

**Minute of AGM
Broom Kirkhill Mearnskirk Community Council
10th May 7pm at Mearns Castle High School**

AGM OF	Broom, Kirkhill, Mearnskirk, Community Council	
HELD ON	Wednesday 10 th May 2017 @ 7pm in Mearns Castle High School	
WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION	The Chairperson welcomed everyone to the first AGM of the Broom Kirkhill, Mearnskirk, Community Council meeting.	
RECORDING OF MEMBERS PRESENT	<p>An attendance sheet was circulated.</p> <p>In attendance: Will Maxwell (Chairperson) Doug Pitt (Vice Chairperson), Janet Olverman (Secretary) Elisabeth Jones (Treasurer), Rob Jones, Sheila Hadfield, Gordon Muirhead, Jane Royston, Mahdi Hasan, Zhada Robertson, John Boyle.</p> <p>Cllr Jim Swift</p> <p>Cllr Jim McLean</p>	
APOLOGIES	Cllr Barbara Grant	
ITEM DISCUSSED		Action Points
MINUTE OF MEETING	This being the first AGM of the BK&MCC there was no Minute to approve.	
CRIME REPORT BY COMMUNITY POLICE OFFICERS	<p>Community Police officers presented their Crime report for the period 15th April to 30th April 2017.</p> <p>The Full report will be available on the ERC Community Council website</p> <p>Assault 23rd April 2017 There has been one assault in a public place in Broom park. An altercation between 2 school boys had been reported.</p> <p>Drug use A 24 year old male has been arrested for use of cannabis.</p> <p>Drunk and disorderly A 14 year old has been arrested in Roddinghead Road.</p> <p>Graffiti At the Esso Garage in Ayr Road, white paint was sprayed over machinery in the garage forecourt.</p> <p>House break ins No break-ins to domestic residences were reported during April.</p>	

	<p>Theft The theft of a child’s pedal bike has been reported from Blackhouse Avenue on the 29th April.</p> <p>Shoplifting A schoolboy was apprehended attempting to steal alcohol from the Co-op in Broom Road.</p> <p>The Police advised there has been a rise in crime reported regarding theft of Garden power tools and reminded the public to secure sheds by fitting shed alarms and security lights.</p> <p>The Police reminded everyone to be alert to telephone and internet frauds and have asked the public to call Crimestoppers on telephone 0800 555 111 if any suspicions are raised during a `phone call.</p> <p>The Police are asking for public feedback on their draft strategy document which can be found on https://consult.scotland.police.uk/consultation/2026/</p> <p>There were no questions from the public.</p>	
<p>CHAIRPERSON’S ANNUAL REPORT</p>	<p>The Chairperson delivered his annual report.</p> <p>William Maxwell expressed his pleasure at the formation of the Broom Kirkhill & Mearnskirk Community Council on 17th February 2017.</p> <p>A planning sub-group has been established to consider planning applications concerning our area and report back to the Community Council.</p> <p>The Community Council reported submission of a response concerning the Local Development Plan 2. Specifically, this was with regard to the proposed Broomburn Park development.</p> <p>Publicity</p> <p>One of the major issues the Community Council has encountered is providing good publicity concerning its General Meetings.</p> <p>Our meetings are publicised on the ERC Community Council website and on the Community Council Noticeboard at the Avenue.</p> <p>The Chairperson enquired of the public attending how they would prefer to receive information about CC meetings.</p> <p>A member of the Public suggested erecting a notice board</p>	

	<p>debate about these issues.</p> <p>Local Council Election Hustings</p> <p>BK&MCC organised a Local Election Hustings on 27th April 2017. This was very well attended in the Theatre of Mearns Castle High School with about 200 members of the public. The wide ranging discussion raised some interesting questions for the Councillors attending.</p> <p>Weekly Planning List</p> <p>A member of public asked if we are receiving the weekly planning list. Janet Olverman confirmed that she had started to receive these from the Council and has forwarded them to members of the planning sub-group.</p> <p>Report on Place Standards</p> <p>Regarding the presentation the Chairperson delivered at our previous meeting in order for the CC to gather useful information from the public's responses, John Boyle suggested if they could take a picture of the final result and send to the Community Council this would assist.</p> <p>Sheila Hadfield volunteered to meet a group if they would like to go through the form with her.</p> <p>Data protection</p> <p>The Chairperson and Secretary have completed a questionnaire and returned it ERC.</p> <p>Vincent McCullough advised this concerned providing protection to the Community Council under the Data Protection Act (1988) and is intended to protect the Community Council and its members during their formal activities concerning Community Council business.</p>	
<p>TREASURER'S ANNUAL REPORT</p>	<p>The Treasurer stated that a bank account has been set up with the Bank of Scotland and has a zero balance</p> <p>Vincent McCullough advised that ERC's payment will be made during the week 20th -27th May but nothing has been paid in at date of writing.</p>	
<p>SUBMISSION OF AUDITED BALANCE SHEET</p>	<p>None to submit</p>	

<p>SECRETARY'S ANNUAL REPORT AND QUESTIONS</p>	<p>Janet Olverman advised that she was delighted to become one of the founding members of the BKMCC and be elected as Secretary at our inaugural meeting in February 2017.</p> <p>In this capacity she has prepared minutes of two out of the three General meetings held to date.</p> <p>She has received one Proposal of Application Notice from ERC regarding the new primary school to be built at Maidenhill and has started to receive the Weekly Planning List from ERC.</p> <p>She has volunteered to become a member of the Planning Sub-Group and in that capacity attended a meeting with the ERC planning Department on Friday 5th May a report of which will be presented by Doug Pitt later in this meeting.</p> <p>Janet confirmed she is happy to continue in this role but advised that she would be unable to attend all meetings if they continue to be held on a Wednesday due to work commitments.</p>	
<p>DEMIT BY OFFICE BEARERS SESSION FEB TO MAY 2017</p>	<p>All office bearers demitted their position.</p>	
<p>ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS SESSION SEPT 2017 TO APRIL 2018</p>	<p>Will Maxwell proposed that unless there were any objections all office bearers should stand again as the Community Council had only been operating for part of the year.</p> <p>Election of Chairperson Doug Pitt proposed Will Maxwell as Chairperson and Sheila Hadfield seconded this proposal. With there being no objections Will Maxwell was duly elected as Chairperson.</p> <p>Election of Vice Chairperson Will Maxwell proposed Doug Pitt as Vice Chairperson and Sheila Hadfield seconded that proposal. With there being no objections Doug Pitt was duly elected as Vice Chairperson.</p> <p>Election of Secretary Will Maxwell proposed that Janet Olverman stand as Secretary and Gordon Muirfield seconded this proposal. With there being no objections Janet Olverman was duly elected as Secretary.</p> <p>Election of Treasurer Will Maxwell proposed Elisabeth Jones as Treasurer and Rob Jones seconded that proposal. With there being no objections Elisabeth Jones was duly elected as Treasurer.</p> <p>Other Business</p> <p>A member of the public, Bev Brown, would like to join the community Council as a representative from the Broom area.</p>	

	Vincent McCullough advised that firstly she would have to complete the forms and notice of her appointment has to be advertised on the Agenda prior to our next meeting when her election can be approved by the Community Council members.	
DEMIT OF CURRENT INDEPENDENT EXAMINER OF ACCOUNTS AND APPOINTMENT OF A NEW EXAMINER	It was agreed that Robert Kerr would continue as the BK&MCC Independent Examiner of accounts.	
REPORT BY DOUG PITT ON MEETING WITH PLANNING DEPT	<p>Doug Pitt presented a report from the Planning Sub-Group's meeting with East Renfrewshire Council's Planning Department on Friday 5th May attended by Community Councillors Doug Pitt, William Maxwell, Janet Olverman and Jane Royston.</p> <p>Representatives from the Planning Department were Gillian McCarney, (ERC Manager, Planning and Building Standards), Brian Ord, Roads Department and Sean McDaid, Planning Department.</p> <p>There had been a frank exchange of views but we left the meeting uncertain about how far various issues had been advanced.</p> <p>Gillian McCarney advised the CC of the responsibilities regarding riparian owners. These are residents who live next to a watercourse. She stated that if you live next to a watercourse you are responsible for keeping it clear. Technically it is not the council's responsibility.</p> <p>The question was raised about blocks of flats occupied by elderly people – they are physically not able to unblock culverts.</p> <p>The Planning Department's response was they would need to arrange for the factor to keep the waterways clear.</p> <p>Gillian McCarney offered to prepare an information leaflet for distribution to the public and the Community Council are going to arrange for a representative from Planning Department to attend a meeting to give a presentation about this issue.</p> <p>With regard to flooding being caused by new developments the message we came away with is that we are dealing with multiple agencies and none of them are taking responsibility.</p> <p>Doug Pitt stated that the planning sub-group would like to meet with Scottish Water and discuss these matters but it's proving difficult to arrange.</p> <p>Cllr Jim McLean advised he has a contact at Scottish Water</p>	<p>Doug Pitt/ Will Maxwell</p> <p>Planning Sub-Group</p>

