



MEETING OF	Broom, Kirkhill, & Mearns Kirk, Community Council	
HELD ON	Monday 20 th January 2020 @ 7pm in Mearns Castle High School	
WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION	The Chairperson welcomed everyone to the meeting	
RECORDING OF MEMBERS PRESENT	<p>An attendance sheet was circulated.</p> <p>In attendance: Dr. William Maxwell (Chairperson), Doug Pitt, Jane Royston (Treasurer), Janet Olverman (Secretary), Steve Rutherford, Margaret Hinchliffe, Anne Lithgow</p> <p>Also Present:</p> <p>Cllr Grant (left about 7.45 pm), Cllr Bamforth (arrived at 7.50pm)</p>	
APOLOGIES	<p>Apologies were received from:</p> <p>Cllr Jim Swift, Rob Jones, Bev Brown, Ron Gimby</p>	
ITEM DISCUSSED		Action Points
APPROVAL OF MINUTE OF MEETINGS	The Minute of the BK&MCC meeting on 9 th December 2019 was approved by the committee on the proposal of Will Maxwell and seconded by Jane Royston	
MATTERS ARISING	<p>MATTERS ARISING</p> <p>Wind2 asked for suggestions for potential funding of projects from BMKCC.</p> <p>BKMCC suggested applying for funding for improvements to Shawwood Greenspace and Broom Park.</p> <p>Affordable Housing</p> <p>BKMCC have written a letter to ERC enquiring about the affordable housing element of new developments at Maidenhill (vide infra).</p> <p>LDP2</p> <p>The Chairperson confirmed that he had submitted a consultation response, (see Minutes 9th December 2019), from BKMCC on 10th December 2019.</p> <p>Tree Planting</p> <p>The Chairperson has contacted Mactaggart & Mickel to enquire about possible tree planting on the land they own behind Mearns Castle High School, but he has still only received an acknowledgement.</p> <p>Chairperson to chase McTaggart & Mickel for a response.</p> <p>Planning application by Cala Homes 2019/0741/TP</p>	



	<p>BKMCC submitted an objection to this application on 16th December 2019 following the decision to object taken in our meeting of the 9th December 2019.</p>	
<p>POLICE REPORTS</p>	<p>There having been no Police Report available in time for our meeting of 9th December, the Chairperson read out the Police Report for the period 15th November to 12th December 2019</p> <p>1. Homes being broken into</p> <p>On the afternoon of the 16th November, two houses in Raeside Avenue and Staffin Way, Newton Mearns were broken into. Two days later on the early evening of the 18th November break-ins occurred at Raeside Grove and Raeside Avenue. A member of the public alerted the Police to the latter crimes and officers attended immediately. A 45-year-old man was arrested nearby and has subsequently been charged with all four of these crimes. Following his appearance at court he was remanded in custody pending further criminal proceedings.</p> <p>Police have received a further report of an attempt to break into a home in Edenhall Court on the 25th November. No entry was gained and nothing was stolen.</p> <p>Please ensure that doors and windows of homes are secured at all times.</p> <p>About 7-25am on the 16th November property was stolen from a car in Newton Mearns after the owner left the car unlocked, with the keys in the ignition and the engine running, in order to defrost the windscreen, whilst he was within his home. Please ensure that vehicles are always locked. Criminals continue to target vehicles across the local authority area.</p> <p>Police would encourage residents to remain vigilant to suspicious persons in the area and to report incidents at the time using '101' or, in an emergency, '999'.</p> <p>2. Antisocial behaviour and disorder</p> <p>At about 2pm on 15th November, two men were issued with "tickets" for street drinking at the rear of the Broom Shops following concerns raised by a member of the public.</p> <p>Police have received reports of a number of cars in Limetree Crescent / Eaglesham Road being vandalised with a marker pen on the 20th November. These crimes remain undetected at this time.</p> <p>3. Violent crime</p> <p>No crimes of violence in public locations have been</p>	



recorded in our community council area.

4. Drug dealing and misuse

Police officers continue to carry out pro-active patrols in the BKMCC area, utilising their statutory powers of search where circumstances permit.

On the 21st November a 30-year-old man was stopped on Eaglesham Road, Newton Mearns, and found to be in possession of cannabis. On the 3rd January a 21-year-old man was stopped in Garrick Avenue and, following a search, was found in possession of cannabis.

Police Report for the BKMCC area for the period 13th December 2019 to 16th January 2020.

The Chairperson, having been informed by Cllr Bamforth, reported that crime statistics are published quarterly on the Police Scotland website and can be found at <https://www.scotland.police.uk/about-us/our-performance/> and includes, amongst other things, "Management Information" by Council area. We are grateful to Cllr Bamforth for bringing this to our attention.

1. Homes being broken into

Police received a report of an attempted break-in to a flat in Edenhall Court, Newton Mearns during daytime hours on the 11th January. Damage to the door lock was noted.

Police encourage residents to report any suspicious persons or activity at the time, via 101 or, in an emergency, via 999. Residents are encouraged to remain vigilant to suspicious persons in the area and to report incidents at the time using '101' or, in an emergency, via '999'.

2. Antisocial behaviour and disorder

Shortly before midnight on the 22nd December a wilful fire-raising occurred in Aldton Court, Newton Mearns. Two motor cars were damaged. This is the second such incident at this location over recent months. These crimes remain under investigation by CID officers.

Police have liaised with East Renfrewshire community Safety Department (wardens/CCTV) who are also providing this location with extra attention.

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 the BKMCC area, utilising their statutory powers of search where circumstances permit their use.



Officers carrying out proactive patrols in Alloway Drive on the 17th December apprehended a 35-year-old man who, following a search under the MDA, was found to be in possession of 2 reefer cigarettes.

On the 20th December a 17-year-old man was found to be in possession of cannabis in Broomvale Drive, Newton Mearns.

Comments from the floor

Following the recent arson attacks at Aldton Court, Cllr Swift was going to request installation of a mobile CCTV camera at the entrance to Aldton Court. This camera has been delivered by not yet installed.

On January 15th Janet Olverman wrote to Sgt. Morgenthaler asking for an update upon these crimes. She received a response advising that:

'These crimes remain under investigation by CID officers. Complainers in the case have been provided with ongoing updates.

We have liaised with East Renfrewshire community Safety Department (wardens/CCTV) who are also providing this location with extra attention.'

One of the residents commented that the street lighting is insufficient and asked the council to look at installing more lighting.

BKMCC to write to ERC Roads Department to request improved street lighting at Alton Court.

Residents are very concerned that this location appears to have been targeted twice in two months. 4 cars have been written off and they were situated very close to the flats. If their fuel tanks had ignited the damage would have been considerable.

Residents have been advised by Fire Scotland.

Police Security have also been out to speak to residents and both suggested the lighting is inadequate.

Cllr Barbara Grant offered to contact police to see if extra patrols could be provided for this area, and ask for updated information to be provide to the Community Council.

The Chairperson suggested BKMCC write to the police asking for information about similar instances and write to the roads department asking for extra lighting for the area.

Residents feel the response of the authorities has been inadequate.

Jane Royston suggested writing to the police and ask them

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And write to Police asking for information about similar instances



	<p>to attend our next meeting. However, it was pointed out that the Police are unable to attend CC meetings on either a Monday or Friday.</p> <p>We would encourage local residents to report any suspicious activity via 101, or in an emergency, via 999.</p>	
<p>REPORT OF FULL COUNCIL MEETING ERC 18TH DECEMBER 2019</p>	<p>The Chairperson reported:</p> <p>There were 13 Items on the Agenda (eastrenfrewshire.gov.uk) of these the following are of our particular interest:</p> <p>Item 10 Changes to Council's Organisational Structure pp 103-112</p> <p>Item 11 Eastwood Leisure Centre and Masterplan pp 113-152</p> <p>Item 12 East Renfrewshire Council (Williamwood and south Giffnock (on street waiting and loading) Order 2020 pp153-172</p> <p>Changes to the organisational structure of East Renfrewshire Council – p102- 112</p> <p>The purpose of this report is to seek Council approval for a proposed restructure of Head of Service management structure within both the Environment Department and the Health and Social Care Partnership (HSCP).</p> <p>There are currently two Heads of Service in the Environment Department:</p> <p>Head of Environment (Strategic Services) and Head of Environment (Operations)</p> <p>The Planning (Scotland) Act 2019 includes an additional 49 planning related duties on local authorities. This requires the appointment of a Chief Planning Officer, and the Transport (Scotland) Act 2019 which includes bus regulation, low emissions zones, pavement parking, double parking and a range of other issues, will have substantial resource implications for ERC.</p> <p>ERC proposes the appointment of a Chief Planning Officer within the Department of Environment and a Head of Specialist and Intensive Services within HSPC. It is proposed to appoint these two additional personnel in order to address the additional workload being imposed by the Scottish Government's new plans.</p> <p>The Chairperson advised that a copy of the full agenda of the Full Council meeting of 18th December 2019 and further information is available on the ERC website.</p> <p>Anne enquired about the development of Eastwood park. There have been rumours that there is a proposal to turn the allotments into car parking.</p>	



