
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6.00	Chairman's Report		
	Please refer to Appendix B for the Chairman's report with the following items noted.		
6.01	As per Item 1, under Correspondence – Agreed John shall supply the Council with the Residents Association's contact details and leave both parties to agree a way forward.	HCC/jmc	ASAP
7.00	Treasurer's Report		
	John gave the following verbal report.		
7.01	The account balance sits at £3,061.	Note	
8.00	Matters to be Discussed at April's HCC Meeting		
8.01	Update on funding application to LAC for Christmas lights / trees and flower displays for village. Refer to Item 24.0, 25.0 and 26.0 on HCC Action List / Log.	Note	
8.02	Houston Litter Crew Refer to item 33.0 on HCC Action List / Log.	Note	
8.03	Sub Committee Reports Craigends Yew Refer to item 12.0 on HCC Action List / Log.	Note	
	Traffic Update Refer to Item 10.0 on HCC Action List / Log.	Note	
8.04	Monthly Bulletin for Gazette Refer to Item 30.0 on HCC Action List / Log.	Note	
8.05	Stand Rota for Houston Show Saturday 4 th June. Refer to item 36.0 on HCC Action List / Log.	Note	
8.06	Bob Finnie Presentation Refer to item 31.0 on HCC Action List / Log.	Note	
9.00	Any Other Business		
9.01	PTA Stand at Agricultural Show – Agreed to give a £40 donation from the HCC to this stand. John Chambers to arrange payment.	HCC/jc	ASAP
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9.04	Potholes, Streetlighting, Manhole Covers – John McEvoy raised his concerns regarding lack of progress with all of the above and when potholes are repaired it is a temporary patch up. Cllr Clark confirmed there has been a long standing contractual issue between Renfrewshire Council and the streetlighting maintenance contractor which has recently been resolved so streetlighting improvements should be noticed / visible soon.	Note	
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9.08	Location of Planters – Agreed Jenny and Jake to agree location of the planters directly with Streetscene.	RofH/jc & RofH/jf	ASAP

Next Meeting: HCC May Meeting

Date / Time: Wednesday 18th May 2016

Meeting closed by Chairperson, John McEvoy, at 9.50pm

Houston Community Council Meeting

Action List / Log

ID No.	Description	Owner	Date Due	Status
1.0	<p>Police Report</p> <p>John McEvoy asked about SMART Water project. Police says it is being trialled in Langbank. Smart water is basically property marking. Police offered to discuss this with the committee at a separate meeting if they wished. Feeling of committee was to wait and see how it fairs in Langbank.</p> <p>(Update 17/02/16 – WIP and Sgt Mack shall give HCC feedback in due course)</p> <p>(Update 16/03/16 – Insp Glass confirmed the smart water kits have been ordered for Langbank and feedback / progress shall be reported in due course.)</p> <p>(Update 20/04/16 – WIP)</p>	PS	ASAP	
2.0	<p>Carol Murray taking these minutes, Mark Arthur agreed to do minutes thereafter, making him the Minutes Secretary. HCC still require person to perform other duties of the secretary post.</p> <p>An advert will be placed for a secretary.</p> <p>(Update 17/02/16 – Agreed not required with Mark and David Covering this role at present)</p>	Closed	Closed	
3.0	<p>Replacement lights required on big roundabout near shops, Allan Noon is trying to get them replaced.</p> <p>(Update 17/02/16 – Cllr Noon shall give an update at March's meeting)</p> <p>(Update 16/03/16 – Cllr Noon was not present to give an update)</p> <p>(Update 20/04/16 – Cllr Noon was not present to give an update.)</p>	RC/an	May 2016	
4.0	<p>Update on walk bridge over River Gryffe - Taylor Woodrow own wooden bridge over River Gryffe – Renfrewshire Council are in talks with Taylor Woodrow about maintenance and repair. However it has been repaired by Taylor Woodrow recently. It is a safe walking route to school and was erected 30 years ago. It was noted that the main road is very busy and not a desirable route for children to use to go to School. Hence there is a definite need for the bridge to get kids to school safely. Councillor Noon said children might be bussed.</p> <p>J McEvoy asked how we could help. It was suggested HCC write to Taylor Woodrow. This could be covered by Corporate Social Liability. Stuart Clark</p>	HC/jmc	Reviewed at May's HCC Meeting	

