



Broom Kirkhill Mearns Kirk  
Community Council

<b>MEETING OF</b>	Broom, Kirkhill, & Mearns Kirk, Community Council	
<b>HELD ON</b>	Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> February 2018 @ 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: Dr. William Maxwell (Chairperson), Doug Pitt (Vice Chairperson), Janet Olverman (Secretary), Jane Royston (Treasurer), , Gordon Muirhead, Ron Gimby, Rob Jones</p> <p>Also present:</p> <p>Cllr Caroline Bamforth</p> <p>Cllr Jim Swift</p> <p>Vincent McCulloch, Community Council Liaison Officer</p>	
<b>APOLOGIES</b>	Zhada Robertson, Cllr. Barbara Grant, Cllr McLean, John Boyle, Bev Brown	
<b>ITEM DISCUSSED</b>		<b>Action Points</b>
<b>MINUTE OF PREVIOUS MEETING</b>	The Minute of the meeting on 11 <sup>th</sup> January was proposed by the Chairperson and seconded by Doug Pitt and approved by the Community Council.	
<b>MATTERS ARISING</b>	<p>There were no matters arising</p> <p>Jim swift informed the CC that on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February at 6pm Friday Baroness Mobarik will be holding a meeting at Spiersbridge Business Park regarding burglary prevention.</p>	
<b>POLICE REPORT</b>	<p>Two police officers attended the meeting to present their crime report for the period 1st – 31st January 2018</p> <p><b>Homes being broken into</b></p> <p>Acquisitive crime, and in particular thefts from domestic dwellings, remain high on our list of priorities due to the significant number of incidents that are occurring across East Renfrewshire.</p> <p>A considerable number of police resources are currently dedicated to investigating these crimes.</p> <p>On the 6th January 2018 house in Burnside Road, Newton Mearns was broken in to during the day/evening.</p> <p>During the hours of darkness in the early hours of the 19th January, an attempt was made to break-in to a house in Doune Crescent, Newton Mearns.</p> <p>During the hours of darkness in the early hours of the 20th January, entry was gained to a house in Laigh Road, via an</p>	



unlocked door. Car keys and the householder's car were subsequently stolen.

On the afternoon of the 30th January entry was gained to a house in Gilmourton Crescent, Newton Mearns, and property was stolen.

A total of 11 individuals have been arrested since mid-January as part of a wide-ranging operation targeting an organised gang who have been committing crimes across the whole of Scotland.

In addition to that a number of other arrests have been made by officers based locally in East Renfrewshire relating to thefts and/or attempted thefts.

### **Antisocial behaviour and disorder**

During the entire month of January, we have received a total of 4 reports relating to "youth disorder" in your community council area. Two of these related to snow balls being thrown.

In two separate incidents on the 6th and 12th January respectively, in Fruin Avenue and Turnberry Drive, Newton Mearns, a 57 year old woman and a 57 year old man, were arrested and detained in custody to appear at court, for alleged offences of driving whilst over the drink-drive limit.

### **Violent crime**

No crimes of violence in public locations in your Community Council area have been reported during January.

### **Drug dealing and misuse**

No drug dealing offences have been detected in your Community Council area during January.

On the 31st January a 19 year old man was found to be in possession of a quantity of herbal cannabis in Eaglesham Road Newton Mearns, by officers carrying out proactive patrol duties in your area.

### **CRIME PREVENTION**

As per last month's police report, we are still receiving reports across East Renfrewshire relating to car owners omitting to lock their vehicles and thereafter finding that items have been stolen. We again reiterate the importance of checking that vehicles and homes are properly secured at all times of day and night.

### **NEWS**

During late November / early December, a series of 13 break-ins to cars occurred at car parks across East Renfrewshire. Five of these thefts occurred in the Newton Mearns area. Officers from our local problem solving teams