	<p>which he will communicate to Doug Pitt.</p> <p>The Planning Sub-group wishes like to arrange a meeting with ERC, Scottish Water and SEPA to establish a satisfactory solution to the drainage/flooding issues.</p> <p>Other topics discussed:</p> <p>Roads They are in a very bad state but we were advised that the Council are operating under financial constraint and have limited funds for repairs.</p> <p>Clarkston Toll – gyratory. This is very difficult to access from the Mearns Road direction during busy periods.</p> <p>The Roads Dept. advised this was being addressed in the planned Clarkston High Street upgrade.</p> <p>State of Disrepair of Building in Conservation Area, 3 Neidpath Road East. Sean McDaid advised that he was planning to visit the site the following week but was unable to bring any pressure on the owner to finish the repairs as the law only states that once planning permission has been granted the building has to be started within a certain period of time but there is no legal finishing date.</p>	
<p>Comments and discussion with the public and Councillors present</p>	<p>A member of the public advised that an amendment has been made to the Maidenhill submission by SEPA but it's not available on the ERC website.</p> <p>There was discussion about riparian responsibilities and questions were asked about who will be responsible if the Maidenhill Development drainage plans are not sufficient and do cause increased flooding downstream.</p> <p>Questions were asked if the council, as the Flood Prevention Authority, had ensured that the Developers hydrology plans are sufficient. Concerns were raised if one could consider a hydrologist working on behalf of a developer to be independent.</p> <p>CLlr Swift stated that if ERC refused planning permission on the basis of flood risk, there is nothing to stop the developer appealing to the Scottish Reporter. If their appeal is successful and flooding subsequently becomes worse, at least ERC can say they tried and would have recourse over the Government.</p> <p>Doug Pitt enquired what the Political Councillors role is to be in this session.</p> <p>CLlr Swift responded that the role of the Councillors are to set</p>	

	<p>the strategic direction of the Council and the role of officers is to deliver that. One of the strategic goals should be to minimise the risk of flooding to residents in East Renfrewshire.</p> <p>Rob Jones suggested that where the developers and the Flood Prevention group are saying two different things shouldn't this be something the council ought to investigate.</p> <p>Janet Olverman advised that at the planning sub-group's meeting with the ERC Planning Department, Gillian McCarney advised that if Scottish Water are content with the drainage plans for the development then they would not challenge them.</p> <p>There was much discussion about who within ERC is responsible for ensuring that the developers do not cause any additional downstream flooding.</p> <p>The fact that the Council do not have expertise in the field of hydrology and they have not employed an independent hydrologist to scrutinise the developer's drainage plans was a major concern.</p> <p>The public and Community Council voiced concern that the permanent officials seem to have more power over this than the elected officials.</p> <p>Doug Pitt confirmed that the Planning sub-group would endeavour to organise a meeting with the parties concerned to resolve the flooding issues.</p> <p>John Boyle suggested that the Council should insist on there being an independent hydrologist report for this development which would resolve this issue.</p> <p>Janet Olverman advised that the residents of Cheviot Drive paid for an independent hydrologist report which advised that the planned drainage was not sufficient but for reasons unknown this report was not made available on the Council's website so was not taken into account when the planning application was determined.</p> <p>The BK&MCC would request, on the grounds of openness and fairness, that the Council reconsider their decision not to publish objections to planning applications online. The planning sub-group will liaise with the other Local Community Groups to put pressure on ERC to address this important issue.</p>	<p>Planning Sub Group</p>
<p>AOB</p>	<p>The acoustics in theatre are terrible but we are unable to hire a microphone at a cost of £70</p>	

DATE OF NEXT AGM	The next meeting of BK&MCC will be on 14 th June at 7pm in Mearns Castle High School in the Conference Centre.	
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With there being no further business the Chairperson thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting