



Broom Kirkhill Mearns Kirk
Community Council

MEETING OF	Broom, Kirkhill, & Mearns Kirk, Community Council	
HELD ON	Monday 21 st January 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), Jane Royston (Treasurer), Janet Olverman (Secretary), Ron Gimby</p> <p>Also in attendance:</p> <p>Cllr Barbara Grant</p> <p>Vincent McCullough, Community Council Liaison Officer</p>	
APOLOGIES	<p>Bev Brown, Zhada Robertson, Doug Pitt (vice Chair), Rob Jones</p> <p>Cllr Caroline Bamforth</p> <p>Cllr Jim Swift</p>	
ITEM DISCUSSED		Action Points
MINUTE OF PREVIOUS MEETING: MATTERS ARISING	<p>Minute of the Meeting 19th November 2018 was proposed, by the Chairperson and Seconded by Janet Olverman.</p> <p>A few cosmetic amendments were made to the Minute of the Meeting 17th December 2018 which was proposed by the Chairperson and seconded by Jane Royston.</p>	
POLICE REPORT	<p>The Chairperson read out the Police report:</p> <p>This report covers the progress the Police have made in dealing with priorities for the Broom, Kirkhill & Mearns Kirk Community Council area for the period 14th December 2018 to 17th January 2019. A list of these priorities is provided at the end of this report.</p> <p>This report aims to highlight emerging issues in our area, and to provide crime prevention advice and guidance to the members of the Community Council and to the residents that they represent.</p> <p>This document does not provide a comprehensive statistical breakdown of numbers of crimes reported.</p> <p>1. Homes being broken into</p> <p>A number of dwelling houses have been broken in to during the week preceding Christmas.</p> <p>Between the 17th and 22nd December, a house in Barnhill Drive, Newton Mearns, was broken into and property stolen.</p>	<p>Janet to send full police report to Vincent and CC members</p>



During the day / early evening on the 20th December 2018, a dwelling house in Eddington Drive, Newton Mearns was broken into and property stolen.

On the same evening (20/12/18), about 8-45pm, criminals attempted to break in to a house in Cruachan Drive, Newton Mearns. No access was gained and nothing was stolen.

Then overnight on the 20th into 21st December 2018, a home in Nethercairn Place, Newton Mearns, was broken into and property stolen.

All of these crimes are subject of ongoing enquiry by local uniformed officers and officers from our divisional team of detectives, dedicated to investigating such crimes.

2. Antisocial behaviour and disorder

Officers attended a report of a disturbance in Broomhill Avenue, Newton Mearns, during the early hours of the 26th December 2018, whereby a number of adults were reported to have been involved in a fight in the street. This matter remains under investigation at this time.

Sometime between the 23rd December and the 2nd January, deliberate damage was caused to plants and garden ornaments at a premises on Ayr Road, Newton Mearns. No persons have been identified as being responsible for this crime to date.

A 15 year old youth has been charged with vandalism following enquiries relating to a complaint of vandalism to a building in Waterfoot Road that occurred at about 2-30pm on the 10th January.

A 26 year old man has been charged with conducting himself in a threatening or abusive manner after he was arrested about 11-40pm on the 11th January in Alloway Drive.

A total of five calls relating to general youth disorder in the community council area were received during the period under review. Two of these related to incidents in Langrig Road. No other repeat locations are noted.

3. Violent crime

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

4. Drug dealing and misuse

On the evening of the 20th December 2018, officers attended at an address in Ballantrae Crescent, Newton Mearns, at which time a quantity of cannabis was found. A 34 year old man has been charged and is the subject of a report to the Procurator Fiscal in relation to an alleged



	<p>offence of possessing a controlled drug with intent to supply.</p> <p>Two further drugs offences were detected during the period under review. On the 30th December a 23 year old man was found to be in possession of cannabis when searched in Maple Avenue, Newton Mearns. On the 8th January a 36 year old man was found to be in possession of cannabis when searched in Broomburn Drive, Newton Mearns.</p> <p>NEWS</p> <p>The first year results of the “Your View Counts” survey, which was launched in 2016 by Police Scotland, were published previously and are being used to inform the local policing plan for East Renfrewshire and East Renfrewshire Council’s Local Improvement Plan.</p> <p>The published results for 2016-17 can be found here http://www.scotland.police.uk/assets/pdf/138327/307421/355352/368284/your-view-counts-national-survey-2016?view=Standard</p> <p>This survey was opened again in August 2018, and Community Councils have been asked to encourage all local residents in their respective areas to access and complete the survey. This applies to people who have completed the survey previously, or for the first time.</p> <p>The online survey can be found at https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/CXH85XJ</p> <p>CRIME PREVENTION</p> <p>Neighbourhood Watch Scotland</p> <p>Have you signed up for Neighbourhood Watch Scotland alerts yet? Alerts have started to be 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>Whilst crime levels in the BK&MCC area remain very low, the Police again 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.</p>	
<p>PREPARATION FOR FUNDRAISER CEILIDH</p>	<p>Jane Royston gave an update.</p> <p>Tickets Are now available and all CC members were asked to make an effort to sell tickets to friends and neighbours and</p>	



