



Broom Kirkhill Mearns Kirk
Community Council

MEETING OF	Broom, Kirkhill, & Mearns Kirk, Community Council	
HELD ON	Monday 18 th November 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: Dr. William Maxwell (Chairperson), Jane Royston (Treasurer), Janet Olverman (Secretary), Steve Rutherford, Margaret Hinchliffe, Bev Brown, Ron Gimby Also present: Cllr Barbara Grant	
APOLOGIES	Apologies were received from: Anne Lithgow, Rob Jones, Doug Pitt and Bev Brown	
ITEM DISCUSSED		Action Points
APPROVAL OF MINUTE OF MEETINGS	The Minute of the BK&MCC meeting on 23 rd October 2019 was approved by the committee on the proposal of Will Maxwell and seconded by Jane Royston.	
MATTERS ARISING	There were no matters arising	
POLICE REPORT	<p>This report covers progress made by the Police in dealing with the priorities for the Broom, Kirkhill & Mearns Kirk Community Council area for the period 17th October to 14th November 2019.</p> <p>1. Homes being broken into</p> <p>Police received a report of a theft of items of mail from the mailbox of a house in Craignethan Road.</p> <p>About 2am on the 6th November a resident in Shawwood Crescent reported seeing 3 male suspects in a rear garden attempting to gain access to a house via the rear door.</p> <p>Police encourage residents to remain vigilant to suspicious persons in the area and to report incidents at the time using '101' or, in an emergency, via '999'.</p> <p>2. Antisocial behaviour and disorder</p> <p>Five teenage youths have been charged with Culpable and Reckless Conduct after they were witnessed deliberately aiming fireworks at livestock in fields near to Broom Road East on the evening of the 24th October.</p> <p>Police have received a report of a window of a house in Troon Place having been smashed by a stone about 9-</p>	



	<p>40pm on the 3rd November.</p> <p>3. Violent crime</p> <p>No crimes of violence in public locations have been recorded in our community council area.</p> <p>4. Drug dealing and misuse</p> <p>No drugs offences have been detected in our community council area during the period under review.</p> <p>In time for the Festive Season, the Police have issued two leaflets about Party Safety and Home Security, offering advice about keeping yourself and home secure.</p> <p>Janet to add to the Facebook page</p>	<p>Janet to add notices to Facebook page</p>
<p>LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN 2: OVERVIEW AND BKMCC RESPONSE</p>	<p>The Chairperson gave an overview of ERC's Local Development Plan 2 and the BKMCC Response</p> <p>Introduction (Pages 6 21 in LPD2_Final_WEB.pdf)</p> <p>The Introduction is a rehash of Scottish Government (SG) policies and Council methods to meet SG aims and objectives and of no concern to BKMCC</p> <p>Managing and Enabling Growth (Pages 22-47 in LDPs_FINAL_WEB.pdf)</p> <p>Local Housing Strategy (LHS 201722)</p> <p>ERC's objectives to ensure: "Good quality and affordable housing opportunities are available to all our residents, within safe and attractive neighbourhoods".</p> <p>Areas for Change</p> <p>Spatial Delivery of Growth</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Policy M1: Master Plans • Policy M2: M77 Strategic Development Opportunity • Policy M2.1: M77 Strategic Development Opportunity Maidenhill / Malletsheugh , Newton Mearns • Policy M2.2: M77 Strategic Development Opportunity Barrhead South Springhill, Springfield, Lyoncross • Policy M3: Barrhead North Strategic Development Opportunity Shanks/Glasgow Road, Barrhead • Policy M4: Braidbar Quarry, Giffnock • Policy M5: Locality Plans Policy M2 - M77 strategic development opportunity <p>It was noted that the Maidenhill school is currently open to P1-5 pupils.</p> <p>Comment was made about the Braidbar Quarry Giffnock where it is recognised that remediation of this site will be</p>	



very costly and is not likely to occur at the moment. ERC continue to maintain safety fencing around the site.

City Deal

BK&MCC Strongly supports proposals under the City Deal

- 1) Aurs Road realignment
- 2) Levern Valley Link Road
- 3) Dams to Darnley Country Park
- 4) Redevelopment of former Nestle factory
- 5) Barrhead South Train Station

The Aurs Road realignment and Nestle factory redevelopment are currently under way.

Closure of the Aurs Road has been extended until March 2020.

Ron Gimby commented that the new Levern Valley link road is a long term aspiration and not included in the City Deal.

The BKMCC should seek clarification of this point.

Creating Sustainable Places & Communities

(pages 48 89 in LDP2_FINAL_WEB.pdf)

BKMCC is supportive of the policies outlined in this section of LDP2 and would like to emphasise in particular our support for the following:

D4.7 Park Improvement Works at Rouken Glen Park

D4.11 Maidenhill / Malletsheugh , SDO, Newton Mearns. An enhanced green network incorporating biodiversity and landscape improvements, paths and open space and play provision.

D4.12 Newton Mearns Greenspace. Enhanced community, greenspace and recreational facilities as well as improved recreational path networks and biodiversity enhancements at Mearns Park, Crookfur Park, Broom Park and Shawwood greenspace.

BKMCC strongly supports Policy D7: Natural Environment Features. The Council will protect and enhance the natural environment features set out in Schedule 5, and shown on the Proposals Map, (2019/LDP2_Proposals_Maps_compressed.pdf), and seek to increase the quantity and quality of the areas biodiversity.

Cllr Grant commented that because the greenspaces are actually confirmed in print, means developers cannot build on these areas.

Ron Gimby advised that it is worthwhile providing positive feedback about this because a developer could submit an



objection to the LDP2 proposal.

Sustainable Transport Networks

BKMCC strongly supports Policy D8: Sustainable Transport Networks.

Proposals will be required to prioritise active travel and to demonstrate a clear sustainable movement hierarchy favouring walking, then cycling, public transport then the private car in accordance with Designing Streets.

Development proposals will be required to be accessible by foot and cycle and connect to existing walking, cycling and green networks, as well as to public transport networks.

In particular, the BKMCC strongly supports the following proposals:

“Proposals will be required to prioritise improvements to public transport networks and infrastructure, including the need for enhancements to bus and rail infrastructure and services to maintain or increase patronage within the area.”

Where public transport services are not currently available the Council will encourage applicants to work with transport providers to provide subsidised bus services until a sustainable service is achievable.

Promoting a Successful Economy

BKMCC note the stated aim in Schedule 17: Safeguarded Businesses and Employment Areas to include SG5.8 Greenlaw Business Park, SG5.9 Kirkhill House and SG5.10 Netherplace Works, Newton Mearns.

BKMCC find it particularly encouraging that Business Proposal SG6.5 (Netherplace works development for employment) and SG6.6 (Maidenhill and Malletsheugh new neighbourhood centre mixed use retail/commercial development) have been included in LDP2, but remain concerned that no planning applications have been submitted for developments of local shops or services at Maidenhill/Malletsheugh.

BK&MCC supports the provision of local facilities.

Promoting sustainable & inclusive economic growth Development (specific for BKMCC)

The proposal to develop upon either Broom Park or Shawwood Green space has receded upon two fronts.

Firstly, in respect of the building of 60 housing units and a small number of commercial units under MIR4 (CS029) (Table 4, East Renfrewshire Local Development Plan 2, dated November 2016).

Proposal CS029 appears to have been dropped from the



earlier version of LDP2.

Secondly, the proposal to build a new Sports and Recreation Centre on either Broom Park or Shawwood Green Space (Consultation 2018) has been rescinded, with the current proposal to build at Eastwood Park (Full Council Meeting minutes, item 937, pp 875 876, dated 26th June, 2019).

The BKMCC is extremely grateful to ERC for these changes.

BKMCC, however, is concerned to note a new proposal for housing development within its area, SG1.23 Broom Park Drive/Windsor Avenue Newton Mearns for 5 plots, although no planning application has been submitted as yet.

Promoting a Low Carbon Place

This is basically a rehash of Scottish Government Policies and contributes little in the way of local initiative.

Delivering a low carbon future is central to the Proposed Plan's Development Strategy. The overall aim is to ensure any negative impacts upon the environment are avoided or mitigated. The Proposed Plan also seeks to protect and enhance urban and natural environments, so that they are capable of being adapted to meet the expected impacts and challenges of climate change.

Air Quality Assessments will be required for certain types of development. Applicants are encouraged to contact the Council at an early stage to confirm whether an Air Quality Assessment will be required as part of their proposal.

BKMCC would like to see all applicants and applications be required to provide an Air Quality Assessment. With increasing scientific evidence in support of the hypothesis that particulate micropollutants influence the occurrence and/or development of respiratory problems (eg asthma) and mental function especially in the aged population it is suggested that ERC should be more proactive in this area.

Reducing Environmental Impact

In order to promote a low carbon environment, the BKMCC would encourage ERC to insist upon developers building properties with solar panels and/or ground source heat pumps.

It was felt this should be stated in BKMCC's response.

The Flood Risk Management Scotland Act 2016 places a statutory duty on local authorities to reduce flood risk from all sources. BKMCC are concerned that there is no mention of ERC's responsibility for this in LDP2.



