

AGM 20th May 2019



AGM OF	Broom, Kirkhill, & Mearns Kirk, Community Council	
HELD ON	Monday 20 th May 2019 @ 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: Will Maxwell (Chairperson), Doug Pitt (Vice Chairperson), Jane Royston (Treasurer), Janet Olverman (Secretary), Robert Jones, Ron Gimby, Zhada Robertson, Bev Brown</p> <p>Also present:</p> <p>Cllr Barbara Grant</p>	
APOLOGIES	<p>Cllr Jim Swift,</p> <p>Cllr Caroline Bamforth</p>	
ITEM DISCUSSED		Action Points
MINUTE OF PREVIOUS MEETING:	<p>The Minute of the Meeting 18th March 2019 had been updated to reflect Cllr Bamforth's comments and re-circulated to CC members. The Minute was approved on the proposal of Janet Olverman and seconded by Jane Royston.</p> <p>The Minute of the meeting 15th April 2019 was approved on the proposal of Will Maxwell and seconded by Ron Gimby</p>	
MATTERS ARISING	There were no matters arising.	
PRESENTATION BY ERC YOUTH FORUM	<p>The Chairperson introduced members of the ERC Youth Forum and invited them to give their presentation.</p> <p>The ERC Youth Forum are a group of young people aged 12 – 25, who meet on a weekly basis on Tuesday from 6.30 – 8.30pm, alternating between the Edge in Newton Mearns and The Market Place in Barrhead.</p> <p>Their Aims are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To represent young people in East Renfrewshire. • To interact with all members of the community • To make a positive difference in the community • To stand up for the rights of young people <p>Their Ambitions and Activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To be more active in all communities within East Renfrewshire. 	

- To take part and organise community events and activities.
- Influence schools and councillors, for example PSHE (Personal, Social and Health Education) in schools.

They introduced Don MacLean, MSYP (Member of the Scottish Youth Parliament) who represents Eastwood in collaboration with Jack Dudgeon.

Our MYSPs take the views of young people to the Scottish Youth Parliament (SYP).

The SYP is a rights-based organisation, and their mission and values are based on the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC)

One of their campaigns this year is to 'improve young people's experience of public transport in Scotland'. Focussing on

- Reducing fares: for young people up to the age of 26
- Accessibility: and
- Bus standards:

Questions from the BK&MCC

Doug Pitt enquired how does the youth parliament operate?

They meet regularly and form committees for various aspects, e.g. Education, transport etc.

They can create and present a motion to the Youth Parliament who discuss and vote upon a motion.

Young people can join from the age of 14 years.

Young people are asked to vote for their favourite candidates. Approximately 1200 young people in East Renfrewshire voted although there is considerable room for improvement. Overall, in Scotland more than 80,000 young people voted at the last election. The capability of young people voting depends upon schools allowing a polling station to be set up at a school. It is noted that, unfortunately, some schools do not allow such a facility.

The SYP has a lot of interaction with the Scottish Parliament.

The youth parliament receives funding from various sources and are an independent organisation that is not affiliated to any political party.

Their biggest campaign has been putting the 'Rights of a child' into legislation.