	<p>investigated these crimes. A 46 year old man has been charged with 13 crimes and appeared at court from custody. He is currently on bail pending future criminal proceedings.</p> <p>The Police officers reminded everyone to sign up for Neighbourhood Watch Scotland as alerts are now being issued on this system.</p> <p>Further information can be found at <a href="http://www.neighbourhoodwatchscotland.co.uk">www.neighbourhoodwatchscotland.co.uk</a></p> <p>Jane Royston enquired if incidences of domestic violence would be included in the report.</p> <p>The officers stated that they would be included under 'violent' crime section if a serious incident was reported.</p> <p>Doug Pitt congratulated Michael Morgenthaler on the clarity of the police report.</p>	
<p><b>CHANGE TO THE CONSTITUTION OF BK&amp;MCC</b></p>	<p>Janet Olverman explained the process involved in altering the CC constitution with regard to tenure of the chairperson.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Get the CC to agree to the proposal, - COMPLETED</li> <li>2. Write to Jim Sneddon at ERC and advise that CC have agreed to the change of the constitution</li> <li>3. ERC write back to you and advise that you can make the change to your constitution.</li> <li>4. Advise the CC at the following meeting that ERC have approved the change and then conduct a vote to formally change the constitution.</li> </ol> <p>Clause 9.3 currently states: "A member may not be appointed as Chair more than twice during a term of the COMMUNITY COUNCIL, nor be reappointed other than at the first AGM following an election, or at the AGM prior to an election. Without the express approval of East Renfrewshire Council, no one member shall hold more than one of the following offices at any one time: Chair, Secretary and Treasurer."</p> <p>The proposal is that the first sentence of the clause be deleted in its entirety leaving the clause 9.3 to read:-</p> <p>"Without the express approval of East Renfrewshire Council, no one member shall hold more than one of the following offices at any one time: Chair, Secretary and Treasurer."</p> <p>The Secretary circulated this proposal to all CC members and has received a unanimous response in agreement.</p> <p>The new clause will now have to be formally approved by ERC and the change will be minuted at our next meeting.</p>	<p>Janet to write to Jim Sneddon at ERC</p>



<p><b>DRAFT PETITION TO ERC BY GORDON MUIRHEAD</b></p>	<p><b>Petition on Road Repairs – Update from Gordon Muirhead</b></p> <p>We have received a response to our petition from Andrew Cahill, Director of the Environment and a copy has been circulated to CC members</p> <p>It was disappointing to receive a response from Andrew Cahill because he has no power to decide the budget.</p> <p>His response was primarily a detailed historical document outlining what ERC had done regarding roads over the past few years.</p> <p>Doug Pitt expressed the view that the number of residents in our area who are suffering discontent with our roads is growing. The poor state of our roads has deteriorated greatly throughout January 2018.</p> <p>It was suggested that ERC should be looking at the maintenance of roads as an investment</p> <p>Cllr Bamforth commented that she had made that point in her previous response.</p> <p>Audit Scotland have encouraged ERC to use its reserves to bring damaged roads up to standard.</p> <p>Mr. Cahill’s response corrected some misunderstandings in the CC’s proposals, for example road repairs cannot be part of the City Deal.</p> <p>Cllr Bamforth clarified that the figure in the budget for landscaping is actually for new outdoor learning areas.</p> <p>The £14m allocated for education has to include the new Maidenhill school.</p> <p>Gordon Muirhead commented that the cabinet minute of 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2017 records that ERC consider they are doing well with regard to road maintenance despite being ranked 25<sup>th</sup> out of 32 local authorities.</p> <p>BK&amp;MCC have suggested using £10m reserves for road repairs but Mr. Cahill does not refer to this, there has been no satisfactory response in this regard.</p> <p>Cllr Swift advised that ERC do not want to dip into their reserves as they fear cuts are going to get worse.</p> <p>He stated that only unallocated reserves can be used, Capital reserves cannot be touched. It would be better to borrow money rather than touch the reserves.</p> <p>In conclusion it was decided that the suggested CC response should be to reinforce our request that £10m of reserves should be spent to bring our roads up to standard. However, if by the 1st March our proposal is rejected we can subsequently petition ERC to borrow the money.</p> <p>It was agreed that Gordon Muirhead should draft a response to be circulated and approved timeously.</p>	
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	<p>An alternative suggestion was to encourage all Community Councils to set up petitions asking residents to protest.</p>	
<p><b>UPDATE SPSO REFERRAL/ MEETING WITH NMRFPG</b></p>	<p>Report by Doug Pitt and Dr. Maxwell</p> <p>A meeting was held with the Newton Mearns Residents Flood Prevention Group to discuss local flooding matters and to seek their advice with regard to the construction of a letter to ERC expressing discontent with the process with which the planning consent for the Maidenhill Development was given approval on June 2<sup>nd</sup> 2017.</p> <p>In spite of the Judicial review finding in favour of ERC the SPSO advised that it will still be possible to submit a complaint.</p> <p>The Chairperson read out an update from the NMRFPG:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. There are five planning applications for the Maidenhill Master Plan area to be determined (<i>Malletsheugh East, Maidenhill School, three amendments at Maidenhill Farm (more houses)</i>)</li> <li>2. There have been at least five recorded sewer flooding issues in Newton Mearns in the past two weeks. This included sewer flooding of family homes and required the disinfection of streets and school walking routes.</li> <li>3. Scottish Water is still unable to provide the calculations for their Final Development Impact Assessment for Maidenhill Master Plan area to demonstrate no additional sewer flooding (<i>beside St Cadoc's School and in Rouken Glen Park</i>)</li> <li>4. The applicants have still not determined the capacity of the downstream culverts on the burns, and flood risk in Mearns Village, Crookfur, Mearns Kirk and Broom. This essential requirement was highlighted by the Scottish Government Reporter (<i>in October 2016</i>) when he refused the application at Malletsheugh Inn.</li> </ol> <p>It was felt that the Community Council should exercise every avenue open to us in order to resolve these issues on behalf of the Residents of Newton Mearns.</p> <p>Ron Gimby commented that the reason for this complaint at this time is because of the court of Session's opinion - these incidents make it necessary to take this forward.</p> <p>There was much discussion about ERC's handling of the decision making process and criticism of the way the Planning Officer handled the PAC meeting.</p> <p>There was discussion about Scottish Water's drainage</p>	



