

HOUSTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Title: Houston Community Council Meeting

Ref: HCC/19/04/2023

Location: Carrick Centre, Houston

Date: 19th April 2023

Time: 7:30pm

Sheet: 1 of 8

Present

Ian Andrew (IA)
Kathy McFall (KM)
Janet Mason (JM)
John McEvoy (JMc)
Trevor Hillman (TH)
Bill Haddow (BH)
Duncan Greenhorn (DG)
Gordon Wright (GW)
Cllr David McGonigle (DM)
Tom McShane (TMc)
Karen Finnie (KF)

Representing

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Renfrewshire Council (RC)
Resident (R)
Fox and Hounds (FH)

Apologies

No apologies were received.

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Chaired By

Ian Andrew

Minutes taken by

Lucy James

Representing

Houston Community Council (HCC)

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Item	Description	Action By	Due Date
1.0	Apologies All were welcomed to this month's meeting with no apologies received.	Note	
2.0	Approval of Minutes of Meeting from 15th February 2023		
2.1	HCC/JMc suggested an amendment to Item 5.3 of the minutes of the previous meeting, which was agreed to be made. The minutes will now state that it is in the budget for 20mph limits to be introduced in all residential roads in Renfrewshire, rather than entrances to Renfrewshire only. The remainder of the minutes were agreed as a true record of that meeting. Approved: Janet Mason Seconded: Kathy McFall	Note	
3.0	Matters Arising not otherwise listed in agenda		
3.1	HCC/IA reminded attendees that HCC is a public meeting and that this should be taken into account before personal comments about individuals are made. No further matters arising / raised.		
4.0	Gryffe High School Report No representative from Gryffe High		
5.0	Police Report		
5.1	HCC/IA agreed to send round the police report after the meeting had ended. Recorded crimes – Between 15 th March and 13 th April 5 crimes were recorded, with 2 detected: 2 Thefts, 1 Common Assault, 1 Anti-social and 1 Road Traffic Offence. (Refer to appendix A for report) No further matters arising / raised.	Note	
6.0	Councillor's Reports		
6.1	<u>Councillor David McGonigle</u> <u>McGill's Buses</u> Meeting with McGills didn't occur due to HCC/MA being unable to attend, and the prospect of a public meeting as an alternative being considered.	Note	

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6.2	HCC/JM felt that it was important to meet with McGills as soon as possible due to reduced timetables. RC/DM stated that one of several reasons for this given by McGills on a phone call was that not enough people were using the buses to make them financially viable.	Note	
6.3	It was concluded that a public meeting with McGills will be held at 7pm prior to May's meeting on the 17 th . The meeting will run for an hour with the main meeting commencing at 8pm. RC/DM will reach out to McGills to confirm their attendance.	RC/DM	
6.4	A post will be put on social media to gain views of residents in order to form an agenda, which HCC/IA will send on to RC/dm. It was agreed that Mark will chair the meeting.	HCC/IA and HCC/KM	
6.5	<u>Speeding</u> RC/DM confirmed that speeding issues have been reported on road past Coop towards River Inn, particularly at the bend. A near miss reported was as a car came round a corner and nearly hit a cyclist. Police have been informed, with a request to put in speed checks. HCC/KM to post something on the Facebook about cycle awareness.	HCC/KM	
6.6	HCC/JMc pointed out the risk involved with bus stop on the corner, as cars overtaking bus into blind corner could be hazardous. The potential idea of moving the bus stop was suggested, but nothing taken forwards at this stage.	Note	
6.7	Shortcut at Gryffe High School – The issue of children using the dangerous shortcut continues, but the council are hesitant to implement a fence as it is likely that the children will find a new way around it.	Note	
6.8	Environmental Representative – It was realised that the environmental representative, Michelle, was never formally asked to attend an HCC meeting. This will be added as an action for the next meeting.	HCC/IA	
7.0	Treasurer's Report		
7.1	HCC/KM gave a verbal treasurer's report for the month of March prior to the meeting and confirmed a current balance of £13,559.78	Note	
7.2	It was questioned whether it is worth spending £50 on secretarial duties per month. HCC/KM confirmed that Lucy continues to transcribe the minutes remotely, despite having missed two meetings.	Note	

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	No further matters / items raised.		
8.0	Chair's Report (see note 1) No report from HCC/MA aside from comments on matters included in agenda	Note	
9.0	Action Log Review / Update HCC/IA gave a verbal update regarding the progress made over the month. All open actions are on track. No further matters arising / raised.	Note	
10.0	Resident's Issues No issues raised by residents attending		
11.0	King's Coronation		
11.1	Bunting – Looking at purchasing bunting for Houston and Crosslee. Quote covers village: 850m of bunding and 25 flags. £3,500 quote excluding VAT. This includes costs of prizes for coronation champions. The company has agreed to meet on 25 th of April to cover which columns to place the bunting. Bunting to be installed on 29 th , 30 th April and be taken down on 11 th , 12 th May. It was agreed, after a debate and vote, that the bunting would be purchased from a charity, if possible, with attempts to get a discount made. HCC/DG to follow up with HCC/MA on acquiring a cherry picker after purchase of the bunting.	HCC/MA HCC/DG	
11.2	Fox and Hounds – FH are running a barbeque outside their kitchen on Sunday 7 th May at 12pm. Have chosen not to obtain license for entire car park due to requirement that and SIA security guard be present. FH wanted to speak with HCC to ask about coronation plans before pursuing their own. HCC agreed to keep them updated on any plans made.	HCC/KM	
11.3	Tree – McLaren's offering 2 types of common oak: One single stem 8ft at £30, others older and taller with more stems at £75, budget of £100 including stakes and ties. The favoured position for the tree is below the orchard coming off of roundabout. Bee Happy would plant for donation. Looking at £160 each for plaques from purchased charities and veterans. This does not have to be agreed upon just now. HCC/km will reach out to churches and suggest a joint procession to planting of tree. HCC/GW will write to RC to ask for planting permission through HCC/ma.	HCC/GW HCC/KM	