They are most passionate about improving Mental Health

	<p>Services in East Renfrewshire.</p> <p>Members are elected for 2 years, with a total of 170 throughout Scotland.</p> <p>It is difficult to reach out to the older range of young people because there are no Colleges situated within East Renfrewshire.</p> <p>They depend upon schools permitting them to present to pupils in order to engage youngsters.</p> <p>The Chairperson thanked them for their attendance and informative presentation.</p>	
<p>POLICE REPORT</p>	<p>The Chairperson read out the Police Report for the Broom, Kirkhill & Mearns Kirk Community Council area for the period 11th April to 15th May 2019.</p> <p>1. Homes being broken into</p> <p>During the early afternoon of the 13th April a house in Kirklands Drive, Newton Mearns, was broken into although security measures in place prevented the theft of any property. Enquiries are ongoing into this crime.</p> <p>Overnight on the 23rd into 24th April an attempt was made to force entry to a house on Hazelwood Avenue, Newton Mearns. Entry was not obtained.</p> <p>2. Antisocial behaviour and disorder</p> <p>About 8pm on the 22nd April, a 25 year old man was arrested in the Newton Mearns area having been detained by a number of members of the public. He was detained in custody to appear at court having been charged with a number of alleged offences, including driving whilst disqualified.</p> <p>Three crimes of vandalism have been recorded. About 5pm on the 21st April, the window of a dwelling house in Beech Crescent was smashed. On the evening of the 3rd May, a number of flower pots in a garden on Ayr Road were vandalised. It is further reported that sometime during the morning/early afternoon of the 9th May, a parked car in Mearnswood Lane, was deliberately scratched.</p> <p>3. Violent crime</p> <p>About 7-30pm on the 13th April, an incident involving teenage youths occurred near Waterfoot Road. During this a 15 year old male sustained a knife wound to his arm. His injury was not life threatening and CID officers continue to make enquiries into this crime.</p> <p>Officers are investigating a report of 3 boys of primary school age having been assaulted in Broomburn Park on the afternoon of the 5th May, by another child, described</p>	<p>Janet to send copy of report to Vincent</p>

as being around 12 years of age.

4. Drug dealing and misuse

No drugs offences have been detected in our community council area during the period under review.

5. Vehicle Crime

On the 17th April, a trailer parked in a lay-by on Waterfoot Road, was stolen. The loss remains outstanding at this time.

CRIME PREVENTION

Please ensure that vehicles are locked. Works vans continue to be targeted across East Renfrewshire and owners are encouraged to consider additional security measures to protect tools and equipment within.

Cyber Crime

The Police continue to receive reports of "Cyber Fraud" carried out by criminals who contact potential victims by telephone and/or computer.

For further information to help you protect yourself and other people you know who may be vulnerable to this type of criminality, there is a lot of useful information on the Police Scotland web site at:

<https://www.scotland.police.uk/keep-safe/personal-safety/identity-theft-fraud-and-scams>

and

<https://www.scotland.police.uk/keep-safe/personal-safety/the-banking-protocol>

Whilst crime levels in our area remain very low, the Police advise the importance of reviewing security measures and giving consideration to installing such things as CCTV and intruder alarms, which may be purchased and installed at relatively low cost.

Questions from the floor

A member of the public enquired why there was no mention of the stabbing outside St Cadocs Primary School, but it was noted that this location does not fall within our CC area so won't be contained in our Police Report.

Bev Brown informed the meeting that there had been a break in at Broomburn Wines on Friday 17th May, cigarettes and cider were stolen!

Please report any suspicious persons or activity via 101, or in an emergency, by dialling 999.

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<p>MINUTES OF AGM 17TH MAY 2018</p>	<p>The minute of the BK&MCC AGM 17th May 2018 were approved on the proposal of Will Maxwell and seconded by Bev Brown</p>	
<p>CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT</p>	<p>The Chairperson presented a report upon the activities of the Broom Kirkhill & Mearns Kirk Community Council throughout the year.</p> <p>The meeting day had been changed to the third Monday of the month to allow more CC members and Councillors to attend. However, the Police are unable to attend meetings on a Monday to deliver the monthly crime report for our area. It was noted that crime remains low in our area.</p> <p>The Chairperson reported that East Renfrewshire Council still has not enacted the Flood Risk Management Act Scotland (2009). BK&MCC have worked with the Newton Mearns Flood Group to encourage ERC's compliance with this act. ERC have now postponed consideration of this until 2021.</p> <p>The BK&MCC are now affiliated with the Scottish Flood Forum. We receive warnings about flooding events by email and text.</p> <p>September 2018 The Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson attended a meeting on September 10th with members of the Scottish Government, the Newton Mearns Flood Group, Scottish Water and SEPA. The meeting was held at Victoria Quay, Leith. It was disappointing that no one was available from ERC to attend this meeting.</p> <p>This meeting resulted in encouraging discussions and Scottish Water have been helpful. Unfortunately, communication between Scottish water and ERC has been non-existent. Primarily because ERC does not employ a Flood Prevention Officer.</p> <p>It was noted that in the event of sewage flooding, Scottish Water do come out to clear sewage off the streets and pavements, however this is technically ERC's job. Scottish Water is only legally required to clear sewage when there is Internal Flooding.</p> <p>Submission to SPSO The BK&MCC submitted a complaint to the SPSO (Scottish Ombudsmen's office) about procedures regarding planning permission for the Maidenhill development on September 14th 2018. Unfortunately, the SPSO did not uphold the complaint.</p>	