The allotments are within a walled garden, and lots of work has been done to improve this area. It will be a shame to concrete over them.

EASTWOOD LEISURE CENTRE AND EASTWOOD PARK MASTERPLAN

The purpose of the report is to advise upon the current position with regard to the development of an Eastwood Park Masterplan and the delivery of an Eastwood Park Leisure centre and theatre.

It is recommended that the Council

- (1) notes the current position;
- (2) approves the proposal to establish a joint member/officer working group with elected member representation from the Leisure Trust.; and
- (3) nominates elected member representatives to the joint member/officer working group.

The BKMCC was advised that Cllr. Grant will be appointed to the new committee.

There are basically three options for redevelopment of Eastwood park.

The first option is to demolish the old recreation centre and build a completely new one on ground between the present recreation centre and Eastwood house, which will contain a new swimming pool, enlarged gymnasium and theatre. Demolition of the present recreation centre will follow and the area will be landscaped to form a new Public Events Facility.

The second is to build a new centre, demolish the old centre and demolish the present Council Offices replacing them with a ground level car park.

The third is to build a new centre, demolish the old centre and install an improved parking facility on the site of the demolished old council offices.

St Ninian's High School will remain and will not be extended. ERC is planning to build a brand new denominational school on a different site, scheduled for completion by 2029.

BKMCC feel more parking and improved access for school drop off will be necessary.

No decision has been made about the structure of the proposed Leisure Centre and it is up to us to make the current considerations more widely known.

BKMCC could produce a newsletter informing residents of



	<p>the proposals.</p> <p>Will there be any opportunity for residents/users of the new Leisure Centre to influence the detailed design? For example, information for changes in number of parking spaces, improved changing facilities, expansion of the gymnasium?</p> <p>We are extremely glad to note that a suggestion to possibly build the new leisure centre at either Broom Park or Shawwood Greenspace has been reversed.</p> <p>The BKMCC would like to congratulate Cllr Swift upon his efforts on behalf of residents close to Shawwood and Broom Park.</p> <p>AGENDA ITEM 12</p> <p>THE EAST RENFREWSHIRE COUNCIL (WILLIAMWOOD & SOUTH GIFFNOCK) (ONSTREET) (WAITING AND LOADING) ORDER 2020</p> <p>This will not affect our CC area directly.</p> <p>The Council introduced Decriminalised Parking Enforcement (DPE) in April 2013 and became the Parking Authority for East Renfrewshire.</p> <p>The changes are listed on page 157 and 158 of the ancillary papers for this Council Meeting.</p>	
<p>TREE PLANTING</p>	<p>BKMCC had a very constructive meeting with Mark Brand (Planning) on December 19th 2019 at Broom Park. ERC is keen for tree planting to progress as a means of reducing the risk of local flooding.</p> <p>The Chairperson has written letters to the following Head Teachers:</p> <p>Dean Smith Esq, Headmaster Mearns Castle High School, Ms Lis Edmonstone , Head Teacher Kirkhill Primary School, and Ms Anne Marie Absolom , St Clare’s Primary</p> <p>The agreed letter was sent on Monday 30th December 2019</p> <p>We received an acknowledgment of receipt from Dean Smith and Lis Edmonstone on Monday 6th January 2020.</p> <p>It was noted and agreed that a letter should also have been sent to the head teacher of Calderwood Lodge.</p> <p>The Chairperson has been in contact with Paul Donnelly, Depute Head Teacher at MCHS who is very enthusiastic about our application, and would hope to involve three groups of pupils.</p> <p>We plan to make an application shortly and saplings will be provided directly to the school.</p>	



Cllr Grant commented that climate change is going to be very much at the forefront for each department. Planting could be suggested in the unmown areas around Broom Burn.

