



Broom Kirkhill Mearns Kirk
Community Council

MEETING OF	Broom, Kirkhill, & Mearns Kirk, Community Council	
HELD ON	Monday 17 th February 2020 @ 7pm in Mearns Castle High School	
WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION	The Chairperson welcomed everyone to the meeting	
RECORDING OF MEMBERS PRESENT	An attendance sheet was circulated. In attendance: William Maxwell (Chairperson), Janet Olverman (Secretary), Jane Royston (Treasurer) Rob Jones, Doug Pitt, Margaret Hinchliffe, Anne Lithgow, Stephen Rutherford Also in attendance: Cllr Jim Swift	
APOLOGIES	Apologies were received from: Cllr Bamforth, Ron Gimby	
ITEM DISCUSSED		Action Points
APPROVAL OF MINUTE OF MEETINGS	The Minute of the BK&MCC meeting on 20 th January 2020 was approved by the committee on the proposal of Will Maxwell and seconded by Jane Royston.	
MATTERS ARISING	Aldton Court CCTV Camera Cllr Swift advised that the CCTV Camera is supposed to have been installed by today on a lamppost overlooking Aldton Court. Cllr Bamforth has been communicating with ERC and has advised it should be installed on the 17 th February. Cllr Grant had asked for additional Police patrols after our meeting on the 20 th January and Cllr Swift advised they are now in place. Affordable Housing Jane Royston provided an update upon her comments on P9. The Right to Buy opportunity is no longer available as of 1 st August 2016.	
POLICE REPORTS	The Chairperson read out the Police Report for the period 17 th January to 13 th February 2020. Homes being broken into Police received a report of a "sneak in" theft at a house in the Kirkhill area during the early morning hours of the	



22nd January. This crime remains under investigation.

Police remind residents to ensure that doors and windows of property are kept secure at all times of day and night, and to report any suspicious persons or activity at the time, via 101 or in an emergency via 999.

2. Antisocial behaviour and disorder

During the period under review the Police only received one report of public nuisance by youths in our community council area, on the 25th January in Mearns Kirk.

3. Violent crime

No crimes of violence in public locations have been recorded in our community council area.

4. Drug dealing and misuse

Police officers continue to carry out pro-active patrols in our community council area, utilising their statutory powers of search where circumstances permit their use.

Officers carrying out proactive patrols in Rosemount Avenue, Newton Mearns, on the evening of the first of February traced two males in possession of cannabis.

CRIME PREVENTION

Police have received a number of reports of persons "cold-calling" at homes in East Renfrewshire offering building/roofing work.

Please remind yourself of the following checklist:

Doorstep checklist:

IF in doubt – Keep them Out

- LOCK, STOP, CHAIN and CHECK
- LOCK – Keep front and back doors locked
- STOP – Don't open the door until you have checked through a viewer or window to see who is there
- CHAIN – Use a door chain or bar
- CHECK – Only let callers in if they have an appointment and you have confirmed they are genuine
- ALWAYS ASK FOR ID

Residents should endeavour to call the published number for the company or service for whom callers say that they work. Please use number obtained from the phone directory or internet, to check if they are legitimate. Never use a number given by the caller.

Police are continuing to work closely with ERC Trading Standards department and other partners to tackle rogue

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	<p>traders, “bogus” crime and frauds committed against vulnerable residents.</p> <p>There is lots of information to help you protect yourself and those close to you at:</p> <p>https://www.scotland.police.uk/keep-safe/personal-safety/doorstep-crime-and-bogus-callers</p> <p>NEWS</p> <p>Contact Assessment Model</p> <p>The Police invited us to view their internet page, explaining their new method of assessing the needs of people who contact them. This can be found via the internet link below:</p> <p>https://www.scotland.police.uk/contact-us/every-caller-is-different/</p> <p>We encourage as many residents as possible to access and complete this.</p> <p>Comments from the floor:</p> <p>A member of the public received a cold call from a company claiming to work for the Local Authority, offering a survey of insulation.</p> <p>The Chairperson suggested contacting the Council to establish authenticity. Ask for contact details in order to arrange an appointment.</p> <p>Fire Raising Incidents – Aldton Court</p> <p>Sgt. Morgenthaler advised in an email dated 14th February:</p> <p>“The enquiry into the wilful fire raisings in Aldton Court in November 2019 and December 2019 remains as a live investigation, led by CID officers. At this time no persons have been charged with any offences in relation to these incidents. “</p>	
<p>TREE PLANTING QUESTIONNAIRE</p>	<p>Doug Pitt and the Chairperson distributed 200 questionnaire leaflets and have received 39 responses to date.</p> <p>Cllr Swift offered to put the survey on the Save Broom Park Facebook page.</p> <p>The responses received show:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a) In favour of the planting of saplings in the unmown grassland adjacent to the Broom Burn For 37, Against 2b) In favour of planting saplings near the perimeter of Broom Park For 34, Against 5c) In favour of enlarging the play-park	



	<p>For 26, Against 15</p> <p>d) In favour of placing more seating/picnic tables in Broom Park For 28, Against 11</p> <p>Following this positive response, the Chairperson proposed making an application to the Woodland Trust for saplings.</p> <p>Seconded by Doug Pitt</p>	
<p>WHITELEES WIND FARM FUND</p>	<p>The Chairperson displayed the guidance notes and purpose of the Whitelees Wind Farm fund.</p> <p>The guidance notes state the area within which funding may be available is a 5km diameter circle from the nearest turbine to Newton Mearns. If strictly applied, this would prohibit applications from most of the BKMCC area but include a small part of the Kirkhill ward.</p> <p>Cllr Swift advised that such a criterion has not been applied in the past because funding has been made available to projects in Barrhead.</p> <p>Jane Royston suggested additional seating at the Windfarm would be beneficial, the walking paths have very little seating for the less able.</p> <p>Jane Royston and the Chairman to submit an application to this fund.</p> <p>Cllr Swift offered to ask the Planning Department if there is a fund from the Maidenhill development available.</p> <p>The Chairperson commented that there is no community centre within our Community Council area and asked attendees whether they thought creating a hub for the local community would be possible.</p> <p>It was suggested that renovating Mearns Castle could be a possibility</p> <p>It was proposed to invite the Whitelees Wind Farm fund management to one of our meetings to give a presentation and advice about their fund.</p> <p>The Chairperson to issue invitation to Whitelees Wind Farm.</p>	<p>Jane to investigate</p> <p>Will to write to Whitelees</p>
<p>CONSULTATION: PLANNING PERFORMANCE AND FEES</p>	<p>The Chairperson and Ron Gimby have completed the Scottish Government's consultation Planning Performance and Fees. The BKMCC is pressing for greater communication between local communities, Scottish Water and SEPA, at an early stage in the planning process in order to avoid costly mistakes. The Chairperson displayed the response acknowledgement – Response ID: ANON-BJ8K-JHMF-M – which he had received on Saturday</p>	



	<p>February 8th upon submission of the BKMCC's response.</p> <p>Under the present regulations, Scottish Water is only consulted about drainage after outline planning has been approved. The BKMCC would like the planning regulations to be changed so that Scottish Water is involved at an earlier stage, which would avoid developers installing inadequate SUDS systems which may not be adopted if Scottish Water considers the drainage system to be unsuitable.</p> <p>A member of the public enquired if there were any instances of SUDS not being adopted by Scottish Water.</p> <p>Janet advised that she understand the Queens Gate development has not yet been adopted.</p> <p>Doug Pitt advised that, at the meeting with Scottish Water, they made it clear that there are places where they have not adopted drainage systems.</p> <p>It was suggested to submit an FOI to Scottish Water for information about unadopted drainage on new developments.</p> <p>BKMCC to chase this up.</p>	
<p>THE SCOTTISH CIVIC TRUSE: MY PLACE AWARDS 2020</p>	<p>The Chairperson wrote to the Head Teachers at Calderwood Lodge, St. Clare's, and Maidenhill Primary schools to enquire if they would be interested in their school being put forward for a 'My Place Award 2020'</p> <p>Unfortunately, ERC advised that applications had to relate to buildings erected and organised by a Community Group that was responsible for erection of a building. Because ERC are responsible for the erection of the schools any submissions by BKMCC would be ineligible.</p> <p>We were unable to submit.</p>	
<p>GREENSPACE SCOTLAND:TESCO BAGS OF HELP</p>	<p>Applications are accepted from community groups, schools and not for profit organisations for funding towards the development of activities in outdoor spaces such as allotments, community gardens and parks.</p> <p>The Chairperson suggested the BKMCC should apply to Tesco for 2 defibrillators for our local community area.</p>	
<p>FLOODING</p>	<p>Langrig Road flooding SEPA reference number LFRID/7962 reporting flooding Langrig Road 12th February 2020</p> <p>Janet Olverman wrote to ERC and SEPA complaining about the flooding of the footpath along Langrig Road caused by run off from the Maidenhill development. This path is the main foot and cycle path linking Mearns Kirk to the Ayr Road bus routes and shops.</p>	



	<p>A response was received from ERC on 13th February advising that they had consulted with the developers and plans are being prepared to form a permanent solution to this problem. Temporary measures had been put in place to reduce flooding of the affected gardens and properties. The plans are due to be approved in the week commencing 16th February and providing approval is granted, work will be starting in March.</p> <p>Rob Jones advised he has complained to SEPA 14 times about the heavy silting of the Shaw Linn burn, caused by uncontrolled run off from the Maidenhill site. SEPA said the latest incident is down to the recent Storms.</p> <p>SUDS at Aldton Court Following concerns raised by the Residents of Aldton Court about whether or not the SUDS would be vested by Scottish Water, Doug Pitt and the Chairperson visited the SUDS site and have been in touch with Scottish Water to enquire whether the SUDS will be vested.</p> <p>Scottish Water have advised that the application has been passed to their Vesting Committee and it will be viewed shortly.</p> <p>BKMCC were asked if there would be any value in sending a FOI to Scottish Water to see if there are developments which they have not vested the SUDS/drainage.</p> <p>Until such time as the SUDS is adopted by Scottish Water the repairs etc. will be the responsibility of the developers under a two year guarantee period. If the drainage system is not vested by Scottish Water then the cost of repairs may fall to the residents of a development.</p>	
<p>WIN A CO-OP CREW TO HELP YOU CLEAN UP YOUR COMMUNITY</p>	<p>Margaret Hinchliffe offered to submit an application to the Co-op to assist with organising a litter pick in Broom Park. It was suggested to arrange this for a date in April.</p>	<p>Margaret Hinchliffe to organise application to Co-op</p>
<p>PLANNING APPLICATIONS</p>	<p>Application 2020-0051-TP Erection of Care home and assisted living accommodation, next to the Eastwood Health Centre on the old Williamwood School playing fields.</p> <p>Although not located within our Community Council area, it was felt that because access to this site is going to be via Drumby Crescent, this will impact members of our community accessing the Health Centre, where parking is already a nightmare.</p> <p>BKMCC is planning to submit an objection</p>	



<p>NATIONAL PLANNING FRAMEWORK</p>	<p>The Chairperson and Ron Gimby are going to discuss proposals.</p>	
<p>VE DAY ATTENDANCE 8TH MAY</p>	<p>The commemorations for VE DAY 75 want to emphasise the role of women during the dark days of WWII. The plans include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Piping of Battle’s O’er & VE 75 years • The Nation’s Toast to the Heroes of WWII • The Cry for Peace Around the World • Churches and Cathedrals Ring Out for Peace • Street parties and celebrations • Services of Commemoration and celebration <p>The BKMCC has been asked if they wish to consider arranging a local social event. Planned events can be registered at www.veday75.org no later than 30th April 2020 Proposals/ideas will be discussed at the next BKMCC meeting in March.</p>	
<p>ANY OTHER BUSINESS</p>	<p>Widening of Footpath at Mearns Kirk Enquiry was made about the status of the Compulsory Purchase to widen the footpath at Mearns Kirk between the Mearns Kirk entrance and the nursery. The pavement is far too narrow.</p> <p>Janet Olverman asked if there were any plans to repair the side of the road between Mearns Kirk entrance and the Mearns Kirk Roundabout. Puddles form along this stretch of road in heavy rain and because the pavement is narrow and the road is narrow, pedestrians are often soaked by passing vehicles. There is also a pothole which frequently appears and has been patched up many times. Cllr Swift offered to make enquiries.</p> <p>Jane Royston enquired if there are plans to challenge MacTaggart and Mickel with repairing this road after they have finished their development, because the heavy traffic is causing this road to break up.</p> <p>Cllr Swift advised that ERC roads department are hopefully going to fix this next year, along with Sandringham Avenue.</p> <p>School Catchment areas Enquiry was made about the possibility of changing school catchment areas, there is a rumour that pupils will be bussed from Mearns Kirk to Barrhead High. Cllr Swift stated that Mearns Castle has enough capacity so this will not happen.</p> <p>Mearns Kirk Co-op site Enquiry was made about the Co-op site at the Mearns Kirk</p>	



	<p>Roundabout – construction appears to have stopped. Cllr Swift advised that the builders have experienced a contract issue with the steel suppliers, but building work will commence again soon.</p> <p>With there being no other business the Chairperson thanked everyone for their attendance and closed the meeting.</p>	
DATE OF NEXT MEETING	Monday 16th March 7pm in Mearns Castle High School conference room	

Future meetings:

Monday 20th April 2020

Monday 18th May 2020 – AGM (Classroom)

Monday 22nd June 2020

All meetings to be held at 7pm in the Conference room (Unless otherwise stated) at Mearns Castle High School

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