October 2018

BK&MCC joined Protect East Renfrewshire Parks and open spaces organisation

November 2018

The meeting in November included a presentation by Russell McMillan, East Renfrewshire Good Causes. We would like to strengthen our collaboration with him.

The issue of the development of a new recreation centre to be built in Shawwood Greenspace or Broomburn park arose and on 4th November The BK&MCC attended a meeting organised by the Save Shawwood Greenspace group.

The Chairperson advised that this proposal was in fact only a recommendation by the assessors appointed by ERC and was not a suggestion put forward by the council.

Some information was taken out of context by some individuals and created the impression that Shawwood was the preferred option.

ERC have refused to accept the above recommendation. They have decided to commission another assessment report with their preferred option being to retain the centre at Eastwood Park.

The BK&MCC attended a Community Council conference at Eastwood House on 28th Nov.

The Chairperson reported that the Biogas plant plans were approved but work on this site not yet commenced. Although it is noted that the access road at Greenhags recycling plant has been upgraded.

December 2018

The December meeting saw a presentation by Glasgow City Deal, Anne McAleer who advised as a result of this funding:

- The Greenlaw business park is nearly finished.
- There is a planned improvement of Aurs Road, to straighten the road and create a visitor centre and wakeboarding park.
- New railway station at Auchenbach
- A proposed new Lavern Valley Link Road

Blasting at Maidenhill

BK&MCC wrote a letter of complaint to ERC about the lack of warning about blasting at the Maidenhill development and received a response that the developers did not have to inform residents about blasting so ERC could do nothing about it.

January 2019

BK&MCC submitted a response to Strathclyde Regional Transport Strategy requesting more reliable buses

ERC announced tightened guidelines for the Greenhags dump to stop outsiders using the facility.

February 2019

In pursuance of complaints of lack of warning of blasting at the Maidenhill development, BK&MCC wrote to the Health and Safety Executive seeking advice about said blasting and received the response that there is no legal requirement for the developers to inform residents of the planned explosions.

March 2019

BK&MCC organised a Fundraising Ceilidh raising £1200 for Newton Mearns First Responders.

BK&MCC organised a litter pick at Broomburn Park and collected over 12 full black bin bags of rubbish in just 1 hour!

BK&MCC gave an outline of East Renfrewshire Council Budget 2019-2020

BKMCC attended ERC Workshop on Travel Behaviour – Regional Transport Strategy (RTS)

April 2019

Cllr Buchannan addressed our meeting – answering questions from various community councils.

Due to increased pressure from BK&MCC and the Newton Mearns Flood Group, the ERC Planning Committee agreed to publish all material relating to planning applications electronically, including objections.

BK&MCC organised a litter pick at Shawwood Greenspace and collected an incredible amount of rubbish including a kitchen sink!

Questions from the floor

There was some discussion about pollution from overdevelopment and the associated increase in lung problems. This should be an issue when protesting about developing on greenspaces.

Eastwood Golf Club

It was noted that the Eastwood Golf Club went into liquidation last week which could open up this area for development.

	<p>Broom Park The Chairperson suggested campaigning to improve the top of Broom park by planting trees and improving the drainage.</p> <p>A member of the public mentioned that there is a national campaign to plant more trees at the moment we could make our pitch in this light.</p> <p>John Shelton was mentioned as a contact for sourcing trees, also the Woodland trust.</p> <p>Castle Grove A member of the public expressed frustration with McTaggart & Mickle, who own the land at the Castle Grove development. The residents have tried to persuade M&M to improve the area, which was supposed to be a wildlife meadow, but is still lying waste.</p> <p>LDP2 (Local Development Plan 2) Ron Gimby mentioned that the next LDP is due to be published soon and Cllr Buchannan stated that none of the green spaces would be included for housing within this plan.</p>																	
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	<p>Whitecraigs Tennis Club, Slaters Menswear, Spa packages from Stobo Castle and MacDonald Inchyra Hotel, John Amabile Design, Signed Rangers Football, Silk scarf by Emma Greenhill, Hairdressing salons Taylor Ferguson Glasgow & Rainbow Room Clarkston, Original artwork by Lollybespoke, Hive (smart package), Isle of Skye Brewery Company.</p> <p>There were a number of donations made by members of the public which included bottles of wine toiletries etc.</p> <p>A special thank you should be made to Whitecraigs Rugby club who provided the venue at no extra cost.</p> <p>Bev Brown thanked the BK&MCC on behalf of the Newton Mearns First Responders for their assistance with organising the fundraising Ceilidh.</p> <p>The Chairperson proposed the accounts and they were seconded by Doug Pitt and approved by the committee.</p>	
<p>SECRETARY'S REPORT</p>	<p>As Secretary Janet Olverman has taken and prepared the minutes for the meetings of the BK&MCC throughout the last session.</p> <p>The Secretary monitors the BK&MCC email inbox and forwards any relevant information to the CC members</p> <p>The Secretary receives the weekly planning list and distributes these to the Planning sub group for comments and action as necessary.</p> <p>The Secretary attended two Community Council Networking events and the Planning Democracy Conference on 11th May. There will be a report about this at our next meeting in June.</p> <p>The Secretary assisted with the organisation of the Fundraising Ceilidh and organised three Litter Picks in our local parks and Greenspaces – Broomburn Park; Shawwood Greenspace and First, Second and Third Woods (2nd June)</p> <p>Membership</p> <p>The Secretary announced that unfortunately membership has been steadily declining, with the resignation of Gordon Muirhead.</p> <p>The Secretary was pleased to announce that Andrew Kidd has agreed to join the CC but unfortunately cannot be present this evening (in London).</p> <p>Our main challenge is going to be attracting new members in order for the BK&MCC to continue, and hope that the forthcoming Community Council Elections in August will give us the opportunity to canvass and attract new members.</p>	

	<p>Community Council Elections If anyone wishes to join the BK&MCC please contact the Secretary at bkandmcc@gmail.com for a nomination form. These should be completed and return to the Secretary who will collate them and send to Vincent McCulloch before the end of August.</p> <p>We really need new members in order to assist the remaining Community Councillors. How do we advertise and encourage new members to join?</p>	
<p>DISSOLUTION OF BK&MCC AND RELECTION OF OFFICEBEARERS</p>	<p>In light of the imminent Community Council elections, the Chairperson suggested that the existing officers stand until the Community Council elections in August when the BK&MCC will be dissolved. Once the new CC is elected they can be responsible for electing the new Office Bearers.</p> <p>The BK&MCC agreed unanimously with this motion.</p>	
<p>ANY OTHER BUSINESS</p>	<p>Litter Pick The BK&MCC have organised a Litter Pick at First, Second and Third Woods on Sunday 2nd June 12 – 1pm. Meeting outside 24 Hazelwood Avenue at 11.50am. Pickers and black bags will be provided but please bring your own gloves.</p> <p>Litter bins - Broom Park Bev Brown commented the litter bins on the railings behind Mearns Castle High School have been removed and would like them to be reinstated.</p> <p>Defibrillators Further to the receipt of funding for a possible 3 public defibrillators Bev Brown asked for suggestions for suitable sites.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Broom shops 2. Ayr road shops – suggestion of an empty telephone box which may be used. 3. and one other. <p>The Chairperson suggested that the BK&MCC formally write to ERC with our proposed sites and asked the committee to email him with suggestions.</p> <p>A member of the public suggested that all issues should be directed through our elected councillors and chased up at the next meeting.</p>	<p>Janet to put notice on Facebook page</p>
<p>DATE OF NEXT MEETING</p>	<p>Monday 17th June at 7pm in the Conference Suite at Mearns Castle High School.</p>	

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With there being no further business the Chairperson thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting