



Broom Kirkhill Mearnskirk  
Community Council

<b>AGM MEETING OF HELD ON</b>	AGM meeting of Broom, Kirkhill, & Mearnskirk, Community Council Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> May 2018 @ 7pm in Mearns Castle High School	
<b>WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION</b>	The Chairperson welcomed everyone to our second AGM.	
<b>RECORDING OF MEMBERS PRESENT</b>	An attendance sheet was circulated. In attendance: William Maxwell (Chairperson), Doug Pitt (Vice Chairperson), Janet Olverman (Secretary), Jane Royston (Treasurer), Gordon Muirhead, Ron Gimby Also present: Cllr Caroline Bamforth, Cllr. Jim Swift	
<b>APOLOGIES</b>	Cllr Barbara Grant, Rob Jones, Zhada Robertson	
<b>ITEM DISCUSSED</b>		<b>Action Points</b>
<b>MINUTE OF PREVIOUS AGM MEETING</b>	The Minute of the meeting on 10 <sup>th</sup> May 2017 was proposed by Janet Olverman and seconded by Will Maxwell and approved by the committee.	
<b>MATTERS ARISING</b>	There were no matters arising	
<b>POLICE REPORT</b>	<p>Two police officers attended the meeting to present their crime report for the period 15<sup>th</sup> April to 14<sup>th</sup> May 2018.</p> <p>1. Homes being broken into</p> <p>On the afternoon of the 21<sup>st</sup> April, a break-in occurred at a flat in Broompark Drive, Newton Mearns,. A quantity of jewellery was stolen.</p> <p>About 9am on the 22<sup>nd</sup> April, a 39 year old man was arrested in Kirkdene Place, having shortly beforehand attempted to gain access to a house in that street. He was arrested and detained in custody to appear at court the following day.</p> <p>On the evening of the 25<sup>th</sup> April, a resident from Larchfield Court, was returning home on foot when he observed his own car being driven off by an unknown male suspect. Police attended and it was established that the car keys and other property had been stolen from within the home of the complainant.</p> <p>About 12-20pm on the 27<sup>th</sup> April a resident from Hazelden Road, returned home to find 2 male suspects within the garden of her home. They made off upon being disturbed.</p> <p>We continue to encourage residents to ensure that doors and windows are kept locked and secured at all times of day, and to consider installation of additional security devices such as intruder alarms and CCTV systems.</p>	



	<p>Modern systems are readily available and affordable in most cases. We would also encourage residents to register with Neighbourhood Watch Scotland. If you want to join go to <a href="http://www.neighbourhoodwatchscotland.co.uk">www.neighbourhoodwatchscotland.co.uk</a> or <a href="http://www.ruralwatchscotland.co.uk">www.ruralwatchscotland.co.uk</a></p> <p>2. Antisocial behaviour and disorder</p> <p>Our Problem Solving Team officers continue to give extra attention to key locations in your Community Council area.</p> <p>During the period under review we have received a total of 9 calls relating to youth disorder, with three of these in the vicinity of Broomburn Drive.</p> <p>3. Violent crime</p> <p>No crimes of violence in public locations in your Community Council area have been reported during the period under review.</p> <p>4. Drug dealing and misuse</p> <p>No drugs offences have been detected in your community council area during the period under review.</p> <p><b>CRIME PREVENTION</b></p> <p>At this time of year, it is not uncommon for us to observe seasonal increases in reports of thefts from sheds/garages and other outbuildings. Please take the time to ensure that such buildings are well secured. Consider fitting a shed alarm, or more advanced security measures if higher value items are stored within.</p> <p>Please report any suspicious persons or activity via 101, or in an emergency, by dialling 999.</p> <p>Sign up for Neighbourhood Watch Scotland alerts</p> <p>Further information can be found at <a href="https://www.neighbourhoodwatchscotland.co.uk/">https://www.neighbourhoodwatchscotland.co.uk/</a></p> <p>By signing up to this service you will receive crime prevention information relevant to both local and national issues.</p> <p>There were no questions from the public.</p> <p>Cllr Swift advised that a CCTV Camera for the Broom shops has been bought and just needs to be installed.</p>	
<p><b>CHAIRPERSON'S ANNUAL REPORT</b></p>	<p>1) The Community Council submitted a response to 'The Footway Parking and Double Parking (Scotland) Bill' on 28th June 2017 but we have received no further communication.</p> <p>2) Our Facebook page is not used as much as could be to</p>	



communicate our meetings and activities with the public.

- 3) The Maidenhill development has taken up much of our time this year. The Chairperson extended his thanks to Doug Pitt for his continued efforts with the SPSO submission.

The prime Maidenhill application was for 837 houses over the whole area. Over the last 6 months the developers have now applied for 4 smaller developments of up to 49 houses which do not require the same Planning Permission ratification. Objections have been raised by BK&MCC particularly in relation to flooding and drainage.

Scottish water published a drainage impact assessment study in August 2017 to show the main sewage outflow from the Maidenhill development is planned to pass through Malletsheugh rather than the area covered by BK&MCC.

There is still no confirmation of the actual drainage plans from Scottish Water.

We are still pursuing this matter.

- 4) Resignation of Treasurer

The Chairperson reported that Elisabeth Jones had resigned as treasurer and Jane Royston has been elected to the role in her stead.

- 5) The BK&MCC supported an application for a 4G mast on Broom Road East.

- 6) The Chairperson attended a planning application meeting on Drumboy Quarry by East Ayrshire Council in November 2017. Mainly as a courtesy because the stone being removed might pass through Newton Mearns. There will be an update meeting held in September 2018.

- 7) When parking charges were introduced within the staff car park at the Avenue, the CC intervened and more notices have been put up. However the Avenue staff object to paying parking fees resulting in some congestion on Capelrig Road leading up to the Avenue. ERC are going to paint parking restrictions on this road under new traffic management policies.

- 8) In respect of the increased nursery provision, we have not heard any more about the planned 5 or 6 establishments proposed to be built in parks around East Renfrewshire.

Cllr. Bamforth said that ERC have been offered 80% of the Capital funding we requested, but there are still on-going negotiations.

Cllr Swift advised that ERC use more teachers than most councils. Nursery education is vital to keep youngsters up



	<p>to speed.</p> <p>9) Roads and pavements</p> <p>The Chairperson thanked Gordon Muirhead who has worked hard to submit letters and proposals for improving the funding for road and pavement repairs.</p> <p>Ron Gimby asked what progress had been made in moving forwards with a campaign.</p> <p>Gordon advised that he had submitted a letter to the Extra but this was not published. He had also submitted a letter to the Herald but this hadn't been published either.</p> <p>Bev Brown suggested re-submitting this letter. Gordon's letter was published on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> May 2018.</p> <p>It has been suggested whether it would be possible to mount a legal challenge but Cllr Bamforth commented that this would be difficult because the legal liabilities on Local Authorities for road repairs is not explicit under current Legislation.</p> <p>Bev Brown offered to contact the Herald and find the correct contact for Gordon.</p> <p>10) Neighbourhood watch Scotland</p> <p>We set up the Community Council as a certified neighbourhood watch group in the autumn of 2017.</p> <p>Cllr Bamforth suggested it would be a good idea to invite them to attend a meeting.</p> <p>11) SPSO submission</p> <p>The Chairperson thanked Doug Pitt for his strenuous and persistent efforts. Doug Pitt gave an update of the current situation. It was suggested that some of the comments made by Lord Glennie were critical of the way the council handled the matter but his verdict was to support the council's decision. The BKMCC re-iterates its concerns that some aspects of the functioning of the Planning Applications Committee of the 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2017 were poorly handled and that the Handling Report generated by ERC did not fully reflect proceedings.</p> <p>The SPSO will be able to investigate unattended matters.</p> <p>12) On-line Planning representations</p> <p>The Chairperson and Vice Chairperson attended the PAC meeting of Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> May and were pleased to report that one of our complaints about the lack of on-line objections on the planning site has now being reconsidered. From the Autumn of 2018 these objections will be placed on-line.</p> <p>ERC will appointed a third graduate planner to assist with this.</p> <p>Cllr. Bamforth commented that Cllr. Annette Ireland has been instrumental in achieving this amendment.</p>	<p>Bev Brown to contact the Herald</p> <p>Gordon to re-submit the letter.</p> <p>Janet to contact and invite NHW to a future meeting</p>
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The Chairperson recorded the CC's thanks and recognition for her persistence in this matter.

