



Janet to put details of web addresses on Facebook

POLICE REPORT

The Chairperson read out the Police Report for the Broom, Kirkhill & Mearns Kirk Community Council area for the period 14th September to 16th October 2019.

It was noted that the Chairperson asked the police for an update for the whole period since the last meeting in June but this hasn't been provided.

1. Homes being broken into

Two reports have been received for the period under review.

Overnight on the 3rd into the 4th October an attempt was made to break into a house in Sandray Gardens. Entry was not gained and no property was stolen. On the same night, a sneak-in theft at a house in Lady Glen Avenue also occurred. Car keys and a car were stolen. The burnt out vehicle has since been recovered. Enquiries are ongoing into these two crimes.

2. Antisocial behaviour and disorder

Officers are investigating vandalism to a house window that occurred during the early hours of the 4th October at an address in Evie Wynd, Newton Mearns.

During the period under review we have received three other complaints relating to youth disorder. Two of these were on the evening of the 21st September, which appear to relate to the same group of youths. The third complaint related to youth disorder around lunchtime on the 23rd September in Maybole Crescent.

3. Violent crime

No crimes of violence in public locations have been recorded in our community council area.

4. Drug dealing and misuse

On the 28th September, officers carrying out patrols in our community council area apprehended a 25-year-old man in Waterfoot Road, in possession of cannabis.

CRIME PREVENTION

Vehicle Crime

The Police have also recorded the theft of a "works van" in Mearns Kirk Road on the 3rd October and a break-in to a car in Ballantrae Crescent on the 15th October. The Police ask residents to remain vigilant and to report any suspicious activity promptly via 101, or in an emergency to 999.

Cyber Crime

The Police continue to receive reports of "Cyber Fraud" carried out by criminals who contact potential victims by telephone or via the internet. Most recently there has been



	<p>an incident whereby an East Renfrewshire resident was scammed out of a four figure sum of money by fraudsters purporting to represent HMRC.</p> <p>Comments from the Committee</p> <p>It was noted that the homes broken into are both located in the Maidenhill area.</p> <p>The antisocial behaviour also took place in the Maidenhill area.</p> <p>Cllr Bamforth advised that there had also been a raid on a house in Hazelwood where someone was dealing drugs but this may have occurred out with the period of the Police Report.</p> <p>The Secretary enquired if the Councillors had any further information about the Mearns Primary School Fire which occurred on Sunday 20th October 2019.</p> <p>It was thought to be vandalism but the investigation is ongoing and nothing has yet been confirmed.</p>	
<p>PLANNING APPLICATIONS</p>	<p>The Planning Sub Group members are Will Maxwell, Doug Pitt, Jane Royston and Ron Gimby.</p> <p>The Chairperson asked if any other member would like to volunteer.</p> <p>Steve Rutherford offered to join the Planning Sub-Group. Janet to add his details to the contact list.</p> <p>Cllr Grant enquired if the BK&MCC have been asked to look at the LDP2</p> <p>Janet confirmed she had received an email this afternoon, 21st October 2019, and will forward to the CC.</p> <p>Planning applications for discussion</p> <p>The Chairperson reported upon the following planning applications:</p> <p>Maidenhill , Ayr Road, Newton Mearns: Flood Risk Assessment, Ver 1.1, 11/12/18, File KC1576</p> <p>East Renfrewshire Council Planning Application Number 2018/0791-TP</p> <p>Dr Yusuf Kaya, Kaya Consulting Limited 2</p> <p>On 7th July the BK&MCC wrote to Kaya Consulting pointing out that his report did not mention the new sewer route down Malletsheugh Road rather that the proposed drainage route via Greenlaw Road, as indicated in his report, which is recorded as flooding on numerous occasions. The BKMCC has not received any reply to its letter. The Flood prevention group are pursuing this</p>	<p>Janet to update the planning sub group contact list.</p>

	<p>matter.</p> <p>The Chairperson understands that the sewer route has been altered to the Malletsheugh Road sewer.</p> <p>Netherplace House development</p> <p>This does not lie within the area covered by the BK&MCC and we therefore cannot comment.</p> <p>Treeside Cottage, Ayr Road</p> <p>Planning had been passed for 5 detached houses but the contractor wants to build flats instead.</p> <p>The proposal is to build 24 three bedroomed flats.</p> <p>Nothing to object to on this application.</p> <p>2019/-0641 co-op shop advertising hoardings</p> <p>The developer is building the site and leasing to the Co-op. The BKMCC has no objection to erection of signage.</p> <p>CLlr Bamforth commented that she had encouraged the owners of the Broom Road East Co-op to install lighting because the area was extremely dark.</p>	
<p>REPORT ON MEETING WITH FACTOR 10-16 FIRWOOD COURT</p>	<p>The Chairperson reported upon a meeting with the Factor of 10-16 Firwood Court on 11 October 2019.</p> <p>In attendance: Stuart Dalziel, Paul Laidlaw (Scottish Flood Forum), Will Maxwell and seven residents of Firwood Court</p> <p>The Following matters were discussed:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Flood prevention technology suggested by Dr Michael Bradnam 2) Paul Laidlaw to formulate a formal report for submission for funding. The formal report will then be discussed by all members of the group as noted supra. 3) Paul Laidlaw pointed out that full funding is unlikely to be realised. Residents may be expected to make a contribution 4) Stuart Dalziel agreed to approach the landlord for a possible contribution. <p>The Flood Prevention Group and BK&MCC have been actively pressing for flood prevention measures at these flats for some time.</p> <p>ERC have installed a grill over the entrance to the culvert but it requires a strong person to clear the debris during a flood. The elderly residents are unable to do this themselves.</p> <p>CLlr Bamforth confirmed that ERC Roads Dept. clear the</p>	



	<p>grill on an as required basis.</p> <p>The Chairperson commented that there are flood prevention measures which can be installed, such as special air bricks which shut off in the event water reaches them.</p> <p>The Letting agent (Shanta Residential, 11 Muirend Road, Glasgow G44) or owners of Firwood Court may be required to install flood prevention measures.</p> <p>The factor said the owners were not willing to contribute but the Flood Prevention Group have persuaded them to resubmit a request.</p> <p>Paul Laidlaw of the Scottish Flood Forum is assisting in this matter and will prepare a formal report referenced above.</p>	
RESPONSE TO LETTER TO JACKSON CARLAW MSP	<p>On 30th September the Chairperson wrote to Jackson Carlaw MSP, our local MSP, about the buses.</p> <p>A reply was received on Friday October 11th 2019</p> <p>"In principal, the Scottish Conservatives are not against giving councils the power to operate their own local bus networks. We are also open to the idea of councils establishing local bus services to support routes that, for example, may not generally be considered profitable or to ensure provision in remote or rural areas."</p> <p>"Whilst the Scottish Conservatives are not opposed to local authorities gaining new powers over bus franchising, we are unable to give our support to the Scottish Government's Transport Bill at Stage 3 due to the incorporation of the unwanted and ill-advised car park tax into legislation."</p>	
RESPONSE TO INVITATION TO SEPA	<p>The Chairperson wrote to SEPA inviting them to attend a meeting.</p> <p>SEPA declined because they do not have the information or authority to comment on concerns relating to risks of internal or external sewer flooding downstream of the Maidenhill development.</p> <p>SEPA suggested representatives from Scottish Water or ERC might be better positioned to answer our questions.</p> <p>SEPA's letter also commented upon recent correspondence with Rob Jones in relation to a silty discharge from the Maidenhill site that caused discolouration of the Shawlinn Burn. SEPA is responsible for regulating activities that pose a risk to burns and rivers and in this case, responded to a public complaint by carrying out an investigation, identifying the problem and requiring measures to be put in place to stop the silt getting into the burn.</p> <p>The SEPA telephone hotline (0800 80 70 60) is manned 24</p>	



	<p>hours a day, 7 days a week and can be used to report pollution incidents, concerns or anything untoward in any river or burn in our area.</p>	
PLANS FOR TREE PLANTING	<p>The contact to write to in ERC is either Adrian Baines (Parks) or Richard Mowatt (Environmental officer)</p> <p>Several things require consideration when planning the tree planting project.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Is the land suitable for planting?• Will preparatory ground works be required?• Where can we apply for funding?• Would ERC object to our proposal?• Should we contact Save Broom Park group in order to consult the community?• Best time for tree planting? <p>It would be advantageous to plant willow in the boggy part.</p> <p>Do we know of a Landscape artist that could help (on a voluntary basis of course) with the woodland design? Could ERC provide assistance with this?</p> <p>A number of places to approach for a grant?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• ERC?• Woodland Trust? – There is some useful information on their website.• https://www.woodlandtrust.org.uk/plant-trees/schools-and-communities/ <p>CLlr Bamforth commented that ERC are considering the possibility of sowing bee friendly flowers in parks.</p> <p>Margaret Hinchliffe commented that wild flowers require a certain type of soil and consideration should be given to this before any sowing or planting.</p> <p>Jane Royston and the Chairperson offered to compile a letter on behalf of the BK&MCC</p>	
QUESTIONS FROM THE FLOOR	<p>Mearns House Care Home Parking</p> <p>Margaret Hinchliffe enquired why the new Mearns House care home was built with inadequate parking spaces. Local residents are being impacted by inconsiderate parking in the residential area.</p> <p>Residents have written to the Care home and McTaggart and Mickel. The main problem is the staff park their cars at the care home, instead of across the road, and the residents of flats are only allocated two numbered spaces. Residents have contact the police but they are not</p>	



	<p>interested.</p> <p>Cllr Bamforth and Swift advised that there's not a lot ERC can do as the flats are private property.</p> <p>Suggestion was made to install resident's bollards with keys.</p> <p>Overgrowing boundaries A concerned resident commented that it is a concern that some residents do not maintain the street-side boundaries of their property with the result that access to pavements become restricted.</p> <p>Cllrs advised that if the hedge or tree is causing an obstruction it should be reported to the Roads Department.</p> <p>Poor state of pavements and roads A resident expressed frustration and concern about the poor, dangerous condition of pavements and roads in the area.</p> <p>Newtonlea Avenue is used as a shortcut to avoid Firwood Road and there are too many potholes in the road to count. Some have been poorly patched.</p> <p>Cllr Bamforth advised that an extra £15m has been allocated for roads. This is still not enough to repair every road. ERC try to assess and prioritise.</p>	
<p>ANY OTHER BUSINESS</p>	<p>There was no other business</p>	
<p>DATE OF NEXT MEETINGS</p>	<p>Monday 18th November 2019 at 7pm in the Conference room at Mearns Castle High School.</p>	

Dates for BK&MCC meetings next session are:

- Monday 18th November 2019
- 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

All meetings to be held at 7pm in the Conference room (Unless otherwise stated) at Mearns Castle High School