	<p>It would be helpful to seek clarity in terms of responsibility for flood risk management. This should be queried in BKMCC's response.</p> <p>Comments from the floor</p> <p>Cllr Grant commented that the amount of mono blocking being installed in built up areas is causing an increase in rain water run-off and should be discouraged.</p> <p>Margaret Hinchliffe commented that the Castle Grove residents were told that the SUDS area would be adopted by Scottish Water, but it has not yet been taken over. There appears to be no penalty for developers who fail to deliver proper site drainage systems.</p> <p>Ron Gimby pointed out there is no provision for any further schools in LDP2 so further development is going to be restricted.</p> <p>Protect Soil Quality, Noise Impacts, Flooding and Drainage</p> <p>LDP2 states that "there will be a general presumption against proposals for built development or land-raising on a functional flood plain and in areas where there is a significant probability of flooding, or where the proposal would increase the probability of flooding elsewhere. A Flood Risk Assessment (FRA) will be required for any development within the functional flood plain or medium to high category of flood risk."</p> <p>This a restatement of stated policy over the last several years. However, BKMCC consider that ERC and the Planning Applications Committee do not appear to follow such practice as witnessed by several recent developments, Queens Gait, Maidenhill, Malletsheugh East and Malletsheugh West.</p> <p>Ron Gimby and the Chairperson are to produce a response and circulate prior to the next meeting on 9th December.</p>	
<p>EAST RENFREWSHIRE TRAVEL CONSULTATION</p>	<p>The Chairperson reported upon the key transport issues:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reduction of bus routes No direct public transport access from Newton Mearns to the Eastwood health centre Tax on workspace parking. Total cost per year of driving into Glasgow is still half of the bus fare. <p>BK&MCC would like to see the introduction of penalties for petrol cars parking in electric charging bays.</p>	



	<p>The following data was obtained from Transport Outcomes Report 2015/16</p> <p>81% of households have access to a car 42% of ER residents work in Glasgow 66% use a car for access to Glasgow 19% use train " 13% use a bus "</p> <p>Rail use in ER has increased by 7% between 2011 and 2017 (from Thornliebank and Patterton) but fallen from Clarkston and Giffnock.</p> <p>BKMCC support the provision of a bus route between Newton Mearns and the main shopping centres of Silverburn and East Kilbride as well as a direct route to the Eastwood Health Centre.</p> <p>BK&MCC would like local bus services to improve reliability</p>	
<p>BROOM CAFÉ: ALCOHOL LICENCE APPLICATION</p>	<p>It was noted that the new Broom Café has been very successful – there is full support from the BKMCC for their alcohol licence application.</p>	
<p>PLANNING APPLICATIONS MEETING</p>	<p>The Chairperson provided an update upon the new application by Robertson Homes who have changed the number and type of properties.</p> <p>BKMCC originally objected to the proposed drainage route (down Greenlaw Road) for this planning application.</p> <p>There does not appear to be a new site drainage proposal and BKMCC wish to re-iterate our objections of last time.</p>	
<p>PLANS FOR TREE PLANTING: UPDATE</p>	<p>BKMCC wrote a letter to ERC on 5th November addressed to Richard Mowat (Environmental Health) and Adrian Baines (Parks).</p> <p>We received a reply from Mark Brand (Strategic Services) on November 12.</p> <p>ERC are basically very enthusiastic and supportive. ERC have offered to provide letters of support for applications for funding and encouraged BKMCC to apply to the Woodland Trust for their tree pack offer and Action Earth for funding.</p> <p>ERC have offered tree guards and canes for the saplings. The trees would have to be suitable for the area in which they are to be planted i.e. include Alder and Willows in wet places and they will have to be planted properly.</p> <p>Ownership of the land has to be established as will any responsibility for maintenance.</p>	



	<p>Shawwood Park is all owned by ERC.</p> <p>Broom Park: The northern half (from the wee burn north is Council owned. The southern half is owned by McTaggart & Mickel</p> <p>The local park groups (Save Shawwood Greenspace and Save Broom Park) will have to be supportive of the proposals and local residents will be encouraged to assist with the project.</p> <p>Jane Royston and the Chairman offered to formulate a letter to McTaggart & Mickel, who own a portion of the land behind Mearns Castle asking for permission to plant trees on this area in order to improve the biodiversity.</p>	
<p>ANY OTHER BUSINESS</p>	<p>Broom Road - There is a leaky fire hydrant on the downhill Northbound side just before the Broom Shops. In freezing weather this causes ice/slush to build up on the road creating a slippery, dangerous surface (especially to cyclists). Scottish Water won't fix it because the fire hydrant belongs to the Fire Authority.</p> <p>Proposal - Write to Fire authority complain.</p> <p>Affordable Housing Jane Royston raised the point of what has happened to all the affordable housing which was supposed to be built.</p> <p>The Chairperson advised that the planning applications committee do not appear to be enforcing this at the Maidenhill/Malletsheugh development. The developers are supposed to construct a percentage of affordable housing in the development or provide money to build on another site offered by them. BKMCC will write and ask this question.</p> <p>Wind 2 A representative from Wind 2 will be attending our next meeting to provide a presentation about their proposed wind farm development.</p>	
<p>DATE OF NEXT MEETINGS</p>	<p>Monday 9th December 2019 at 7pm at Mearns Castle High School.</p>	

Dates for BK&MCC meetings next session are:

Monday 9th December 2019 (Classroom)

Monday 20th January 2020

Monday 17th February 2020

Monday 16th March 2020

Monday 20th April 2020

Monday 18th May 2020 – AGM (Classroom)

Monday 22nd June 2020