Doug Pitt explained there are still one or two matters which have been left unattended.

In the meeting with Scottish Water held on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> April 2018, Scottish Water admitted they didn't know with whom to deal at ERC since they do not employ a flood prevention officer.

Ron Gimby said this sounds like they are making excuses, they must know who to contact.

There was discussion about Scottish Water and ERC and their relevant responsibilities.

Doug Pitt asked the Councillors if Scottish Water ever advise or warn ERC about a development.

He was told that Scottish Water never do so.

The view that ERC seem to be unprepared to act in its role of flood prevention officer was noted.

SEPA want the local water quality within waterways improved by 2021 – it's currently rated as poor.

The guidance provided by the planning Dept. at the PAC meeting suggested that the PAC had no power to refer this back to Scottish water.

BKMCC suggest, however, that the PAC could have rejected the application until such issues had been addressed.

Bev Brown advised that Broomburn Park burn was stinking badly the other day.

Janet advised that if this occurs again she should report it to SEPA for sewage/watercourse pollution and Scottish Water to report flooding.

BKMCC was advised by the Chairperson that records of flooding are dependent upon people reporting. It was noted that residents may be hesitant about reporting flooding incidents, especially internal flooding, as they don't want to be put on the flood risk register. However, the Chairperson had asked about this at the meeting with Scottish Water on 18<sup>th</sup> April 2018 and had been informed that once flooding problems had been resolved, residents will then be removed from the flood risk register.

Gordon Muirhead enquired what has to happen to the submission to the Ombudsman

The Chairperson commented that it is up to us to highlight the deficiencies in the PAC meeting to the SPSO. We would like to see more cohesion and clarity as to responsibility by the various agencies.

Doug Pitt agreed to submit as soon as possible.

Doug Pitt to finalise and submit SPSO submission



	<p>13) Parking restrictions consultation These are now in force and road markings are currently being painted.</p> <p>14) The Chairperson reported that following a road safety meeting at Kirkhill Primary, with concerns over safety of the children crossing the road outside the school, Michael Morgenthaler is pursuing this matter.</p> <p>15) Proposed Biogas Plant The BK&amp;MCC attended a Joint meeting with MRCVCC about the Biogas plant on 8<sup>th</sup> March 2018. Approximately 100 people attended this meeting to voice their displeasure at the proposed development and the alteration to Clause 10. OFGEM have now said, in order to be eligible for a feed in tariff, Greenhags Energy must now use wheat straw (a farming waste product) as well as grass and beet as a food source for the digestors. They also require to use cattle slurry, which will be trucked in, to initiate the process. It was noted that this amendment to the planning consent hasn't yet appeared before a PAC meeting. Cllr. Swift had to leave the meeting. Gordon Muirhead reminded the Committee about the Budget Consultation meeting he attended in Barrhead, nothing has ever come of this. There has been no further communication from ERC.</p>	
<b>Treasurers Annual report</b>	<p>The Treasurer handed out copies of her annual report.</p> <p>The annual grant received from ERC in 2017 was £580.58 The Balance at 31<sup>st</sup> Mach 2018 was £303.98. A total expenditure of £276.60 had been incurred with administrative costs forming the major part. There was also expenditure for the hire of a hall for a Hustings Meeting organised before the last council elections. Our Grant will be £511.12 for 2018/19. We will carry over the surplus from last year for future projects and our grant next year will not be affected. The Accounts have been Audited by Robert Kerr and a formal letter of thanks has been sent by the Chairman on behalf of the BK&amp;MCC. No charge was made for this service.</p>	
<b>Appointment of Auditor</b>	<p>It was noted that Robert Kerr had been very helpful and hadn't charged for his services. The Treasurer, however, requested a change of auditor for next year to a more local accountant, Bernadette Pollock.</p>	