The Chairperson advised that the BKMCC is planning to issue a questionnaire to local residents asking for their thoughts on various planting options.

The Chairperson had contacted the Woodland Trust on 7th January and received a response on 9th January 2020.

The Woodland Trust provides Free Community Tree Packs of Saplings to schools and community groups to plant on public/communal land, or private land with clear permission from the landowner

Tree packs come in four sizes:

1. urban (15 saplings)
2. small (30 saplings)
3. medium (105 saplings for a hedge or copse)
4. large (420 saplings for about 1 acre)

They are now taking applications for November 2020 delivery

An alternative contract is MORE Woods, however we would need to plant at least 0.5ha and be willing to plant between 1000 and 1600 trees.

Enquiry was made about protection for young trees.

The Chairperson advised that East Renfrewshire Council will provide protective sheaths.

The Chairperson suggested approaching the windfarm companies and asking for money to purchase larger saplings. BKMCC can approach them to ask.

The Chairperson advised that up to £20,000 has been provided for public use by developers of the Bowling Green on Ayr Road, Mactaggart and Mickel.

Questionnaire

The Chairperson had earlier distributed a suggested questionnaire and asked for suggestions for improvement.

It was agreed that the questionnaire should be distributed. Jane Royston offered to arrange printing of the questionnaire and Doug Pitt offered to assist with the distribution.

A copy of the Windfarm application form has been forwarded to the BKMCC email address.

Janet to forward to The Chairperson.



	<p>The Chairperson agreed to chase Mctaggart and Mickel for a response to his previous letter.</p>	
<p>AFFORDABLE HOUSING AT MAIDENHILL</p>	<p>The BKMCC asked The Chairperson and Ron Gimby to write to Mr. Cahill, Director of Environment at ERC. On 16th December 2019, a letter was sent to the Director of Environment</p> <p>We received a detailed response from Gillian Carney on the 20th December.</p> <p>Three out of four sites have planning permission and include 25% affordable housing.</p> <p>Barratt David Wilson (Malletsheugh Farm) has provided 42 affordable homes run by Sanctuary Housing Association.</p> <p>Mactaggart & Mickel (Malletsheugh and Hunter Drive) have provision for 28 affordable housing units run by Link Housing Association.</p> <p>The Taylor Wimpey (Maidenhill) development has allowed 20% of units for council social rented new build accommodation. The remaining 5% will be delivered as low cost entry level housing provided by the developer.</p> <p>CALA Homes, (Maidenhill) have secured three areas of serviced land and envisage these will be Developed as Council New Build Housing.</p> <p>Further information on ER Council’s affordable housing policy is available at https://www.eastrenfrewshire.gov.uk/spg</p> <p>Jane asked if the right to buy council housing is still in force? This is a question for ERC.</p>	
<p>EAST RENFREWSHIRE TRAVEL CONSULTATION</p>	<p>The Chairperson confirmed that he had submitted a response to the ERC Travel Consultation on behalf of the BKMCC as approved at our meeting on 18th November 2019.</p>	
<p>MEETING WITH SCOTTISH WATER 6TH JANUARY 2020 - UPDATE</p>	<p>The Chairperson reported that some progress has been made with mitigation of sewer flooding in Poplar Avenue and Dunbeath Avenue.</p> <p>It is pleasing to note that Greenlaw Road has moved into Scottish Water’s top 400 sites for attention.</p> <p>Internal sewage flooding in Larchfield Avenue has been resolved by removal of a choke by Scottish Water.</p> <p>Flooding from the SUDS basins, reported in December, at Maidenhill has been addressed by Scottish Water and CALA</p>	



homes. BKMCC are encouraged to inform SEPA of silting occurrences.

Mark McEwan of Scottish Water, has authorised the release of sewer calculations for the Maidenhill developments.

SEPA has taken action to discuss Flood Risk Management with ERC.

Scottish Water has confirmed that there has been increased flooding over the past three years due to climate change.

Another hotspot for flooding to look out for is Crookfur Road, which is prone to flooding where houses have been sited lower than the road.

Anyone who experiences flooding must contact both Scottish Water and SEPA and make a note of the reference numbers provided by them. Otherwise nothing can be resolved.

It was interesting for residents to note that, if Scottish Water carry out mitigation works in flooding hotspots, they will issue documentation to confirm that a flood risk has been eliminated. This can positively affect insurance rates and resale values.

