



MEETING OF	Broom, Kirkhill, & Mearns Kirk, Community Council	
HELD ON	Monday 17 th December 2018 @ 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:</p> <p>Dr. William Maxwell (Chairperson), Doug Pitt (Vice Chairperson) Jane Royston (Treasurer), Janet Olverman (Secretary), Rob Jones, Zhada Robertson</p> <p>Cllr. Caroline Bamforth Cllr Jim Swift Cllr. Barbara Grant</p>	
APOLOGIES	Ron Gimby	
ITEM DISCUSSED		Action Points
GLASGOW CITY DEAL PROJECTS	<p>The Chairperson introduced Anne McAleer, Programme Manager, Economy and Infrastructure from Glasgow City Deal Projects and from ERC Julie Nicol.</p> <p>Anne McAleer delivered a presentation about the proposed projects within East Renfrewshire, funded by the Glasgow City Deal.</p> <p>Both the Scottish and Westminster Governments have made £500m available for an investment programme concentrating on leisure, wellbeing and employment.</p> <p>East Renfrewshire has been awarded £44m as their portion of the available fund and the Council is investing £6m as their contribution.</p> <p>Images of the various sites to be redeveloped were displayed.</p> <p>Levern works Crossmill business park has already been completed comprising of 10 small units in Barrhead. They are now all let.</p> <p>The old Nestlé works have been remediated for redevelopment. Over 100 jobs are to be created on this site.</p> <p>Greenlaw Business Centre This is currently under construction, consisting of 17,000sq.ft of space available for rental. Comprising of 38 office units, this is scheduled for</p>	



completion in Spring 2019. Numerous enquiries have already been received.

Morrison Construction are co-funding apprenticeships with Clyde College to provide construction industry experience for trainee young people.

Balgraystone Road

Work is anticipated to start in June 2019 with a completion date December 2019. This project involves upgrading the road to provide access to new railway station on the Neilston Line.

A separate pedestrian/cycle lane will be constructed alongside the road.

Aurs Road Improvement

This is still at the design stage. Proposals are to straighten this road and replace the weak bridge at the eastern end of Aurs Road adjacent to Ryat Linn reservoir which will allow buses to run along this route. There are plans to build a new visitor centre on council owned land to the south side of the straightened Aurs Road and the northern edge of Balgray Reservoir. There is also a proposal to create a wakeboarding park, funded through development contributions. Wakeboarding is a fast-growing water sport for all ages and abilities which uses an overhead cable to pull participants across the water.

The present number of visitors to the Dams to Darnley country park is estimated to be circa 90,000 per annum. With newly developed café facilities and play area the numbers are anticipated to increase to circa 300,000 per annum.

A new waterside boardwalk will join existing paths to create a continuous 4km walking and cycling circuit around Balgray Reservoir. Walking and cycling connections between Barrhead, Newton Mearns and Dams to Darnley Country Park will also be improved.

Funding has been sourced from Sustrans for the boardwalk providing ERC submits proposals to connect communities by foot and cycle routes.

Questions from the BK&MCC

Jane Royston enquired if other watersports have been considered.

Anne McAleer explained that Scottish Water own the reservoir and are nervous about people accessing the water.

Julie Nicol said the water quality is very good and there



are open water swimming clubs using the reservoir.

The Chairperson enquired if there will be controls about the amount of building which can be permitted along Aurs Road.

Julie Nicol confirmed there would be no developments along the Aurs Road.

Starting in October 2019 until September 2020, this road will be closed for 12 months.

It was confirmed that Balgraystone road will be upgraded before the Aurs Road will be closed.

Traffic will be diverted from Newton Mearns via Darnley. Because of the nature of the improvements, unfortunately there is no option but to close the road.

New Railway station.

A report still has to be submitted to Transport Scotland who will need to approve this proposal.

This station will serve the new houses being built on the southern limit of Barrhead near to St. Luke's High School and Auchenback.

The station will be unmanned and tickets may be purchased from a machine. There will be a park and ride car park.

It is anticipated that this proposal will move to the design process next spring with construction commencing 2020 with completion in 2021.

Levern Valley Link Road

The intention is to build a road linking Barrhead and Newton Mearns. A number of routes have been considered. In the future this could be extended to link with Paisley and the Airport.