	The Community Council approved this appointment.	
<b>Submission of Audit Balance sheet</b>	The audited balance sheet was submitted and approved by the Community Council.	
<b>Secretary's Annual report</b>	<p>Janet Olverman delivered her annual report.</p> <p>As secretary Janet has taken and prepared the minutes for the meetings of the BK&amp;MCC all except the meeting in November which Zhada kindly offered to minute in her absence.</p> <p>The Secretary has set up a BK&amp;MCC email address to be used for general correspondence <a href="mailto:bkandmcc@gmail.com">bkandmcc@gmail.com</a></p> <p>The new BK&amp;MCC logo has been distributed for use on correspondence.</p> <p>The Secretary attended the launch event for the Police Scotland Youth Volunteers held at the Police Recruitment and training centre in Jackton on 29th August. This was a very interesting evening and we should remember these volunteers are available if we require assistance at any organised event.</p> <p>The Secretary was pleased to announce that Bev Brown has joined the Community Council but sad to announce the resignation of Elisabeth Jones and John Boyle.</p> <p>We really need new members in order to assist the remaining Community Councillors. How do we advertise and encourage new members to join?</p> <p>As secretary Janet has taken and prepared the minutes for the meetings of the BK&amp;MCC</p> <p>Janet monitors the BK&amp;MCC email inbox and forwards any relevant information to the CC members</p> <p>The Secretary attended two Community Council Networking events and the Planning Democracy Conference on 11<sup>th</sup> May. There will be a report about this at our next meeting in June.</p> <p>Assisting with the organisation of the Fundraising Ceilidh and organised three Litter Picks in our local parks and green spaces.</p> <p><b>Membership</b></p> <p>The Secretary announced that membership has been steadily declining, with the resignation of Gordon Muirhead.</p> <p>The Secretary was pleased to announce that Andrew Kidd has agreed to join the CC but unfortunately cannot be present this evening (in London)</p> <p>Our main challenge is going to be attracting new members and hope that the forthcoming Community Council</p>	





	<p>Elections in August will give us the opportunity to canvass and attract new members. We really need new members in order to assist the remaining Community Councillors. How do we advertise and encourage new members to join?</p> <p>The Secretary has completed an amendment to our constitution to say that the Chairperson can stand for more than one year.</p> <p>The Secretary receives the weekly planning list and distributes these to the Planning sub group for comments and action as necessary.</p> <p>As a member of the Planning sub-group she attended several meetings with the NMRFPG and pressure from both groups is going to be rewarded with ERC agreeing to review the provision of on-line planning application representations.</p> <p>One Planning Application Notice has been received from Robertson Homes who are planning another development at Maidenhill, on the land opposite the Malletsheugh Inn. The Secretary has invited them to attend one of our meetings but hasn't received a response. They said they are going to hold a consultation event at Parklands but no date has been fixed yet.</p> <p>Janet confirmed she is happy to continue in this role for another year but will resign from the Secretary position at the next AGM.</p>	
<p><b>Demit of office bearers</b></p>	<p>The Chairperson, Vice Chairperson and Treasurer all demitted office.</p>	
<p><b>Election of office bearers</b></p>	<p><b>Election of Office bearers for Session September 2018 to May 2019</b></p> <p>The Secretary called upon Will Maxwell to stand as Chairperson for another year. This was proposed by Bev Brown seconded by Doug Pitt and approved by the Community Council.</p> <p>The Secretary called upon Doug Pitt to stand as Vice Chairperson for another year. This was proposed by Will Maxwell and seconded by Jane Royston and approved by the Community Council.</p> <p>The Secretary called upon Jane Royston to stand as Treasurer for another year. This was proposed by Gordon Muirhead and seconded by Ron Gimby and approved by the Community Council.</p> <p>The Secretary now demitted office and was asked to stand again. This was proposed by Gordon Muirhead and seconded by Bev Brown.</p>	





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<b>Questions from the public</b>	There were no further questions from the public	
<b>Any other business</b>	<p>The Secretary reminded everyone that Bev Brown would be performing a CPR demonstration at our next meeting in June. This would take approximately 30 minutes.</p> <p><b>Future Meeting Dates</b> There was some discussion about the best day to hold our meetings in order to maximise attendance.</p> <p>It was proposed to change our meetings to be held on the third Monday of the month.</p> <p>Providing this is agreeable/convenient to the Councillors, the Chairman will circulate proposed dates for next session.</p>	Will circulate proposed dates for Monday meetings to for
<b>DATE OF NEXT MEETING</b>	The next meeting of BK&MCC will be on Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> June 2018 at 7pm in the Mearns Castle High School.	

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