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	says he will send contact details for Taylor Woodrow. (Update 17/02/16 – HCC/jmc confirmed he has sent an email to Taylor Woodrow and they have replied confirming they are currently in ongoing discussions with Renfrewshire Council. Agreed HCC to monitor progress and chase up if no formal response to maintenance of the bridge is confirmed in the near future) (Update 16/03/16 – No update from Messrs Taylor Woodrow. WIP) (Update 20/04/16 – No update. WIP)			
5.0	We have potential projects – possibly HCC look at project of planting a hedge instead of shabby fence. If we plant it possible maintenance by Council. Council would maintain it if it was not too elaborate. (Update 17/02/16 – Agreed to incorporate these works under the funding application for Spring / Summer planters, benches and flower beds etc.)	Closed	Closed	
6.0	Lighting – Kirk Road and Houston Park – Council are replacing lamps to energy saving. Suggestion of getting Cala Builders involved as they are currently building houses in that area – Community benefits. (Update 17/02/16 – Agreed too late. Closed)	Closed	Closed	
7.0	J McEvoy suggested a HCC member does this. Kathy McFall volunteered to do this. (Update 17/02/16 – WIP) (Update 16/03/16 – Kathy confirmed the website is up and running but may need a refresh in the future. Agreed item 7.0 is now closed.)	Closed	Closed	
8.0	Citizen Theatre contacted, J McEvoy looking for a venue – Bob Finnie said they were doing production in the Kirk Hall. (Update 17/02/16 – Closed)	Closed	Closed	
9.0	3 remote footpaths, Gryffebank Resident Association, not adopted by Council – drains in some of these. There is also lighting – Council will look after lighting. Paths from Gryffebank through to Locher will not be maintained by the Council. Janet Mason will attend the Woodside residents Association meeting on the 2 nd February to give a HCC point of view. (Update 17/02/16 – HCC/jm confirmed the residents are looking out their title deeds and agreed in the interim HCC/jmc shall write to Renfrewshire Council noting	HCC/jmc	Update at May's HCC Meeting	

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	<p>our concerns. HCC/cm to confirm the exact names of all affected paths so John can capture in his letter)</p> <p>(Update 16/03/16 – As per the Chairman’s report a letter has been sent to Mr Scott Allan RC Roads Department with no response to date. Furthermore Cllr Clark shall write to Mr Allan to try and help resolve this matter.)</p> <p>(Update 20/04/16 – As per the Chairman’s report the Council would appear to be willing to take ownership of the paths after repairs are made by the local residents. WIP)</p>			
10.0	<p>Traffic Issues</p> <p>Elizabeth Dalgetty suggested changing HCC name to include Crosslee – a discussion took place but committee decided on status quo.</p> <p>(Update 17/02/16 – Agreed a smaller prioritised plan is required before we approach Renfrewshire Council’s Roads Department and Police Scotland outlining our concerns. Agreed HCC/jmc, HCC/ed and JCC/hp shall form a sub committee to progress with HCC/ed being the lead for the time being)</p> <p>(Update 16/03/16 – As per the Chairman’s report a meeting has been held and it was agreed David Dunlop shall join the sub-committee with a detailed review to be carried out at April’s HCC meeting.)</p> <p>(Update 20/04/16 – Agreed to discuss after the May election)</p>	HCC/jmc. HCC/hp, HCC/dd & HCC/ed	Update at May’s HCC Meeting	
11.0	<p>Waste Disposal</p> <p>Mark Arthur suggested requesting statistics on flytipping just now and then 6 months later.</p> <p>(Update 17/02/16 – Agreed HCC/jmc to issue a FOI request covering the last 12 months)</p> <p>(Update 16/03/16 – As per the Chairperson’s report a FOI request to RC has confirmed 372 No. incidents of fly-tipping occurred in Renfrewshire over the 12 month period ending 31st January 2016. Agreed to do a further FOI request on 6 monthly or annual basis.)</p> <p>(Update 20/04/16 – WIP)</p>	HCC/jmc	August 2016 or February 2017	
12.0	<p>Yew Tree</p> <p>Janet Mason – Janet will set up a sub-committee to investigate current state of Yew Tree and how best to proceed to protect this Houston attraction.</p> <p>(Update 17/02/16 – HCC/jm confirmed</p>	HCC/jm	Update at May’s HCC Meeting	

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	<p>she awaits a response from the Forestry Commission regarding their plans to maintain this tree and the surrounding areas / grounds.) (Update 16/03/16 – Forestry Commission have been in touch and shall confirm a date to meet at the tree in the near future.) (Update 20/04/16 – Janet confirmed the Forestry Commission have visited the site and are also showing interest in an old walnut tree. Janet also mentioned a funding opportunity may be possible via the Big Lottery Fund.)</p>			
13.0	<p>Farmers Market Caroline Wengel will investigate possibility of HCC hosting a farmers market, possibly in Carrick Centre Car Park. (Update 17/02/16 – Agreed HCC/cw to give an update regarding process at next month's HCC Meeting.) (Update 16/03/16 – No update available. WIP.) (Update 20/04/16 – No update available. WIP)</p>	HCC/cw	Update at May's HCC Meeting	
14.0	<p>Cycle Path Carol Murray suggested investigating possible creation of cycle paths linking to main cycle path. At present this is aspirational due to funding cuts but asked could we create cycle paths in sections (as funds permit). (Update 17/02/16 – HCC/jmc confirmed he has drafted a response to Renfrewshire Council's "Outdoor for You" questionnaire and after review all present agreed happy for John to submit his thoughts on behalf of HCC with a key focus on linking isolated communities. This should include HCC/ma's comments about basic improvements and maintenance of existing pathways connecting the various parts / areas of Houston. (Update 16/03/16 – As per the Chairman's report a response has been sent on behalf of HCC and a request for Dr Kate Cuthbert to attend the HCC May or June meeting to discuss further.) (Update 20/04/16 – As per the Chairman's report Dr Kate Cuthbert shall attend the June HCC meeting)</p>	HCC/jmc	June's HCC Meeting	
15.0	<p>European Fund There was £2 million. Janet Mason will report back on this.</p>	Closed	Closed	

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	Office bearers to meet with Stuart Clark re funding. (Update 17/02/16 – Meeting was held on Monday 15 th February. Closed)			
16.0	Point 2 Poor Fibre / Broadband Connectivity Speed – HCC/jmc agreed to make contact with BT letting them know limited improvement has been experience after their upgrade programme. (Update 16/03/16 – As per the Chairperson’s report Item 2.0 under correspondence.)	Closed	Closed	
17.0	Point 3 Overgrown Trees from Private Gardens in Public pathways to and from Shops – HCC/jmc shall write to the Council asking for their stance. (Update 16/03/16 – As per the Chairperson’s report Item 1.0 under correspondence. John awaits a reply from RC regarding this matter.) (Update 20/04/16 – John McEvoy confirmed RC shall write to the local residents making them aware they are responsible for cutting back any shrubs, trees or bushes that encroach onto public pathways.)	Closed	Closed	
18.0	Bus Shelters – Cllr Noon raised his concerns regarding the level of vandalism recently being witnessed to bus shelters. Agreed Sgt Mack shall report this to his Rural Surveillance Team to monitor the situation going forward. (Update 16/03/16 - Refer to the police report under Section 4.0. Closed.)	Closed	Closed	
19.0	Yearly Litter Clean Up Initiative – RC/an suggested another clean up is required with the area around the shops being particularly bad. Agreed to agree a date at March’s HCC meeting. At present the Council do a monthly litter clean up. (Update 16/03/16 – Agreed that we shall advertise via the HCC website a new community group to tackle litter. Suggested name of the group being “Houston Community Clean Up”. Refer to separate item raised by Mr Fulton local resident. (Update 20/04/16 – Litter Clean Up Group are now mobilised and doing a great job. Closed.)	Closed	Closed	
20.0	Blocked Drains – RC/an raised the ongoing issues with blocked drains. Agreed HCC/jmc shall produce a list of worst case areas to be reviewed at March’s HCC meeting. (Update 16/03/16 – As per the	Closed	Closed	

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	Chairman's report Item 6.0, reported to RC on 09/03/16 and RC confirmed it has been sent to RC contractors for action.)			
21.0	Scottish Parliament Election – RC/an handed over a leaflet confirming you cannot vote unless registered by 18 th April. Agreed HCC/km shall add this to the HCC website. (Update 16/03/16 – Done)	Closed	Closed	
22.0	Potholes – HCC/km confirmed that there is an APP for potholes and she shall look into this. It was also agreed a pothole register should be put into the following i) Village Post Office ii) Carrick Centre iii) Village Paper Shop iv) Coop To be discussed in greater detail at March's meeting. (Update 16/03/16 – As per the Chairman's report Item 5, printed potholes register have distributed as agreed)	Closed	Closed	
23.0	New Roundabout at Residential Development on Outskirts of Brookfield – Agreed HCC/jmc should write back to Brookfield community Council stating we shall monitor traffic flow with keen interest and support them if this becomes an issue for the wider community around Bridge of Weir, Houston, Kilmacolm, Linwood, Kilbarchan, Brookfield and Quarriers Village. (Update 16/03/16 – As per the Chairman's report item 5 under communications, stating we shall monitor developments. Agreed to leave on action log.) (Update 20/04/16 – WIP)	All	As and when required	
24.0	Grant Application – HCC/jmc shall take the lead with support from HCC/ma and HCC/jc to complete for a March application. The application shall be called Phase 1 of 4 with a budget of £15k for Phase 1. (Update 16/03/16 – As per the Chairman's report Item 1.0 and agreed to await the outcome of the meeting with Messrs Blachere illuminations on the 29 th March as this may alter the application. Agreed to review both applications at April's HCC meeting.) (Update 20/04/16 – John McEvoy confirmed both grant applications had	Closed	Closed	

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	to be submitted earlier than anticipated as noted in the Chairman's report.)			
25.0	Design of Christmas Lights – HCC/ma confirmed the company he works for shall do the design and tender documents free of charge and shall liaise with Renfrewshire Council to agree consultation, approvals and procurement issues. Agreed the design shall require HCC approval and potentially a wider community engagement via a consultation at the Carrick Centre. (Update 16/03/16 – Mark confirmed RC do not need a competitive tender process therefore might be best to get Blachere illuminations to do a design and install contract. Agreed Mark to get quote based on this.) (Update 20/04/16 – WIP with quote due early May.)	HCC/ma	To be reviewed at May's HCC Meeting	
26.0	Flower Displays for Village – Agreed a grant application of £10k should be submitted with HCC/jmc taking the lead again with support from HCC/ma and HCC/jc/ The application should breakdown the equipment, areas covered etc. for example. (Update 16/03/16 – Draft application completed and to be reviewed at April's HCC Meeting) (Update 20/04/16 – As per item 24.0 above. Application submitted. Closed.)	Closed	Closed	
27.0	Marking Entrance to Houston Village – Agreed to discuss in greater detail at March's HCC meeting with the general view being coverage for all entrances to Houston from Linwood, Inchinnan, Langbank and Bridge of Weir. (Update 16/03/16 – No update available from Carol but suggested this should be combined with the floral displays etc. Agreed to discuss at April's HCC Meeting) (Update 20/04/16 – WIP and to be discussed at May's HCC Meeting.)	All	May's HCC Meeting	
28.0	Yearly Calendar – HCC/ma proposed a yearly calendar is adopted to ensure we capture important matters at the correct time / period during the year. All agreed in principle and planner to be developed and discussed at the next meeting. (Update 16/03/16 – No progress made in the month.)	HCC/jmc & HCC/ma	May	

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	(Update 20/04/16 – No progress made in the month.)			
29.0	Existing Large Planters – Agreed to try and locate whereabouts. (Update 16/03/16 – No progress made in the month.) (Update 20/04/16 – Planters now located and to be sited in the village. Closed.)	Closed	Closed	
30.0	The Gazette – it was raised and agreed as a group that HCC should have a monthly bulletin / newsletter. Agreed to discuss at March's HCC meeting. (Update 16/03/16 – No progress made in the month.) (Update 20/04/16 – No progress made in month.)	All	May	
31.0	Bob Finnie – It was raised and agreed that a bottle of whisky and flowers should be given to Bob and his wife at March's HCC in recognition of his long service to the Houston Community Council and the community in general. HCC/jc and JCC/jm to organise. (Update 16/03/16 – Agreed all HCC members to contribute £5 towards gifts and bring along to April's HCC meeting.) (Update 20/04/16 – Closed.)	Closed	Closed	
32.0	Point 1 Crosslee Road Boy Racers and Fly Tipping – Concerns were raised about both with fly tipping being covered elsewhere in the meeting. Inspector Glass shall liaise with RC Roads Department to request signage clearly confirming the speed limit and Police Scotland asked all residents on the road to contact them immediately when this occurs again and where possible to take note of registration numbers. (Update 20/04/16 – Constable McCrudden confirmed that Crosslee Road is getting extra attention. No update on speed limit signage.)	PS	ASAP	
33.0	Point 2 Setting up a Houston Community Clean Up Group – Mr Fulton confirmed he would like to get involved in a similar scheme in Houston to that being provided in Maybole Ayrshire where he used to live. Agreed Kathy shall liaise directly with Mr Fulton to add this new Group to the HCC website. Also confirmed we should contact RC Community Resources to get bin bags and Hi Viz vests and litter 'pick up' tools and also agree collection dates for rubbish / litter bags after the community clean up group has finished.	Closed	Closed	

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	<p>Furthermore, it was suggested we could contact a similar group at Gryffe High who participate in a school clean up in the village at present. Finally also noted the main roads into Houston are particularly bad for litter and this would need to be addressed by the Group at a later date with traffic calming / control measures required to facilitate the clean up. Cllr Stuart Clark offered to help and support this initiative. (Update 20/04/16 – As per item 19.0 this item is now closed.)</p>			
34.0	<p>Park Upgrade Fund – Cllr Clark confirmed there may be funding available to upgrade Ardgyffe Park and HCC should liaise with Houston Playpark Improvement Group and the local Houston football team. Agreed to review in greater detail at April's HCC meeting. (Update 20/04/16 – Cllr Clark gave a detailed update with a decision awaited from the local Ardgyffe Park Community Group and Houston United Football Club on how they wish to proceed. Agreed to leave on the action log pending outcome of the above.)</p>	All	May's HCC Meeting	
35.0	<p>Gryffe High PTA Request for a Stall at the Houston Agricultural Show – Agreed to provide a HCC stall at a charge of £40 in line with all other agreements for the show. John to confirm with them. (Update 20/04/16 – Closed.)</p>	Closed	Closed	
36.0	<p>Houston Agricultural Show HCC Stand – Agreed to take a stand as normal with a raffle. Prizes and set up to be agreed at April's HCC Meeting. (Update 20/04/16 – Show date confirmed as 4th June. Agreed a rota shall be produced and sub-committee created in preparation for the show.)</p>	All	ASAP	
37.0	<p>Asset Register – Mark suggested creating an Asset register to keep track of existing and new assets. Agreed to discuss at April's HCC meeting. (Update 20/04/16 – No progress made.)</p>	All	May's HCC Meeting	
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APPENDIX A

RESTRICTED**HOUSTON/CROSSLIE BEAT 34/35 - 16/03/2016 to 20/04/2016**

CRIME/OFFENCE	NUMBER	DETECTED	ADDITIONAL NOTES
Serious Assault	0	0	
Common Assault	1	0	1 x domestic
Robbery	0	0	
Theft X HB /Attempt Theft x hb	0	0	
HBWI/Attempt HBWI	1	0	1 to unoccupied house
Theft x OLP/Att. Theftxolp	0	0	
Theft of motor vehicle/Attempt	1	0	1 x attempt
Theft from m/v./olp to m/v	0	0	
Theft by shoplifting	1	1	1 x sweets
Theft/Attempted theft	2	0	1 x stihl saw, 1 x hens[4]
C.J.L.s38/BofP	1	0	1 x domestic
Vandalism	3	0	1 x roof of car, 1 x windscreen, 1 x tree
RTA offences	2	2	1 x disq.driving, 1 x no tax
Drink driving	1	1	
MDA offences	0	0	
Breach of bail	0	0	
Fraud	0	0	
Drinking in the street	0	0	
Other	0	0	
TOTAL	13	4	

Please Note that the statistics above may not include crimes still to be processed at the time of collation. Also, any crimes listed under "Other" may be listed this way for anonymity

APPENDIX B

Houston Community Council Chairman's Report 20 April 2016

1. Along with Mark Arthur attended CC Funding training programme and learned that grant applications to the LAC had to be submitted by 1 April, which we did. £10,000 for lights and £10,000 for flowers.

We met with rep from Blachere Illumination who advised us that Xmas lights funding application should allow 50% for installation and storage.

3. Dr Kate Cuthbert, RC Access Officer, will attend our June meeting to discuss plans for linking Houston to National Cycling network.

4. Our 4 planters have been located and are in Jake Fulton's garden.

Correspondence

1, Spoke to Mr Scott Allan of RC roads department about adoption of pathways in Craigends. Despite promises, his department still hasn't written to me but he advised me that the Council will adopt the paths if residents first repair and resurface them at their own expense. He would meet with residents associations should they wish to do so.

2, Councillor Clark contacted me with proposal to replace fence at roundabout with Rylock fencing. Asked if this could be delayed until we had an opportunity to discuss it at this meeting.

3. Spoke to Sue Wyllie at Greenspace Scotland and Lucy Clarke of Sustrans. Sustrans will fund 50% of new cycle path to provide access to work/school and to connect communities rather than simply for leisure.

4. Wrote to LGBCS to ask for date when decisions will be made public. It will be at the end of May but exact date is not yet available

5. 2 x Street Trader's Licence Applications for Ice Cream van (Renfrewshire wide) received. Objections?

Planning application received for 1.5 storey house on site in Main Street.

Would like to congratulate Jake Fulton for his excellent organisation of litter pick-ups. We can already see a difference in the village