



<b>MEETING OF</b>	Broom, Kirkhill, & Mearns Kirk, Community Council	
<b>HELD ON</b>	Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> March 2019 @ 7pm in Mearns Castle High School	
<b>WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION</b>	The Chairperson welcomed everyone to the meeting.	
<b>RECORDING OF MEMBERS PRESENT</b>	<p>An attendance sheet was circulated.</p> <p>In attendance: Will Maxwell (Chairperson), Doug Pitt (Vice Chairperson) Jane Royston (Treasurer), Janet Olverman (Secretary), Bev Brown, Rob Jones, Zhada Robertson, Ron Gimby</p> <p>Also in attendance:</p> <p>Cllr Swift</p> <p>Cllr Grant</p>	
<b>APOLOGIES</b>	Cllr Caroline Bamforth	
<b>ITEM DISCUSSED</b>		<b>Action Points</b>
<b>MINUTE OF PREVIOUS MEETING: MATTERS ARISING</b>	<p><b>Minute of the Meeting 21<sup>st</sup> January 2019</b></p> <p><b>MATTERS ARISING</b></p> <p><b>Overview of Council Meeting 19<sup>th</sup> December 2018</b></p> <p>The Minute was amended to show more clearly that the comments made by the Community Council were made at the BK&amp;MCC meeting and not at the ER Council meeting.</p> <p><b>Armed Forces Day</b></p> <p>The Minute was amended as follows:</p> <p>Motion 2: Armed Forces Day. This Motion was NOT carried. It was pointed out that the flag raising ceremony has continued, at the Council offices, and ERC and Renfrewshire Council jointly employ a support worker to support armed forces personnel year round and this was considered more supportive than the fun day aspect of Armed Forces day. The Armed Forces agree with this. The fun day will not be reinstated."</p> <p>The Minute of 21<sup>st</sup> January was approved by the Community Council on the proposal of the Chairperson and seconded by Jane Royston</p> <p><b>The Minute of the meeting 18<sup>th</sup> February 2019</b></p> <p><b>MATTERS ARISING</b></p> <p><b>Blasting at Maidenhill</b></p> <p>Janet sent a letter on behalf of the Community Council to Richard Mowatt, Environmental Health Officer, about the blasting at Maidenhill requesting that the Developers</p>	



	<p>inform residents of intended blasting.</p> <p>Cllr Swift advised there is no more blasting to be undertaken at the Maidenhill development.</p> <p>Janet confirmed she had contacted the Broom Park people about the proposed litter pick on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> March. It has been advertised on their Facebook page. Bags and pickers have been organised and will be delivered to the Chairperson's house on Friday. Rubbish will be collected by ERC from his drive on Monday.</p> <p>Jane Royston asked Cllr Swift about the litter on way to Greenbank gardens and Roddinghead Road, the litter is still there.</p> <p>Cllr Swift offered to follow up this matter.</p> <p><b>School Safety Run</b></p> <p>The Chairperson offered to draft a letter about school run safety.</p> <p><b>Copies of the BK&amp;MCC Minute</b></p> <p>Bev Brown offered to take a hard copy of the minute to the Market place in the Avenue.</p> <p>The Minute of the meeting of 18<sup>th</sup> February was approved by the Community Council on the proposal of the Chairperson and seconded by Doug Pitt.</p>	
<p><b>POLICE REPORT</b></p>	<p>The Chairperson read out the Police Report for the Broom, Kirkhill &amp; Mearns Kirk Community Council area for the period 1st February to 10th March 2019.</p> <p>1. Homes being broken into</p> <p>There were no reports of homes being broken into in the community council area during the period under review.</p> <p>2. Antisocial behaviour and disorder</p> <p>On the 25th February, damage was caused to a window of a dwelling house in Lauderdale Drive, Newton Mearns. On the same date a car in Aldton Court, Newton Mearns was deliberately scratched.</p> <p>About midday on Friday 1st March a 22 year old woman was involved in a road crash on Eaglesham Rd, Newton Mearns. Following enquiries it was ascertained that she had been driving without insurance. She is subject of a report to the Procurator Fiscal.</p> <p>On the 2nd March, a 28 year old man was found to be driving on Langrig Road, without a valid driving licence or insurance. He is also subject of a report to the Procurator Fiscal for allegedly driving whilst over the drink-drive limit.</p> <p>There have been a total of five calls relating to youth</p>	<p>Janet to send copy of report to Vincent</p> <p>Also put copy of Cyber Crime notice on Facebook</p>



