



MEETING OF	Broom, Kirkhill, & Mearns Kirk, Community Council	
HELD ON	Monday 17 TH June 2019 @ 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: Will Maxwell (Chairperson), Doug Pitt (Vice Chairperson), Jane Royston (Treasurer), Janet Olverman (Secretary) Also present Cllr. Jim Swift	
APOLOGIES	Ron Gimby, Zhada Robertson, Robert Jones, Bev Brown Cllr Barbara Grant Cllr Caroline Bamforth	
ITEM DISCUSSED		Action Points
MINUTE OF PREVIOUS MEETING: MATTERS ARISING	<p>The Minute of the AGM Meeting 20th May 2019 was approved on the proposal of Will Maxwell and seconded by Doug Pitt.</p> <p>The Chairperson requested that AGM be added to the top of the Minute. Janet to update.</p> <p>Jane Royston commented upon the good quality of the Minute.</p> <p>Defibrillators</p> <p>The Chairperson asked Janet to issue an email to BK&MCC asking for suggestions of where to place the three defibrillators within our Community Council area.</p> <p>Two suggestions have already been made – the Broom Shops and the Ayr Road shops, but a third suggested location is required.</p>	<p>Janet to add AGM to top of Minute</p> <p>Janet to email BK&MCC for suggestion for third defibrillator location.</p>
CO-OPTION OF NEW MEMBER	Deferred to the next session.	
POLICE REPORT	<p>The Chairperson read out the Police Report for the Broom, Kirkhill & Mearns Kirk Community Council area for the period 16th May to 12th June 2019.</p> <p>1. Homes being broken into</p> <p>No reports of any homes in our community council area being broken into have been received during the period under review.</p> <p>Officers are investigating a sneak-in theft at The Church of</p>	Janet to send copy of report to Vincent



Broom, Broom Road East on the evening of 6th June.

2. Antisocial behaviour and disorder

Officers are investigating a report of youths behaving in a threatening and abusive manner towards a local resident after he challenged them regarding lighting a fire on ground near to Mearnswood Place on the evening of the 3rd June.

Only one other report of youth disorder has been received during the entire period under review in your community council area.

3. Violent crime

Officers are investigating a report of an assault of a 13year old boy in Roland Crescent, on the evening of 6th June. The suspect is another teenage boy.

4. Drug dealing and misuse

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

CRIME PREVENTION

Vehicle Crime

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.

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

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

Cyber Crime

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

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>



	<p>NEWS</p> <p>East Renfrewshire Council Roads & Transportation Department Consultation.</p> <p>Do you have concerns about road safety near schools in East Ren? Can you think of any barriers or opportunities for children and young people to get to school more actively? ERC Roads & Transportation Department have a live online consultation process at - https://erschoolsmap.commonplace.is/</p> <p>The Chairperson asked Janet to put this link onto Facebook and asked attendees to have a look at this consultation.</p> <p>Neighbourhood Watch Scotland</p> <p>Have you signed up for Neighbourhood Watch Scotland alerts yet? Alerts are now being issued on this system.</p> <p>Further information can be found at www.neighbourhoodwatchscotland.co.uk</p> <p>By signing up to this service you will receive crime prevention information relevant to both local and national issues.</p>	<p>Janet to put link on Facebook</p>
<p>PEOPLE POWERED PLANNING</p>	<p>Putting Communities on the Front Foot</p> <p>The Chairperson, Janet Olverman and Doug Pitt attended the People Powered Planning Conference in Trades Hall Glasgow, on 11th May 2019.</p> <p>This was a very well attended event, with over 100 delegates from across Scotland.</p> <p>The morning consisted of six plenary sessions: Val Crookston - Kilmacolm Resident's Association; Bill Fraser - Pollockshields Community Council; Nick Kempe - Parkswatch Scotland; Clare Symonds - New Planning Bill; Andy Inch - Sheffield University; Daya Feldwick - Planning Democracy's Community Networker.</p> <p>Luncheon was followed by an interesting speed dating session where we had the opportunity to converse with the other delegates.</p> <p>This was followed by 6 workshops of which we could attend two.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Community Empowerment Act and Asset Transfer for Communities 2. Development Plans and Appeals Process 3. Judicial Review and Environmental Impact Assessment 4. Planning at sea challenges of Scottish Marine Planning 5. Wildlife and planning 	<p>Janet to send copy of PPP report to BK&MCC</p>



6. Is Planning for Profit or People?

“Development Plans and Appeals Process”

The Chairperson attended this session

Two key changes to the current planning laws were proposed:

1. The introduction of a right of appeal for any community interest body or individual who made a representation on a planning application when the subsequent decision goes against the provisions of an up-to-date development plan.
2. The restriction of existing applicant appeal rights to cases where planning permission is refused on applications that are in line with the development plan.

