

## **HOUSTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

**Title:** Houston Community Council Meeting

**Location:** Carrick Centre, Houston

**Time:** 7:30pm

**Ref:** HCC/15/02/2023

**Date:** 15<sup>th</sup> February 2023

**Sheet:** 1 of 5

### **Present**

Kathy McFall (KM)

Janet Mason (JM)

John McEvoy (JMc)

Trevor Hillman (TH)

Cllr Audrey Doig (AD)

John Paul Cassidy (JC)

Cllr Robert Innes (RI)

PC Martin Norwood (MN)

PC Brian Dick (BD)

Cllr David McGonigle (DM)

Bill Haddow (BA)

Gordon Wright (GW)

### **Representing**

Houston Community Council (HCC)

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Renfrewshire Council (RC)

Resident (R)

Renfrewshire Council (RC)

Police Scotland (PS)

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Renfrewshire Council (RC)

Houston Community Council (HCC)

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### **Apologies**

Cllr Alison Ann-Dowling (AAD)

Ian Andrew (IA)

Duncan Greenhorn (DG)

Mark Arthur (MA)

### **Representing**

Renfrewshire Council (RC)

Houston Community Council (HCC)

Resident (R)

Houston Community Council (HCC)

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### **Chaired By**

Kathy McFall

### **Minutes taken by**

Lucy James

### **Representing**

Houston Community Council (HCC)

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Item	Description	Action By	Due Date
1.0	<b>Apologies</b> All were welcomed to this month's meeting with apologies noted above. HCC/km sitting in as chair due to absence of HCC/ia and HCC/ma.	Note	
2.0	<b>Approval of Minutes of Meeting from 18<sup>th</sup> February 2023</b> The minutes of the previous meeting were agreed as a true record of that meeting. Approved: John McEvoy Seconded: Janet Mason. No further matters arising / raised.	Note	
3.0	<b>Police Report</b> PS/bd and PS/mn gave a verbal report at the meeting as follows.		
3.1	Recorded crimes – Between 18 <sup>th</sup> January-15 <sup>th</sup> February 5 crimes were recorded, and 2 detected: 1 theft and 1 bogus workman fraud. Enquiries ongoing on 2 communication offenses via telephone and 1 fraud by email. (Refer to appendix A for report)	Note	
3.2	Missed meetings – PS/bd apologised for lack of attendance of previous meetings and explained that it is due to shift patterns and various other commitments.	Note	
3.3	GHS litter complaints –This is an ongoing issue that is frequently raised. PS are working with Kevin to minimise this; Kevin is also in liaison with Jake from Bee Happy to help increase involvement. HCC plan to fund litter-picking equipment. The pupils have been made well aware of the issue.	Note	
3.4	PS working with a man who is receiving trouble from children from GHS pupils in a lane near to the school.	Note	
3.5	HCC/th proposed to put warning out to residents about bogus workmen and cold calls via HCC Facebook, HCC/jm agreed to do this.	HCC/jm	
3.6	Football tournament that was cancelled due to passing of the Queen has been rescheduled to 21 <sup>st</sup> April at the ON-X, a member of HCC to attend the presentation at 2pm.	Note	
3.7	Bogus fundraisers – An attendee raised that children were going to doors in certain areas and asking for money for false fundraisers just before Christmas. Kevin had been made aware, but neither PS/bd nor PS/mn had heard anything about it from him.	Note	
	No further matters arising / raised.		
4.0	<b>Councillors' Reports</b> <u>Councillor David McGonigle</u> RC/dm gave a verbal report at the meeting as follows.		

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4.1	Potholes and speeding – brought up regularly, refer to item 9.0.	Note	
4.2	Bridge of Weir gas works – RC/dm confirmed that he has received complaints from residents, particularly regarding Crosslee Road (down past kitchen store), as it is being used as short-cut. It is unconfirmed how long the works will last.	Note	
4.3	Resurfacing at River Inn – RC/dm confirmed that this caused frustration, HCC/th concerned that the council should have provided advanced notice and used a contraflow system to prevent build-up of traffic. RC/dm agreed to refer this back to the council.  <u>Councillor Audrey Doig</u> RC/ad gave a verbal report at the meeting as follows.	RC/dm	
4.4	RC/ad confirmed that budget for the coming year is predicted to be low, as mentioned at the previous meeting.	Note	
4.5	Bins at Ardgryffe park – RC/ad confirmed that she followed up requests to move bins that are within the park. It is unlikely that bins will be moved, but the addition of new bins in other areas is being looked at. Residents should be reminded that dog waste can go in any bin.	Note	
4.6	YouDecide projects – as a result of votes from the public, RC/ad confirmed that the stairs to helicopter park will be repaired and a crossing will be added on Magnus Road. It is uncertain when these will be done as the council has several projects.	Note	
4.7	Cafe at the Carrick – HCC/ma's chair report states that refurbishment will begin in March, with the addition of an indoor seating area. RC/ad discussed options with previous owner of cafe, with the suggestion of a temporary catering van in neighbouring car park. Various regulations around catering will make it difficult for her to relocate.  <u>Councillor Robert Innes</u> RC/ri gave a verbal report at the meeting as follows.	Note	
4.8	Potholes at St Fillans have been filled, railings at the underpass have been replaced.	Note	
4.9	Light replacement at underpass – RC/ri is unsure if this work has been completed, but will chase it up if not.	RC/ri	
4.10	Winter Collections Project – Despite several events throughout Renfrewshire, Houston has not had as much activity. There is potential for the company to ask Church	Note	

