

HOUSTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Title: Houston Community Council Meeting

Ref: HCC/18/01/2023

Location: Carrick Centre, Houston

Date: 18 January 2023

Time: 7:30pm

Sheet: 1 of 11

Present

Ian Andrew (IA)
Kathy McFall (KM)
Janet Mason (JM)
John McEvoy (JMc)
William Haddow (WH)
Trevor Hillman (TH)
Cllr Audrey Doig (AD)
Lucy James (LJ)

Kevin Christie (KC)
Mark Arthur (MA)

Apologies

Gordon Wright (GW)
Cllr Alison Ann-Dowling (AAD)
Cllr David McGonigle (DM)
Cllr Robert Innes (RI)
PC Martin Norwood (MN)
PC Brian Dick (BD)

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Renfrewshire Council (RC)
Houston Community Council (HCC)
(Minute Secretary)
Gryffe High School (GHS)
Houston Community Council (HCC)

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Police Scotland (PS)
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Chaired By

Mark Arthur

Representing

Houston Community Council (HCC)

Minutes taken by

Mark Arthur

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Item	Description	Action By	Due Date
1.0	Apologies All were welcomed to the meeting and apologies are noted above.	Note	
2.0	Approval of Minutes of Meeting 16th November 2022 The minutes of the previous meeting were agreed as a true record of that meeting Approved: Janet Mason Seconded: John McEvoy. No further matters arising / raised.	Note	
3.0	Police Report PS/MN issued his and PS/BD's apologies for not being able to attend the meeting in person due to shift pattern and issued his formal report (refer to Appendix A) for review at the meeting. HCC/MA went through the report and there were no further matters raised.	Note	
4.0	Gryffe High School Report GHS/KC issued his report at the meeting (refer to Appendix B) and went through each item with the following points noted.	Note	
4.1	Litter picking – Keven forgot to include within his report but said he was unhappy with GHS students' litter crews progress and shall speak to the group about this. HCC/MA asked if a donation of waterproof clothing would help as during winter you see the students out picking up litter in horrible weather conditions. Agreed to explore further.	GHS/KC, HCC/MA & HCC/KM	Jan / Feb 2023
4.2	Teacher strikes – HCC/KM asked how much disruption the strikes are causing the school. GHS/KC confirmed that the school would only have to close if the largest union voted for strike action and that he was hopeful a resolution between all parties would occur soon.	Note	
5.0	Councillor Reports		
5.1	<u>Councillor Allison Ann Dowling</u> Cllr Dowling issued her apologies prior to the meeting along with confirmation that she is now a member of the Council's Planning Board.	Note	
5.2	<u>Councillor David McConigle</u> No update or written report was issued prior to the meeting.	Note	

5.3	<p><u>Councillor Robert Innes</u> No update or written report was issued prior to the meeting.</p> <p><u>Councillor Audrey Doig</u> Cllr/AD gave a verbal report at the meeting as noted below.</p>	Note	
5.4	Cllr/AD confirmed she has now fully recovered from her recent knee surgery which means she can attend more public meetings like this. All present confirmed that was good news and pleased to hear that she has made a full recover.	Note	
5.5	Community winter programme – Cllr/AD confirmed that feedback has been very positive following these buildings being opened up for the community and residents to use who may be experiencing fuel poverty with the rising energy costs etc.	Note	
5.6	Houston Christmas lights switch on – Cllr/AD confirmed that she attended this years’ switch on and, as usual, thoroughly enjoyed the event and congratulated HCC for organising.	Note	
5.7	Village hall – Cllr/AD confirmed that the Houston Village Hall is up for sale via the Council and it was agreed HCC/ma shall liaise with David Love at the Council to request that HCC are kept in the loop / appraised of progress etc.	HCC/MA	Jan / Feb 2023
5.8	Renfrewshire Council savings – Cllr/AD confirmed that substantial cost savings are required at the Council over the coming years. HCC/TC asked if any departments are protected with Cllr Doig confirming that it is her current understanding that savings are required across the board / all departments.	Note	
5.9	LAP funding feedback – Cllr/AD urged feedback forms to be completed for last years’ grants as it shall play a significant part in deciding this years’ successful applicants. HCC/MA to action.	HCC/MA	Jan / early Feb 2023