disorder over the five week period under review. The Police continue to patrol these areas and share details of locations with East Renfrewshire Council Community Safety Wardens.

### 3. Violent crime

No crimes of violence in public locations have been recorded during the period under review.

### 4. Drug dealing and misuse

Whilst carrying out pro-active patrols Police officers have continued to exercise their statutory powers of stop-search where legislation permits. As a result of this on the 13th February at Greenbank House, High Flenders Rd, a 20 year old male was found in possession of cannabis and cocaine. A report is being submitted to the Procurator Fiscal.

### CRIME PREVENTION

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 lots 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 reiterate 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.

### NEWS

The Police highlighted the Scottish Government's "Ready Scotland" web site that contains some really useful and interesting information. Please have a look at ...

<https://readyscotland.org/>

### **Neighbourhood Watch Scotland**

Have you signed up for Neighbourhood Watch Scotland alerts yet? Alerts are now being issued on this system.

Further information can be found at

[www.neighbourhoodwatchscotland.co.uk](http://www.neighbourhoodwatchscotland.co.uk)

By signing up to this service you will receive crime



	<p>prevention information relevant to both local and national issues.</p> <p><b>LOCAL PRIORITIES</b></p> <p>The East Renfrewshire Local Policing Plan 2017-2020 can be found in full on the Police Scotland website</p> <p><a href="http://www.scotland.police.uk/your-community/greater-glasgow/east-renfrewshire/">http://www.scotland.police.uk/your-community/greater-glasgow/east-renfrewshire/</a></p> <p>This document explains the National and Local Policing Priorities how these have been identified and how they are linked to the Fairer East Ren – Local Outcomes Improvement Plan</p> <p>The local Policing Priorities for East Renfrewshire have been identified as</p> <p>Homes being broken into</p> <p>Antisocial behaviour and disorder</p> <p>Violent crime</p> <p>Drug dealing and misuse</p> <p>Child abuse including child sexual exploitation</p> <p>Please remember you can communicate with the Police using any of the following:</p> <p>Twitter - @policescotland Twitter - @GreaterGlasgPol Twitter - @EastRenPolice Facebook – PoliceScotland Web – Scotland.police.uk 101 – Non emergency 999 – Emergency 0800 555 111 – Crimestoppers</p> <p>Janet to put the cyber-crime notice on Facebook</p>	
<p><b>FUNDRAISER CEILIDH</b></p>	<p>Jane Royston provided an update upon the Fundraising Ceilidh for Newton Mearns First Responders.</p> <p>The evening was a great success.</p> <p>Takings on the night £1,285 Caterer cost £300 The BK&amp;MCC Current Bank balance = £1601</p> <p>CC expenses include the advert in the Community magazine.</p> <p>There is still some more money to come in for Silent Auction Prizes.</p> <p>The total amount raised is still to be confirmed.</p>	