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4.11	of Scotland to host, and Bridge of Weir Community Council and HCC to collaborate to rectify this.  LAPS Funding feedback – RC/ri urged feedback forms to be completed for grants as it shall play a significant part in deciding this years' successful applicants. HCC/km to ensure that HCC/ma has actioned this.	HCC/km	
5.0	<b>Action Log Review</b> HCC/km gave a verbal update regarding the progress made over the month and closing out historic actions on the log. Please refer to the updates on the attached action log for further details.	Note	
6.0	<b>Treasurer's Report</b> HCC/km issued the treasurer's report for the month of January prior to the meeting and confirmed a current balance of £14,038.29 (Refer to Appendix B) with no further matters / items raised after review.	Note	
7.0	<b>Chair's Update</b> HCC/km went through a miniature update from HCC/ma which included the following.		
7.1	Women's Guild – talk was successful, increased the women's awareness of the valuable work of HCC.	Note	
7.2	HCC/ma to issue a full chair report for the next meeting covering the 2-month period.	Note	
7.3	Carnival – approval required; brochure being designed. HCC/ma recommends that a full-page advertisement is taken.	Note	
7.4	New Members – HCC/ma commented that the HCC must be more proactive about recruiting new active members to ensure its survival. It was proposed by HCC/km that an open evening is carried out on the day of the June meeting. HCC/km to liaise with HCC/ma about this.	HCC/km	
8.0	<b>Emails / Communications Since Last Meeting</b> HCC/km went through the various correspondence with the following recorded and discussed.		
8.1	Speed of traffic on Bridge of Weir Road – issue raised by R/jc. After some discussion, the following was concluded. i. RC/ri to ask the road department what they have planned regarding the control of speeding at the four entrance points to the village. ii. R/jc has contacted the authorities about changing the false display of 40mph to 30mph on sat navs.	RC/ri	

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	iii. It was suggested that R/jc attend March's meeting where Michelle, environment representative, will be in attendance.	Note	
8.2	Guide Dogs – HCC/jm to liaise with HCC/ia and see if a contact within Houston can be obtained to ensure that the project remains local.	HCC/jm	
8.3	Craigends Orchard – campaign withdrawn by Marie White due to complaints from other residents.	Note	
8.4	Paisley East and Whitehaugh CC – HCC/km to email them back and explain that HCC have had very few complains about dog fouling so are unable to help.	HCC/km	
8.5	Consideration of Hybrid Meetings – It was decided that this idea would not be pursued at this stage.	Note	
9.0	<b>AOB</b>		
9.1	HCC/jm raised a concern about the types of plastic that are recycled by RC, but no further actions were proposed at this stage.	Note	
10.0	Date and time of next meeting 15 <sup>th</sup> March 2023 at 7.30pm		
11.0	Distribution HCC members and uploaded onto HCC website and issued to Renfrewshire Council.		
	The meeting was closed by HCC/km at 8.55pm.		



## HOUSTON & CROSSLEE

### COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING

### FEB2023

#### Update from Previous Meeting

#### Crime Summary

Between 18<sup>th</sup> January and 15<sup>th</sup> February there have been a total of five recorded crimes, two have so far been detected.

CRIME/OFFENCES OF NOTE	NUMBER	DETECTED	CONTEXT
Theft by Housebreaking/Attempt	0	0	
Theft	1	1	1 x parcel
Robbery	0	0	
Serious Assault	0	0	
Common Assault	0	0	
Drug Offences	0	0	
Anti-Social (breach of the peace/vandalism/street drinking)	0	0	
Road Traffic Offences	0	0	
Other	4	1	2 x communications offences, 1 x fraud via email, 1 x bogus workman fraud

#### Crime Trends and Policing Priorities

#### Community Police Report

(Include focus of activity, any initiatives, partnership working)

# Houston Community Council

## Treasurer's Report

1<sup>st</sup> to 31<sup>st</sup> January 2023

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<b>Opening Balance</b>	<b>£13,322.74</b>
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### Income

HMRC	119.73
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Renfrewshire Council	796.00
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<b>Total</b>	<b>£915.73</b>
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### Expenditure

Insurance (Keegan & Pennykid)	43.18
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Santa	80.00
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HOST (Rent)	27.00
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Lucy James (secretary)	50.00
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<b>Total</b>	<b>£200.18</b>
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<b>Closing Balance</b>	<b>£14,038.29</b>
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As per electronic statement to 31/01/2023