Currently only applicants have a right of appeal against refusals. The above changes would provide the same rights for communities as developers and encourage developers to listen to local communities.

“Planning for people and profit”

Doug Pitt attended this workshop where the following questions were discussed.

Have Planners been able to resist neoliberalism or have they been a tool of the markets?

Is economic liberalism alive and well in local government?

Are people side-lined in the drive for development?

Community Empowerment Act and Asset Transfer for Communities

Janet Olverman attended this workshop which covered the sustainable transfer of public assets into community ownership. It highlighted the community rights provided under Part 5 of the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015 and focussed on the methodology (?) characteristics of successful asset transfer.

This gives communities the right to start a dialogue and the presumption is in favour of communities.

There is no appeals process.

Communities can buy abandoned, neglected and detrimental land and will be eligible if it is wholly or mainly abandoned or neglected. They will, however, have to produce a sustainable business plan in order to be considered.

Asset Transfer Requests

The right to request to purchase, lease or manage land and buildings belonging to a public authority.

Communities can state how they are willing to pay. Price

Bring relevant flyers and information to our next meeting.



	<p>is not always grounds for refusal. Communities can seek a review if the decision goes against them, by appealing to Scottish Ministers.</p> <p>Wildlife and Planning Janet Olverman attended this workshop.</p> <p>There was a presentation by Aedan Smith of the RSPB and Arina Nagy-Vizitiu of the Woodland Trust The RSPB can comment on planning applications and look at 2-300 cases annually. Unfortunately, nature is not always taken into account in planning decisions. The RSPB do not have the resources to look at every single planning application – they have to prioritise.</p> <p>The Woodland Trust provided a brochure giving practical guidance for planners and developers about incorporating trees into developments. Trees provide environmental benefits including reducing flooding, improving air quality, reducing noise and encouraging biodiversity</p> <p>They provided useful information about using wildlife designations in objections to developments.</p> <p>It is important to document wildlife using bat detectors, and video cameras.</p> <p>Residents can adopt trees on a site.</p> <p>ERC should produce a Biodiversity Duty Document This is legally required and covers what the council has done over the previous 3 years to protect and enhance biodiversity. Scotland is failing on Biodiversity targets.</p> <p>Jim Swift offered to enquire about ERC’s Biodiversity Duty Document.</p> <p>The planning laws are being updated and will incorporate legislation about judicial review and environment impact assessments (EIA’s). Developers and ERC try to avoid EIA’s because they are very costly.</p> <p>Janet to send copy of the Planning Democracy report to the BK&MCC</p>	
<p>PLANNING APPLICATIONS</p>	<p>Objection to PA 2018/0791/TP Erection of 43 dwelling houses and 15 flats Robertson homes have submitted a planning application for more houses on Maidenhill West, West of Malletsheugh. The BK&MCC have submitted an objection because the developers are proposing to drain the site through the wrong watercourse.</p>	

<p>COMMUNITY COUNCIL ELECTIONS</p>	<p>August 2019 – Publicity The BK&MCC are keen to publicise the elections as much as possible. Jim Swift offered to enquire about how ERC are planning to publicise these elections; eg bin stickers, newspaper adverts, leaflet printing; website. Janet will advertise on our Facebook page. Bev Brown has offered to write an article for the Community Council magazine. Janet to produce an A4 Flyer and send to Doug Pitt for posting on the Community Council Noticeboard at the Avenue. The Chairperson thanked Jim Swift for his assistance.</p>	
<p>ANY OTHER BUSINESS</p>	<p>Litter Pick The BK&MCC organised a Litter Pick at First, Second and Third Woods on Sunday 2nd June 12 – 1pm. There was a sizeable turnout of families who managed to collect 16 bags of rubbish, including a tent, door mat and dubious collection of bottles! A big thank you to all who participated to clean up this lovely area of woodland.</p>	
<p>PROVISIONAL DATES OF MEETINGS 2019/2020</p>	<p>Provisional dates for BK&MCC meetings next session are: Monday 23rd September 2019 Monday 21st October 2019 Monday 18th November 2019 Monday 9th December 2019 Monday 20th January 2020 Monday 17th February 2020 Monday 16th March 2020 Monday 20th April 2020 Monday 18th May 2020 – AGM Monday 22nd June 2020 All meetings to be held at 7pm in the Conference room at Mearns Castle High School Dates to be approved by the members of the newly formed Community Council.</p>	

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