	<p>Jane Royston suggested that for future fundraising events we should make sure that there is a proper procedure in place for the payments of successful bids.</p> <p>Bev Brown is going to arrange a photograph and article for the Extra of the BK&amp;MCC handing over the cheque to the First Responders. It was proposed to arrange this over the following weekend.</p> <p>A member of public, who attended the Ceilidh, thanked the CC for organising this enjoyable event and suggested a live auction could raise more money because people bid against each other.</p> <p>Ron Gimby offered congratulations to the organisers.</p> <p>Bev Brown thanked the BK&amp;MCC for instigating and supporting the fundraiser.</p>	
<p><b>REPORT ON FULL COUNCIL MEETING 28<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2019</b></p>	<p>The Chairperson reported upon the council meeting of 28<sup>th</sup> February.</p> <p>The majority of this meeting was dedicated to the annual budget.</p> <p>By 2041 the projected population of east Renfrewshire will be 110,044, an increase of 17.3% from 2016.</p> <p><b>Budget</b> ERC's overall budget for 2020 is £242.29m</p> <p>The Chairperson explained a breakdown of the budget.</p> <p>ERC Receive a grant of £179.6m from the Scottish Government the remainder has to be made up from council tax</p> <p>The Chairperson highlighted some of the key items:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• £30m leisure and learning campus in Neilston.</li><li>• £26m for improvement of the leisure centre in Eastwood. This is a proposal not a final decision.</li><li>• £1.7m new sports pavilions at Crookfur and Overlee Parks.</li><li>• £3.8m Greenlaw Business Centre.</li><li>• 240 new Council houses</li><li>• £15m for roads and maintenance over 5 years (£3m per annum) Cllr Swift said this is great news for resurfacing of residential roads.</li><li>• £500,000 on improving CCTV systems</li><li>• The £100,000 Community choices programme was</li></ul>	



	<p>endorsed by COSLA and has already been allocated to Auchenbach, Barrhead, Neilston and Thornliebank this year. It is unlikely that Newton Mearns will be included in this as this area is too high on the SIMD scale.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• £400,000 for improving Bonnyton House.</li> <li>• Nearly £2m for health and social care partnership.</li> </ul> <p>It should be noted that this is the minimum amount they could provide as dictated by the Scottish Government.</p> <p><b>Education</b></p> <p>There is a requirement for 2 new primary and one secondary school by 2029.</p> <p>Roughly 70% of the Education cost is for salaries, which is ring-fenced, to maintain teacher numbers. Local Authorities can't cut costs by reducing the number of teachers. This is a policy dictated by the Scottish Government.</p> <p>The teachers' pay increase has been funded but not the pension increase.</p> <p>Most of the expenditure is dictated to ERC by Holyrood.</p>	
<p><b>COMMUNITY COUNCIL LITTER PICKS</b></p>	<p>The Chairperson reminded everyone that there is going to be a litter pick at Broomburn Park on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> March.</p> <p>Everyone is to meet at the Car park at 11.50 to collect their pickers and black bags. The helpers will split up and spread out to cover as much of the park as possible reporting back to the car park at 1pm with their bags. The Chairperson will take the bags home to be collected from his driveway by ERC on Monday.</p> <p>Please note the council do not supply gloves so you should bring your own.</p> <p>The BK&amp;MCC have also offered to organise a litter pick for Shawwood Greenspace.</p> <p>Janet Olverman suggested Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> April, 12- 1pm and will contact Save Shawwood Greenspace (via Facebook) and ERC to arrange the equipment.</p>	<p>Janet to contact ERC and Shawwood Greenspace to organise litter pick</p>
<p><b>COMMUNITY LIAISON WORKSHOPS – THE SCHOOL RUN</b></p>	<p>Rob Jones reported upon the Community Liaison Workshop about the School Run on 21<sup>st</sup> February</p> <p>Ross McDowall and John Sheldon and a traffic consultant were in attendance from ERC</p> <p>There were 24 participants at the meeting. ERC were not interested in hearing complaints, the idea of this workshop was to provide ideas upon solutions to this ongoing issue.</p>	



They were split into groups for the workshop and asked to provide ideas on what they wanted to achieve. There were 5 or 6 questions to answer.

The main issue is dropping off children in the morning.

Ideas suggested included:

- Encourage residents to park in their drives which would help to ease congestion on the roads.
- Arrange a walking bus – but this was thought to be dangerous.
- CCTV – no money
- Naming and shaming offenders – not entertained because of personal attacks.

ERC are going to issue a document with the responses from all the workshops but nothing sent out yet.

Rob Jones suggested that the best communicators to the parents are the children. Schools could get children to do a project within the school, and encourage them to tell parents their ideas upon a solution.

There should be a code of conduct with parents. Some parents have been fined.

Comments from the CC

Zhada Robertson commented she is concerned that bus transport is being taken away from some children, who currently use this service. And suggested it would be more environmentally friendly to use a small bus to transport groups to school rather than have another 20 cars on the road.

Bev Brown commented that the street layout at Kirkhill Primary cannot be changed but where new schools are being built they can be designed with safety in mind. She suggested that the Kirkhill Primary school car park could be used for dropping off, rather than just the streets.

Rob Jones commented about safety of children walking to Mearns Castle High school and Ct. Clare's/Calderwood Lodge Primary school. There is only pavement along one side of the road. When the new primary school was built they should have created a pavement on the right hand side of the road past the cemetery.

The main issue Rob said is that the council is only willing to provide transport arrangements for a very few children.



	<p>ERC provided the results of an 'active travel' survey which shows that only 40% of secondary children and 50% of primary children do not use a car to travel to school.</p> <p>Zhada Robertson commented that the 'Beat the Street' competition has encouraged more children to walk about the streets.</p> <p>It was generally felt that while encouraging children to walk or cycle to school is a good thing, ERC should take a pragmatic view, because in an area with poor public transport, parents are going to drop their children to school on their way to work by car. Safe areas to drop off children should be planned.</p> <p>There is another workshop planned for April.</p>	
<p><b>COMMUNITY LIAISON WORKSHOPS</b></p>	<p>Janet Olverman reported upon the Community Liaison Workshop at Eastwood House on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> February 2019</p> <p>This meeting was attended by Janet Olverman, Jane Royston, Doug Pitt and the Chairperson.</p> <p>Councillor Colm Merrick chaired the meeting. Vincent McCulloch, Community Council Liaison Officer, was also in attendance.</p> <p><b>ER YOUTH FORUM</b></p> <p>Three members of the Youth Forum attended the meeting to explain about their group which meets alternate weeks at the Edge in Newton Mearns and the Museum in Barrhead to discuss important issues for young people in our area.</p> <p>Issues included: Mental Health resources Local Transport</p> <p>ER Youth Forum gives young people the opportunity to have their say and campaign on a range of issues that affect young people. Young people take a lead role in this and are supported to have their voices heard and make a difference to other young people. The forum also gives young people an opportunity to engage with decision-makers.</p> <p>We think it would be a good idea to invite them to a future meeting to present their thoughts and ideas for improving our community.</p> <p>Contact: <a href="mailto:Heather.McVie">Heather McVie</a> <a href="mailto:Heather.McVieBranley@eastrenfrewshire.gov.uk">Heather.McVieBranley@eastrenfrewshire.gov.uk</a></p>	<p>Janet to invite ER Youth Form to attend a CC meeting</p>





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### **Community Council standing orders, Scheme for establishment of Community Councils.**

Vincent McCulloch advised that under the scheme of Establishment Community Council Elections are to be held every 4 years.

Although BK&MCC have only been in existence for 2 years, because the 'scheme' has been running for 4 years now, the elections are due to be held in August 2019.

The Timetable is:

Nomination period begins 1<sup>st</sup> August 2019

Nominations close 28<sup>th</sup> August at 4.45pm

ALL COMMUNITY COUNCILS WILL BE DISSOLVED AT THE CLOSE OF THE NOMINATION PERIOD

As long as there are enough nominations to form the CC (at least 10), if the nominations are uncontested, that is there are no more than the maximum number of applications, (BK&MCC are allowed 20, then ERC will write to the applicants and advise them of the outcome.

If nominations are contested then there will be an election. A poll will take place on 9<sup>th</sup> October and ERC will advise of the arrangements.

If the nominations are uncontested then we should arrange a CC meeting and appoint the Office bearers.

Hopefully we can persuade more people to join the CC.

### **Attracting New CC Members**

It is much easier to attract new members when there is a controversial local issue, such as Maidenhill, Shawwood Greenspace or Broomburn Park.

We need to advertise for new members online, on noticeboards, by word of mouth and in the local press. In order to attract younger members it is imperative we become more current using social media as a means of communication.

### **Are Community Councils Engaging with their community?**

Some are much better than others, depending on the skill set of the members in the use of IT and social media.

### **Issues with Public Transport**

It was widely agreed by all CC's that public transport services in our area are terrible.



Unfortunately the poor performance of buses forces people into using their cars more which exacerbates the issue.

Privately run services need to be run on a commercial basis. The only way we will ever have a useable service in our area is by heavy subsidy or a public owned transport system, something that the CC is unable to influence.

Unfortunately there was no time to discuss the Community Council examples of best practice!

It was agreed that some form of training on the use of Social media would be beneficial to most Community Councils.

It was also noted that inviting interesting speakers to our meetings would assist in attracting a wider audience.

Janet Olverman asked CC members to provide their ideas for improving membership and attendance.

Doug Pitt commented that one of the issues appears to be the relationship between CC's and ERC. There is concern amongst CC's about the resources available to us and communication between CC's and ERC departments.

It was felt that ERC are paying lip service to the CC establishment

The liaison officer will report back about the robustness of the link between CC's and ERC and we await his report with interest.

Ron Gimby commented that it is important that ERC respond to our communications even if they disagree.

The Chairperson offered to invite the leader of the council to one of our meetings to discuss these matters of concern.

Zhada Robertson stated it is important when an election is coming up, that Community Councils are seen to be listened to.

Cllr Swift commented that the BK&MCC was created when the council changed the rules and regulations to get rid of certain protagonists. ERC do not want to listen to people who disagree with them.

Doug Pitt would like to encourage a degree of engagement with the Council on local issues.

It was agreed that in order to improve communication we



	<p>should find something positive to talk about. All CC's should get together to discuss these issues.</p> <p>Cllr Swift offered to ask Vincent McCulloch to arrange a meeting of all CC's to discuss this important issue.</p>	
<p><b>TRAVEL BEHAVIOUR WORKSHOP</b></p>	<p><b>The Chairperson reported upon a Travel Behaviour Workshop on 12<sup>th</sup> March</b></p> <p>The meeting was Chaired by Russell Gill from Keep Scotland Beautiful.</p> <p>Attendees were given a series of workshops and questions to discuss.</p> <p>Major topics included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Development of community links with funding for signposted walking routes</li> <li>• Development of Active buses for children</li> <li>• Encourage parents not to take their children to school by car – promoting health benefits of walking.</li> <li>• Encourage planners to provide improved public transport provision in new developments, provide local shopping and safe walking routes.</li> <li>• Pressurise developers to provide a pedestrian and cycle friendly environment</li> </ul>	
<p><b>QUESTIONS FROM THE FLOOR</b></p>	<p>A member of the public asked if it would be possible to provide independent cycle tracks rather than a small section of road because cars park on the cycle lane. This would encourage many more people to use their bikes.</p>	
<p><b>AOCB</b></p>	<p>Review of planning decision for erection of five flats at 163 Ayr Road Newton Mearns.</p> <p>The Chairperson reported that, following the review, the appeal was dismissed and planning permission still denied.</p> <p><b>Crookfur Pavilion/Nursery</b></p> <p>Cllr Bamforth has advised the following update in relation to this proposed development</p> <p>“The nursery at Crookfur was proceeding and the report of handling was being written up, as few objections had been received, since the plans were published in October. All was proceeding as expected. However, in the past few days objections to the plans have been submitted, so that the threshold of 10 has now been exceeded (there are 12 objections) therefore the plans will now go before the next PAC, which will probably be in next few weeks.”</p>	



<b>DATE OF NEXT MEETING</b>	Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> April 2019 at 7pm in the Conference Suite at Mearns Castle High School.	
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With there being no further business the Chairperson thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting

**FUTURE MEETING DATES:**

All at 7pm in Mearns Castle High School Conference Centre unless indicated otherwise

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April 2019

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> May 2019 AGM

Monday 17<sup>th</sup> June 2019