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11.4	HCC/TH has widely distributed posters around the village for the cake competition. It is open to all, with multiple age categories. Budget for prizes is looking at around £250, with Jason from River Inn providing an additional £500. The River Inn will host the event on 7th May. Follow-up events still being considered, noting that clashing of coronation events should be avoided where possible. HCC/TH plans to ask GHS/KC if representative from HFT department could attend to judge and encourage pupils to participate. St Fillan's are on board. Houston Primary are still to respond.	Note	
11.5	HCC/BH knows someone who does metalwork, agreed to speak to him about putting metal ring around the tree and attaching plaque.	Note	
12.0	Crosslee Phone Box Defibrillator		
12.1	HCC/DG has checked the defibrillator and stated that everything appeared to be working properly, but there is a 'give way' sign outside of it which causes a slight obstruction, so this will need to be moved. Sharon looking to hand over responsibility to HCC/dg, which still needs to be discussed with her.	Note	
13.0	Connecting Houston		
13.1	HCC/IA currently trying to pull everyone involved together in a meeting to ensure that everyone is communicating and that tasks can be allocated.		
13.2	Gateway plans – there has been an email from resident who is concerned about the plans for the Houston gateways. This is a RC matter, and it is unlikely that there will be room for HCC input. HCC/JMc says budget has been agreed upon so it will go ahead. HCC/IA will get back to her.	HCC/ia	
14.0	Renfrewshire Community Council Forum		
14.1	HCC/IA attended a meeting on Monday night with forum, in which a constitution was agreed. Three elements taken from the last meeting by HCC/IA have been adopted as part of constitution.	Note	
15.0	Membership		
15.1	HCC/KM has an advert planned for the Kirk Carnival magazine, already on social media the prospect of		

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15.2	making June an open meeting is being considered. HCC/IA will speak to HCC/MA about an HCC representative going to GHS to educate pupils about being a member. This will be taken forward to GHS/KC again. HCC/DG GHS.	Note HCC/IA	
15.3	It was proposed that the churches be formally approached to ask if they could find representatives. HCC/KM will prepare words for the next meeting to propose that people attend. She will also put together a list of the top achievements from HCC in the last few years.	HCC/KM	
16.0	Review of Email/ Communications in the period No communication other than contained elsewhere in minutes.		
17.0	AOB		
17.1	HCC/GW will copy HCC/IA in to any emails that come into HCC from now onwards.	Note	
17.2	Stuart Milne developments – was initially supposed to be discussed at January Council board meeting but was not. RC/dm will look into whether it is on the agenda for upcoming meeting on the 25 th May. A resident has asked if the range of community comments surrounding the application could be published on planning portal, as this is standard practice. It is likely that there has been delay in this due to staff vacancies.	RC/DM	
17.3	Cala Development at Woodend – HCC/BH has noticed that tarmac has been placed to form a road coming down to main road midway along the site and the kerb has been dropped. Permission for this is required, so RC/DM will reach out to developers for clarification and liaise with Cllr Innes, who HCC/BH has already informed.	RC/DM	
18.0	Date and Time of next meeting 17 th May 2023 at 7.00pm		
12.0	Distribution HCC members and uploaded onto HCC website and issued to Renfrewshire Council.		

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	The meeting was closed by HCC/IA at 8.45pm		



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Update from Previous Meeting

Crime Summary

Between 15th March and 13th April there have been a total of 5 recorded crimes, 2 have so far been detected.

CRIME/OFFENCES OF NOTE	NUMBER	DETECTED	CONTEXT
Theft by Housebreaking/Attempt			
Theft	2	0	1 x shoplifting, 1 x parcels from van
Robbery			
Serious Assault			
Common Assault	1	1	1 in house
Drug Offences			
Anti-Social (breach of the peace/vandalism/street drinking)	1	0	1 x shout/swear
Road Traffic Offences	1	1	1 x drunk driving
Other			

Crime Trends and Policing Priorities

Community Police Report

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

The community policing football tournament is taking place on Friday 21/04/2023 at the ON-X sports centre in Linwood between 10am and 2pm which includes both Houston Primary school and St Fillans Primary school. If a member of the community council wishes to attend for the presentation and photos which should take place around 13.30/13.45 hours.