6.0	Action Log Review / Update (by HCC/ia) HCC/IA gave a verbal update confirming progress has been good over the month closing out historic actions on the log and then proceeded this by going through the outstanding list with the following item raised.	Note	
6.1	Traffic calming measures in the village – It was agreed after discussion that Michell Campbell, RC Infrastructure and Environment, should be invited to the HCC’s March Meeting. Cllr Doig and / or HCC/JMc to arrange.	RC/AD & HCC/JMc	March 2023
7.0	Treasurer’s Report (see note 1)		
7.1	HCC/KM confirmed the wrong accounts had been issued previously with a closing balance for the period being £14,195.49. Agreed adjusted accounts to be reissued in due course.	HCC/JM	Jan / Feb 2023
8.0	Chair’s Report (see note 1) HCC/MA issued a copy of his report prior to the meeting (refer to Appendix C) and went through the report at the meeting. The following was raised:		
8.1	Christmas lights switch on – HCC/MA wanted to personally thank HCC/JMc for arranging the whole event. Great job!	Note	
8.2	AGM minutes – Agreed HCC/MA shall email a copy to all parties.	HCC/MA	Jan / Feb 2023
8.3	Local place plan – This was raised and it was agreed HCC/MA shall drop David Love, RC, an email with a view to discussing further with him.	HCC/MA	Jan / Feb 2023
8.4	2023 Renfrewshire Council LAP applications – HCC/MA confirmed these shall need to be submitted in February. It was agreed to proceed with the Christmas lights only. HCC/MA to progress application and keep all HCC members fully informed throughout the process.	HCC/MA	Feb 2023
9.0	HCC Matters Arising / Correspondence since the previous meeting for Discussion / Decision No further matters to discuss.	Note	
10.0	Review of Houston and Crosslee Ward Residents’ Emails /Communications in the Period by Exception (review by HCC/MA)		
10.1	Orchard Craighends – Local resident, Mary White, shall issue details of her proposal to HCC in due course.	Note	

11.0	AOB		
11.1	Ardgryffe Park children's playpark upgrade – Agreed HCC/MA shall drop Nicola Drummond at RC an email asking for a general update and when completion shall be expected.	HCC/MA	Jan / Feb 2023
	Dog bin Ardgryffe Park play area – Agreed, after discussion, that Cllr Doig shall liaise with Parks and Recreation to get the bin moved to outwith the new playpark area to prevent owners coming into the playpark with their dogs to use the bin.	RC/AD	Jan / Feb 2023
12.0	Date and time of next meeting Wednesday 15 th February at 7.30pm and chaired by HCC/KM due to HCC/MA's planned and agreed absence at every alternate meeting.	Note	
13.0	Distribution HCC members and uploaded onto HCC website and issued to Renfrewshire Council.	Note	
	Meeting ended at 9.00pm		

Note 1 – Report issued 24hrs prior to meeting with items discussed and raised by exception.

APPENDIX A

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**HOUSTON & CROSSLEE
COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING
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Update from Previous Meeting

Crime Summary

Between 16th November 2022 and 18th January 2023 there have been a total of 12 recorded crimes, 5 have so far been detected.

CRIME/OFFENCES OF NOTE	NUMBER	DETECTED	CONTEXT
Theft by Housebreaking/Attempt	0	0	
Theft	0	0	
Robbery	0	0	
Serious Assault	0	0	
Common Assault	1	1	1 in house
Drug Offences	1	1	1 x possession
Anti-Social (breach of the peace/vandalism/street drinking)	2	1	1 x shout/swear/resist arrest, 1 x threats
Road Traffic Offences	3	2	1 x drink driving, 1 x careless driving, 1 x hit & run
Other	5	0	2 x internet fraud, 1 x bank account fraud, 1 x protection of wild mammals offence, 1 x attempted fraud

Crime Trends and Policing Priorities

Community Police Report

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

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Gryffe High School

Houston Community Council Update

18/01/2023

- Highly successful Christmas Concert in December where over 200 members of the school community enjoyed the musical event and a short Christmas Panto.
- School, Burns Supper scheduled for Thursday 26 January, ticket sales are slow at this point, cost is £10 pp for a 3-course meal created and served by Home Ec dept and pupils, with music and Burns related entertainment.
- S4 Prelims were in late November and S5/6 prelims are currently ongoing.
- Careers fair for S4 pupils in December where professionals from industry and universities helped pupils explore and understand potential career paths.
- Primary school links are strengthened with Gryffe teachers delivering lessons in Science, Maths, English, Art, Tech, PE and Modern Languages weekly.
- SWECO – telephone conversation today with consultants employed by Renfrewshire Council involving feedback on possible improvements to traffic calming and pupil walking routes to/from school.
- Astroturf pitch . . . nearly there! Project completion delayed due to the inclement weather. Hoping for completion in the next week there is mild and dry weather.

K Christie

Head Teacher

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HOUSTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Title: Houston Community Council Monthly Meeting

Report Purpose: Chair's Report

Issue Date: Wednesday 18th January 2023

Author: Mark Arthur

1.00 Activities completed since last meeting attended (19th October 2022)

- 1.01 Prepared and issued the meeting minutes for the October meeting.
- 1.02 Helped with the Houston Christmas light display and Christmas light switch on event.
- 1.03 Issued my Chair's report on 18/01/2023.
- 1.04 Issued AGM minutes.

2.00 Activities to be carried out before the next meeting that I can attend in person (15th March 2023)

- 2.01 Issue minutes and action log for January's meeting.
- 2.02 Monitor Barochan Road development planning application and Renfrewshire Council's decision and respond where necessary over this period on behalf of HCC.
- 2.03 Do Chair's actions from the current action log (monitored by HCC/ia) and include update within the Chair's report for the March meeting

3.00 Urgent Matters to Raise

- 3.01 None

End of Report



Mark Arthur
on behalf of Houston Community Council