Aldton Park and Castle Grove SUDS

A member of public enquired if the SUDS in Aldton Park and Castle Grove will be adopted by Scottish Water. After meeting between the factor and the residents, the latter were advised that the SUDS may not be adopted. This is because the SUDS may be deemed unsuitable for purpose and thus not adopted by Scottish Water. Such a situation has arisen on a number of occasions with regard to several local developments in this area.

The Chairperson explained that if the SUDS does not meet Scottish Water's standards, they may not be adopted at all.

The residents are all extremely concerned that this will impact housing values and, potentially, increase the size of fees payable to the factor to a significant extent.

Cllr Bamforth emphasised that ERC would not adopt anything unless it is up to standard.

The original agreement was that ERC take on the park area and Scottish Water adopt the SUDS.

Cllr Bamforth advised that only after planning permission has been approved will Scottish water negotiate with the developer about sewerage/drainage.

BKMCC would like to see some collaborative effort between

Doug Pitt to raise issue non adoption of SUDS with Scottish Water



	<p>SEPA, Scottish water and ERC.</p> <p>On behalf of the residents of Aldton Court and Castle Grove, Doug Pitt offered to take responsibility for this issue (the non-adoption of SUDS) and raise it with Scottish Water.</p> <p>The way forward is for BMKCC to get in touch with Scottish Water in order to establish the position, which will enable us to take residents' concerns to Mactaggart and Mickel.</p> <p>When Mactaggart and Mickel leave the site, the SUDS will become the residents' responsibility until it is adopted by Scottish Water and remain their responsibility if the SUDS remain un-adopted.</p> <p>Doug Pitt advised that the Newton Mearns Flood Group and BKMCC have established a good rapport with both Scottish Water and SEPA and have attended some fruitful meetings.</p> <p>Both organisations appear to be very open to providing information to both groups.</p> <p>Suggestion was made that BKMCC ask for information from Scottish Water as to what is required from Mactaggart and Mickel in order for the SUDS to be adopted.</p>	<p>BKMCC to ask SW for information about SUDS adoption in Aldton Court/ Castle Grove</p>
<p>PLANNING PERFORMANCE FEES</p>	<p>The Chairperson agreed to ask Ron Gimby for his assistance with reviewing this matter.</p> <p>Doug Pitt and Jane Royston offered to read the documentation as well.</p>	
<p>SCOTTISH CIVIC TRUST</p>	<p>My Place awards 2020. BKMCC suggested we should put the joint school campus St. Clare's and Calderwood Lodge, and Maidenhill Primary schools forward for this award.</p>	
<p>GET GLASGOW MOVING</p>	<p>The Chairperson advised that on the 29th January a petition 'Take back our buses' will be handed in to City Chambers. There will be an AGM and public meeting on Public Transport Sat 1st February at Unison 84 Bell Street.</p>	
<p>QUESTIONS FROM THE FLOOR</p>	<p>Post Office Facilities Doug Pitt enquired if there had been any response to our complaint about lack of post office facilities.</p> <p>Cllr Bamforth advised, unfortunately, there has been no advance in the provision of local post office facilities. Commercially it is very difficult to obtain staff because the post office do not pay well. Businesses, like McCalls, for example, cannot make it pay. The only post office currently available within Newton Mearns is at 194 Harvie Avenue G77 6UT, the Post Office Crookfur.</p> <p>It was noted that Thornliebank post office still handles</p>	



	<p>passports and driving licence applications.</p> <p>Aldton Court Security Cllr Bamforth advised she has spoken to the police who have provided extra police patrols at night time along with extra council wardens. They are installing a CCTV camera but there is an issue with the fixing bolts. They are also trying to stop nursing home staff from parking outside the residents' flats. Residents are placing cones out themselves.</p> <p>Cllr Bamforth offered to phone the police again tomorrow (January 21st) to chase resolution of the CCTV camera.</p> <p>The care home CCTV picked up the arson act but the images are not clear enough to provide a conviction.</p>	
ANY OTHER BUSINESS	There was no other competent business	
DATE OF NEXT MEETINGS	Monday 17 th February 2020 at 7pm at Mearns Castle High School.	

Dates for BK&MCC meetings are:

Monday 17th February 2020

Monday 16th March 2020

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