Balgray Road

There are no plans to have any residential development on the West side of the M77.

Julie Nicol stated that this green area provides a good division between the two settlements.

Traffic Impact Assessments

The Chairperson enquired if a traffic impact assessment has been carried out on the extra traffic travelling from Newton Mearns via the new Aurs road.



	<p>Julie Nicol confirmed nothing has been planned as yet. However if issues occur they will address them at a later date.</p> <p>Zhada Robertson enquired if a traffic impact assessment had been carried out for the additional traffic using Mearns Cross and Langrig Road, which having no footpath, is very dangerous. She suggested that the traffic impact should be monitored once these developments are completed and asked Anne to take these comments into consideration.</p> <p>Anne McAleer stated that there is a baseline of predicted traffic from the Maidenhill development which will be reviewed on a five yearly basis.</p> <p>The Chairperson enquired if the effect of the extra traffic created by the biogas plant has been taken into consideration.</p> <p>Julie Nicol commented there should not be too much impact from this plant. Most of the traffic will use the M77 and should not pass onto local roads.</p> <p>Julie Nicol offered to provide BK&MCC with the results of the Traffic Impact Assessment.</p> <p>Bus Routes</p> <p>There was some discussion about bus routes and it was confirmed that any bus service along Aurs road would be run by SPT and hopefully subsidised.</p> <p>It was also advised that there will be a subsidised bus service from the new Maidenhill development to Patterton station for the first three years after completion of the said development. However, it was emphasised that if too few people use the service it won't be continued.</p> <p>The Chairperson commented that in order for people to use the buses they have to provide a good functional service.</p> <p>The Chairperson thanked Anne McAleer and Julie Nicol for their informative presentation.</p>	
<p>MINUTE OF PREVIOUS MEETING:</p> <p>MATTERS ARISING</p>	<p>Minute of the Meeting 19th November 2018.</p> <p>Matters arising</p> <p>Cllr. Bamforth pointed out that there were some inaccuracies within the Minute and asked for them to be corrected.</p> <p>The following corrections have been made:</p>	



	<p>P4 Leisure Centre Re-Development</p> <p>Second Paragraph, now reads Turner and Townsend and has been amended to reflect that "A new medical centre may be situated within the new leisure centre if built within Newton Mearns due to lack of current availability."</p> <p>P4 – Computers</p> <p>Paragraph has been amended to reflect that the number of computers owned should include all computers held in schools, libraries and community centres.</p> <p>The Chairperson proposed that the amended minute be circulated to members of the Community Council and ERC Cllrs before being approved at our next meeting.</p>	
<p>POLICE REPORT</p>	<p>The Chairperson read out the Police Report for the period for the period 14th November to 13th December 2018.</p> <p>The 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>1. Homes being broken into</p> <p>On the 25th November an apparent sneak-in theft occurred at a dwelling flat in Kirkvale Court, Newton Mearns. Property, including car keys and the victim's car were stolen. We urge householders to ensure doors are kept locked at all times of day and night to prevent intruders gaining easy access to properties.</p> <p>About 3-40pm on the 28th November a vigilant resident noted suspicious males at an address in the Loaning and alerted the Police. The males were disturbed and made off. Upon further investigation it was noted that a cellar door had been forced open. But no property had been stolen.</p> <p>The Police, and the Broom, Kirkhill and Mearnskirk Community Council, encourage all members of the public to report suspicious activity to the Police as soon as possible to give them the best chance to catch criminals who may be active in the CC area.</p> <p>The Chairperson displayed an email from Cllr. Jim McLean showing response from Inspector Bryan McGeogh of police Scotland who caught three criminals in Eaglesham.</p> <p>2. Antisocial behaviour and disorder</p> <p>The Police received a total of six calls relating to youth disorder in the community council area during the period under review. Repeat locations are noted as Rosemount Court, Mearnskirk (2 calls) and in the vicinity of Broom Park (2 calls).</p>	<p>Janet to send full police report to Vincent and CC members</p>



Officers are regularly tasked to carry out proactive patrols in the CC area to detect and deter a range of crimes and anti-social behaviour.

