

Mearns West Community Council

Monthly Meeting

Tuesday 13th August, 2024, 7:00pm at Albertslund Hall.

In attendance: Moira Whyte (MW); Karina Mirza (KM); Mohammed Asif (MA); Cllr. Paul Edlin(PE); Cllr. O. O'Donnell (OO), Cllr A. Morrison (AM), MP Blair McDougall (BM); Cllr. Andrew Morrison(AM); Andrew Reid (AR); Iltaf Dean (ID), Local residents.

Apologies: Bryson McNeil (BMcN); Lawrence Mannion(LM)

MINUTES

Item		Action
1. Welcome		
	MW welcomed all and noted the apologies.	Note
2. Apologies		
	MW indicated the apologies received for the meeting.	Note
3. Police Report		
	No police report available.	Note
4. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes.		
	Minutes noted and approved	Note
5. Matters arising from Minutes		
	Matters arising where covered in the respective items on the agenda.	Note
6. Proposed Community events for consideration		
a.	September Event planting bulbs/roundabout planter to be organised with the local residents – Action of previous meeting (June'24): MW indicated that dates will be confirmed as well as the programme. Current update: MW provided an update.	MW
b.	Winter social event – Ceildh. KM informed that a Family Ceildh is being organised to bring the local community together as well as raise fund towards the defibrillator. The event is planned to take place on November, looking at suitable venue and availability of musicians. KM to follow up and update on the progress.	KM
7. Defibrillator progress		
a.	Action from previous meeting (June'24). Defibrillator funding streams - MW updated that about discussions with the ER Council officer and it is not possible to access the Provost's Fund.	Note

b.	Other funding streams. MW indicated that an application to the National Lottery fund has been submitted and awaiting response.	MW
c.	Training – MA indicated he attended to the training on the use of defibrillator in Glasgow and highlighted the importance of training. MA to provide contact info.	MA
8.	School capacity, allocation and planning in Mearns West	
a.	Discussion took place about expansion of housing on the area and pressure on local services such as schools. Cllr. O'Donnell reassured that continuous revision of school capacity and forecast of eligible pupils is carried out.	Note
b.	MW asked about any plans to relocate catchment areas to neighbour areas (ie. Barrhead). Cllr. O'Donnell informed that there are not plans to reallocation of catchment areas.	Note
c.	AR raised a concern about changes in private schools fees and the effect this could have in an increase of student population in the local public schools. Discussion took place.	Note
d.	Catchment areas – it was noted that currently the verification of home address is only required at the start of P1, S1 or when a student is moving to the area. No further checks are carried out for the remaining 6 years of primary school and remaining 5 years of high school. Home address checks should be carried out more frequently to ensure the students are attending to their appropriate catchment area. Cllr O'Donnell to note this and update in further actions.	Cllr O'Donnell
e.	Denominational schools – MA and ID raised an issue about difficulties for Muslim families to access denominational schools and children from the same family being split in different schools. Discussion took place.	Note
9.	Greenspace Management	
a.	Vegetation blocking pavement on Barrhead Road. MW raised the issue that overgrown vegetation is overtaking the pedestrian area in a busy road and limiting visibility. Cllrs to follow up this action with respective ERC departments.	Various Cllrs.
b.	Resident concern: Trees overgrowing on Taylor Wimpey land for proximity to houses on Rozelle Avenue. MW noted that it is a H&S issue and needs to be addressed. Cllrs to contact ERC relevant department for review.	Various Cllrs.
10.	Mearns West CC boundary	
a.	Clarification requested from ERC. The boundaries were noted, no changes from previous information received.	Note
11.	Correspondence	
a.	Community Council Training – AR has circulated a presentation with general information for all the CC members	All CC members

	to read it. AR mentioned that next topic will be Scheme of Establishment, Code of Conduct and Complaint procedure.	
b.	HMK Portrait Scheme – MA has logged an application. MA to update on the progress.	MA
12.	A.O.B.	
a.	Residents on attendance raised the following concerns: Housing proposals on the area across the road from Asda – Local residents concern on the lack of update on this project. Councillors to follow up and update on next meeting.	Various Cllrs.
b.	Recent riots across the UK – attendees noted their concern about the riots in England and the threat in Scotland. Discussion took place and importance to avoid misinformation and protect vulnerable groups.	Note
13.	Next Meeting:	
	Tuesday 08 th October, 2024, Albertslund Hall, 7:00pm	

CIRCULATION:

- Community Council Members
- Police Scotland
- ERC Councillors (Wards 2 & 5)
- MP / MSPs
- Andrew Reid (Liaison Officer)
- William Maxwell (BKM CC)