	<p>proposals and ERC's insistence that they cannot overwrite Scottish Water's advice.</p> <p>It was felt that while ERC may not be able to tell Scottish Water what to do, they are able to challenge or query their proposals or say no to one of the options.</p> <p>Rob Jones enquired if there is any way this development can be delayed until this issue is resolved.</p> <p>Ron Gimby responded that the decision cannot be overturned.</p> <p>The CC wish to state that we have no desire to prevent this development but wish to stop the consequences negatively affecting our area.</p> <p>Dr Bradnam has appraised the suggested document and Doug Pitt will circulate a copy for comments. The CC support this suggestion.</p>	<p>Doug Pitt to circulate copy of draft document</p>
<b>REPORT ON ROAD SAFETY MEETING AT KIRKHILL SCHOOL</b>	<p>Dr. Maxwell attended a meeting to discuss road safety at Kirkhill primary school.</p> <p>He presented a series of slides to clearly demonstrate the road layout and issues surrounding inappropriate parking and the dangers experienced by children crossing the road on their way to school, primarily from motorists driving too fast. There is great concern about children's safety as an incident occurred recently where three children were nearly run over at the pedestrian crossing by a motorist.</p> <p>Cllr Bamforth commented that parking is an important factor.</p> <p>The CC discussed potential resolutions and suggested the possibility of installing a Pelican or Puffin crossing at this location. However admitted that costs will be an influential factor in any decision making process.</p>	
<b>REPORT ON HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL 23<sup>RD</sup> JANUARY 2018</b>	<p>Doug Pitt attended this very moving event at St. Ninian's High School. School children gave presentations and Dr. Grossman spoke about life as a Polish Jew in a ghetto. A very pleasant moving evening and well presented.</p>	



<p><b>RESIGNATION OF JOHN BOYLE AND RE-APPOINTMENT AS CO-OPTED MEMBER</b></p>	<p>Janet Olverman and Dr. Maxwell. Unfortunately John Boyle was unable to be present this evening, however in his absence the Chairperson proposed his appointment as an Associate Member, seconded by Doug Pitt.</p> <p>At our next meeting John should attend and sign the paperwork then his appointment should be noted in the Minute</p>	
<p><b>REPORT ON NETWORKING MEETING OF COMMUNITY COUNCILS</b></p>	<p>Report by Dr. Maxwell This meeting, arranged by ERC, was attended by representatives of all Community Councils.</p> <p>Vincent McCulloch commented that the Eaglesham and Waterfoot CC gave an interesting insight into how Facebook is used by them. Other community members can post useful information on their Facebook page</p> <p>He advised that ERC are organising training for CC members in social media use.</p> <p>A member of the public enquired whether there was any discussion about reviving an intercommunity council function, as contact between CC's is valuable with regard to local issues.</p> <p>Vincent McCulloch advised that these networking meetings were proposed to be held on a quarterly basis.</p>	
<p><b>OPEN TO THE FLOOR</b></p>	<p><b>CPR Training</b> Janet Olverman suggested that we invite Bev Brown to conduct a CPR /defibrillator demonstration for CC members and maybe also arrange training sessions for the public.</p> <p>Cllr. Bamforth suggested contacting the Heart Start organisation.</p> <p><b>Publicity</b> Doug Pitt enquired about meeting publicity and volunteered to put up meeting notices in the Community Notice board at the avenue. The Chairperson advised he has placed notices in the main Avenue notice boards (at a cost of £14) but these have obviously provided very little response from the public. It was suggested that Costa have a free noticeboard as does the Library.</p> <p>Doug and the Chairperson to co-ordinate placement of notices at the Avenue</p>	<p>Janet to contact Bev Brown regarding CPR training</p> <p>Doug Pitt/Will Maxwell to co-ordinate placement of meeting notices</p>



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<b>DATE OF NEXT MEETING</b>	The next meeting of BK&MCC will be on Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> March at 7pm in the 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

Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2018

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> April 2018

Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> May 2018 (AGM), Theatre

Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> June 2018