The Police continue to detect drivers who are driving under the influence of alcohol and or drugs across East Renfrewshire.

If you suspect somebody of driving whilst intoxicated please report it to the police immediately.

3. **Violent crime**

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

4. **Drug dealing and misuse**

The following drugs offences have been detected during the period under review by officers carrying out proactive patrols in the Community Council area.

18/11/2018 Mearns Road 18 year old male in possession of cannabis

22/11/2018 Poplar Avenue 42 year old male in possession of cocaine

30/11/2018 Mearns Road 21 year old male in possession of cannabis

30/11/2018 Mearns Road 22 year old male in possession of cannabis

CRIME PREVENTION

The Police continue to remind residents to be vigilant in prevention of thefts and other associated crimes. Vehicle owners were reminded not to leave valuables in view within unattended vehicles. When in busy shops, bars or restaurants, keep handbags, wallets, purses, mobile phones and other valuable items out of sight and secure.

Please report any suspicious persons or activity via 101, or in an emergency, by dialling 999.

Neighbourhood Watch Scotland

The Police and BKMCC both strongly encourage people to sign up for Neighbourhood Watch Scotland alerts? The Police have now started issuing alerts on this system.

Further information can be found at

<https://www.neighbourhoodwatchscotland.co.uk/>

By signing up to this service you will receive crime prevention information relevant to both local and national issues.



	<p>LOCAL PRIORITIES</p> <p>The East Renfrewshire Local Policing Plan 2017-2020 can be found in full on the Police Scotland website</p> <p>http://www.scotland.police.uk/your-community/greater-glasgow/east-renfrewshire/</p> <p>This document explains the National and Local Policing Priorities how these have been identified and how they are linked to the Fairer East Ren – Local Outcomes Improvement Plan</p> <p>The local Policing Priorities for East Renfrewshire have been identified as</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Homes being broken into • Antisocial behaviour and disorder • Violent crime • Drug dealing and misuse • Child abuse including child sexual exploitation <p>Please remember you can communicate with Police Scotland using any of the following:</p> <p>Twitter - @policescotland Twitter - @GreaterGlasgPol Twitter - @EastRenPolice Facebook – PoliceScotland Web – Scotland.police.uk 101 – Non emergency 999 – Emergency 0800 555 111 - Crimestoppers</p>	
<p>REPORT ON COMMUNITY CONFERENCE 24TH NOVEMBER</p>	<p>The Chairperson reported upon the Community Conference held at Eastwood House on 24th November.</p> <p>There were 81 attendees from a wide spectrum of organisations including Community Councils; Mearns Kirk Helping Hands, Barrhead Men’s Shed and Save Shawwood Greenspace.</p> <p>Kellie Miller, Senior Community Worker, ERC Communities Team opened the meeting and introduced Cllr. Colm Merrick, Convener for Community Services and Community Safety.</p> <p>A series of short presentations were given by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Orchardhill Parish Church • Tuesday Friendship Club • East Renfrewshire Youth Forum • PARTNER • I AM ME 	



	<p>Presentations were given by Funders:</p> <p>ASDA Foundation Providing support to local communities by way of small donations to groups and providing raffle prizes for local fundraising events. Leigh Hamilton is the local ASDA contact.</p> <p>National Lottery Gordon Blair advised that last year the National lottery funded 1131 projects in Scotland. Many categories of local organisation may apply for between £300 and £10,000 of funding. Money can be used for events, purchase of equipment, start-up costs, landscaping or reconditioning of community buildings. It is primarily deprived areas which receive this funding.</p> <p>The Chairperson suggested the BK&MCC think of suitable projects to apply for funding.</p> <p>Following lunch participants were divided into groups to attend five workshops:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Early Years and Vulnerable Young People. • Learning Life & work • Environment and economy • Safe, Supportive communities • Older People and people with long term conditions. <p>The Chairperson attended Learning Life & Work but due to lack of attendees this was combined with Environment and Economy.</p> <p>The Chairperson reported that the attendees were critical of ERC's treatment of Community Councils and their handling of local problems as perceived by residents.</p> <p>Comments were noted and it will be interesting to see if any response will be forthcoming from ERC.</p> <p>Following the workshops participants were asked to complete an evaluation questionnaire the results of which will be provided at a later date.</p>	
<p>PLANNING APPLICATIONS UPDATE</p>	<p>The Chairperson reported that Planning Applications had been submitted for the Bowling Club House modification and an update of house types in Maidenhill.</p> <p>The BK&MCC are concerned that the proposed amendments to house types at Maidenhill might be a way around building more affordable homes.</p> <p>Cllr Swift confirmed it's not the affordable houses at the site which are proposed to be changed.</p>	