	<p>also assist with advertising the event with flyers etc.</p> <p>To date we have sold 7 with a possible further 15.</p> <p>The BK&MCC Bank account has a balance of £506 from which the Ceilidh Band are due payment of £602 one month prior to the event.</p> <p>We must sell as many tickets as possible prior to the 16th February so that we have enough money to pay the band.</p> <p>There will also be some additional expenses such as admin and printing costs for posters and tickets.</p> <p>Bev Brown is away on holiday, and Sarah Williamson will be our First Responders contact in her absence.</p> <p>Sponsors We have received no confirmation of a sponsor although Bev has contacted several businesses.</p> <p>Silent auction We are seeking suitable auction prizes and would ask everyone to approach their contacts.</p> <p>Anyone who does support us will be thanked and noted on Facebook and also on the evening.</p> <p>We are also looking for raffle prizes.</p> <p>Tickets are available to purchase by contacting: bkandmcc@gmail.com or call/text 07789482343</p>	
<p>PLANNING APPLICATIONS UPDATE</p>	<p>The Chairperson was pleased to report that following the BK&MCC's complaint about the building of a five storey block of flats in Ayr Road (2017/0850/TP), this planning application has been refused.</p>	



**OVERVIEW OF
FULL COUNCIL
MEETING 19TH
DECEMBER 2018**

The Chairperson gave an overview of the Council meeting on 19th December.

A number of motions had been put forward by Councillors.

Motion 1 - Litter

That the Council submits a letter to the Scottish Government, stating their support to increase the value of on the spot fines for littering from £80 to £100 and proposing this be implemented as soon as possible.

Motion 2 – Armed forces day

That ERC reinstate Armed Forces Day in Rouken Glen Park for the summer 2019.

The motion was **not** carried – please see note on Motion 2 vide infra.

Motion 3 - UNCRC

That ERC recognises and supports the Scottish Youth Parliament's campaign 'Right Here Right Now' ensuring that young people's rights are protected in Scotland. ERC recognises the UNCRC (United Nations Convention on the Rights of a Child) and calls upon the Scottish Government to take this into Scots law. Cllr Buchanan has written to Maree Todd MSP, Minister for Children and Young People calling for this incorporation to take place.

The BK&MCC supports this motion.

Motion 4 - Webcasts

Provision of webcasts for all ERC meetings of the Audit & Scrutiny committee, Education Committee, Cabinet, Cabinet (Police & Fire), Planning Committee in addition to the webcasting of full council meetings.

Motion 5 – Tackling Discrimination

ERC is very proud of efforts to tackle discrimination and racism. ERC is resolved to join with the UK and Scottish Governments and all the other Mainstream Political parties in signing up to the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance (IHRA) guidelines on antisemitism.

Agenda item 10 – Household Waste Recycling centres

There are proposed changes to the Management rules for household waste recycling centres.

Trade Waste is not permitted at Household waste recycling centres. Tradesmen have to pay to take waste to the recycling centre.

Tightening rules of admission



The Household waste recycling centres are for the use of East Renfrewshire Council residents only and for the disposal of domestic waste.

People may be asked to show proof of address in East Renfrewshire, for example a photo-driving licence card, passport or a Council Tax notice, and may be refused entry without this.

Permission must be obtained for the disposal of trade waste.

The BK&MCC approve of this amendment.

Agenda item 12 ERC Culture & Leisure business plan

It was recommended that the Council approve the proposed business plan for 2019/20 for East Renfrewshire Culture and Leisure.

The Chairperson described the PESTLE analysis which was used to determine the plan.

Political, Economic, Social, Technological, Legal and Environmental.

The Plan includes the capital investment required to finish the upgrade of the Foundry Sports Hall and the future of Eastwood Park Leisure Centre.

LDP2 should be published in the next month or so and will give a clearer indication of ERC's plans.

ERC Culture and Leisure usage has increased considerably since 2014 which is encouraging.

Comments from the Community Council and Public

Motion 1 – Litter

A member of the public, commented that the majority of penalties for littering are not enforced and most of the fines handed out have never been collected. ERC do not have the resources to monitor and fine people who drop litter.

The Chairperson commented that a large amount of litter has accumulated in Broom Park and suggested the BK&MCC organise another litter pick in early Spring.

Ron Gimby commented he was pleasantly surprised that bins were uplifted on 26th December and 2nd January.

The BK&MCC thanked ERC for this excellent service.

Motion 2

Cllr. Grant said one of the issues has been that the armed forces do not have the personnel to attend and support events like this. They are also very expensive to organise



	<p>and run. In the past, one of the main attractions for the public was that the armed forces would be in attendance.</p> <p>It was pointed out that the flag raising ceremony has been 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 maintained.</p> <p>Motion 4 - webcasts</p> <p>A member of the public commented that he has already written to the Chief Executive to ask if it would be possible to provide a screen to show a webcast or video in the council offices so that attending members of the public may view the meeting if the gallery is full.</p> <p>He has received no response as yet.</p> <p>It was mentioned that Cllr Swift was pressing for the next council meeting to be held in a larger hall so more people may attend but his proposal has been turned down by the Provost.</p> <p>Agenda item 10 – Household Waste Recycling centres - Tightening rules of admission</p> <p>Cllr. Grant commented that the business of waste is so expensive now, if other people are using this service free of charge, we are paying for this in our taxes.</p> <p>A member of the public commented that some people may object strongly to officials asking for ID and may become aggressive.</p> <p>A member of the public commented that use of number plate recognition technology occurs in Dumfries and this may enable Police to track and contact any aggressor.</p>	
<p>AOB</p>	<p>Blasting at Maidenhill</p> <p>Following complaints from residents in Mearns Kirk that no notification had been given prior to blasting at Maidenhill, Janet Olverman had written to ERC asking them for an explanation.</p> <p>A response was received from Richard Mowat, Environmental Health Officer, advising that the construction company did meet with the Council to discuss the blasting and it was agreed that the notification area would be widened and affected residents would be notified of the blasting.</p> <p>However further blasts have occurred, again without any</p>	



prior notification!

Following another email of complaint Richard Mowat advised that he had met with the developers to discuss the merit of a letter drop to all the affected properties (500 or so) but they had decided that this could lead to 'unnecessary alarm' and wouldn't allow for specific information to be made available nor provide adequate flexibility for the company undertaking blasting!

The site agent agreed he would ensure being able to notify residents of the decision to commence blasting if they supply the agent their e-mail address for this purpose. The company would attempt to give between 24 and 48 hours' notice of blasting.

Residents feel they would rather be notified of times and dates of future blasting activity even though prediction of specific times may not be possible in advance.

Ron Gimby offered to draft a response to Richard Mowatt.

A member of the public pointed out this is not the first time ERC or developers have not informed the public of blasting. In Eaglesham blast debris damaged houses and at the Queensgate development residents were not informed and the bridleway above the blast site was not even closed.

There should be a procedure put in place to ensure the developers take responsibility for informing residents.

It was suggested the BK&MCC should write to the Health and Safety Executive and inform them of these incidents and ask what the procedures should be.

Suggestion was made to invite David McClure, the new manager for the Westfield Gardens part of the Maidenhill development, to a BK&MCC meeting for discussions.

Community Council Elections

Vincent McCullough, ERC Community Council Liaison Officer, said that under the new scheme of establishment Community Councils elections are to be held every 4 years.

The new elections are due to be held on 23rd October 2019 and 10 weeks prior to this ERC will call for nominees.

From the 14th August ERC will begin advertising for persons willing to stand as new members of Community Councils.

On the 23rd October any new applicants will be voted onto their respective Community Council although a formal election shall be required if there is a greater number of

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	<p>applicants than seats.</p> <p>Jane Royston asked if other Community Councils are experiencing difficulties as a result of a lack of members.</p> <p>Vincent McCullough confirmed that this is generally the case and advised that CC's must provide an attractive Agenda to encourage people to attend.</p>	
DATE OF NEXT MEETING	<p>Monday 18th February 2019 at 7pm in the Conference Suite at Mearns Castle High School.</p> <p>Barbara Grant sends apologies for next meeting in February</p>	

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 18th February 2019
- Monday 18th March 2019
- Monday 15th April 2019
- Monday 20th May 2019 AGM
- Monday 17th June 2019