<p>SPSO Update</p>	<p>The Vice Chairperson gave an update upon the submission to the ombudsman.</p> <p>We have received their final response which unfortunately confirmed that they couldn't find any reason to overturn the decisions already taken and they are unwilling to review this any further.</p> <p>The SPSO said the court decision takes precedence over any decision they could make.</p> <p>On behalf of the BK&MCC the Chairperson thanked Doug Pitt for his sterling efforts with the SPSO submission.</p>	
<p>UPDATE ON CEILIDH PLANNING</p>	<p>Bev Brown provided an update on our Fundraising Ceilidh. The date has been set for Saturday 16th March 2019 and the venue will be Whitecraigs Rugby Club.</p> <p>She will email out a copy of the flyer for us to begin promoting this event.</p> <p>Bev asked all CC members to try and acquire Silent Auction prizes.</p> <p>A main sponsor is still being sought and the flyer may have to be updated to reflect this.</p> <p>Janet offered to circulate suggestions of kinds of prizes to be sourced.</p> <p>First Responders have produced a letter for giving to local business to source raffle prizes.</p> <p>Newton Mearns First Responders</p> <p>All Funds raised will be for Newton Mearns Community First Responders. A local voluntary group set up by the Scottish Ambulance Association.</p> <p>We need to make a huge effort to sell tickets in January to raise enough funds to pay the band at the end of February.</p>	<p>Bev to issue Flyer</p> <p>Janet to circulate silent auction suggestions</p> <p>All CC members to promote this event.</p>
<p>BROOMBURN PARK AND SHAWWOOD GREENSPACE SURVEY</p>	<p>MSP Jackson Carlaw and MP Paul Masterton have conducted a residents' survey the results of which were overwhelmingly against building a new leisure centre on either Broomburn Park or Shawwood Greenspace.</p> <p>The Chairperson advised that ERC have decided to put the leisure centre proposal to another firm of consultants and NO decision has been made so far.</p> <p>Cllr Swift mentioned that ERC had been given the opportunity to take development of Greenspace off the table but they refused to do this.</p> <p>A resident from the Broom Park area commented that they</p>	



	<p>are dismayed that no decision had been made and are very worried that if the Eastwood Park proposal doesn't take off then it will revert to Shawwood or Broom Park.</p> <p>Cllr Grant commented that now the land at Eastwood Park is not required for a school it is most likely that the centre will be sited there.</p> <p>Zhada Robertson asked if we could have guarantees that these parks will not be built upon.</p> <p>The Chairperson concluded that the threat of building houses on Broom Park has not been discounted by ERC and that assessment of local responses to the Second Local Development Plan is due before ERC early in 2019.</p> <p>The result of any new consultation about development on Eastwood Park will be presented to East Renfrewshire Council sometime next year. The BK&MCC will endeavour to keep all residents fully informed.</p>	
AOB	<p>Community Protest at Council Offices</p> <p>Attendees were advised about the peaceful protest being planned outside ERC headquarters on Wednesday 19th December at 6pm. To encourage councillors to protect our green spaces.</p> <p>Blasting at Maidenhill</p> <p>Following unannounced 'blasting'; at Maidenhill Janet Olverman received a complaint from a member of the public seeking answers from ERC as to why the contractors did not inform the local populace of the imminent blasting.</p> <p>A letter has been sent to Andrew Cahill seeking clarification, but as yet BKMCC has received no response.</p>	
DATE OF NEXT MEETING	Monday 21 st January 2019 at 7pm in the Conference Suite at Mearns Castle High School.	

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 21st January 2019
Monday 18th February 2019
Monday 18th March 2019
Monday 15th April 2019
Monday 20th May 2019 AGM
Monday 17th June 2019