

**DRAFT Minute of Meeting  
Broom Kirkhill Mearns Kirk Community Council  
8th March 2017 7.30pm at Mearns Castle High School**

<b>MEETING OF</b>	Broom, Kirkhill, Mearns Kirk, Community Council	
<b>HELD ON</b>	Wednesday 8th March 2017 @ 7.30pm in Mearns Castle High School	
<b>WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION</b>	Doug Pitt welcomed everyone to the meeting	
<b>RECORDING OF MEMBERS PRESENT</b>	<p>An attendance sheet was circulated</p> <p>Doug Pitt, (Vice Chairperson), Elisabeth Jones (Treasurer) Syed Mahdi Hasan, John Boyle, Jane Royston, Sheila Hadfield, Ron Gimby, Zhada Robertson, Gordon Muirhead</p> <p>Also present:</p> <p>Councillor Ian McAlpine</p> <p>Councillor Barbara Grant</p>	
<b>APOLOGIES</b>	Janet Olverman (Secretary) Rob Jones, William Maxwell (Chairperson)	
<b>ITEM DISCUSSED</b>		<b>Action Points</b>
<b>MINUTE OF MEETING</b>	The Minute of meeting on 8th February 2017 was proposed by Doug Pitt, seconded by Ron Gimby and passed without amendment.	
<b>MATTERS ARISING</b>	None	
<b>CRIME REPORT BY COMMUNITY POLICE OFFICER</b>	<p>Presented by Police Liaison Officers (report circulated) Report covers CC area for Feb and itemised the following issues:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Assault on 15th Feb in Dunure Place, 16 year olds arrested after being challenged for vandalising parked cars</li> <li>2. Drug offence</li> <li>3. Drunk and disorderly incident in Broomburn Drive.</li> <li>4. House break in in Cresswell Grove 8th Feb keys stolen and then car taken.</li> </ol> <p>Crime in the area episodic with Newton Mearns being specifically targeted from time to time. Policing in the area has been changed recently. Proactive units now based in Barrhead and Giffnock. Questions taken from the public.</p> <p>Particular reference was made to the possible loss of police stations and changes to beat numbers.</p> <p>Assurances were given that no such changes are envisaged and that Giffnock police station would remain. Any future</p>	

	operational adjustments would be the subject of public consultation.	
<b>CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT</b>	<p>i) Establishment of a Planning sub-group.</p> <p>Agreement at last meeting to form a sub group. Sub group to be set up and report back to main committee</p> <p>ii) Request submitted to the Council for an extension to allow submission of a B,K&amp;M CC response to the recent consultation concerning Local Development Plan 2.</p> <p>Objection was raised in the submission to the Broomburn site in particular with concerns also raised over the site in the vicinity of Mearns Primary School.</p>	Pending
<b>INVITED COMMENTS BY ERC COUNCILLORS</b>	<p>Concerns were expressed to ERC Councillors present about transport links with the <b>Eastwood Health Centre</b>. Buses are not as reliable as they could be and the clinic bus does not come to Newton Mearns or Eaglesham. Councillor McAlpine has asked that be considered again. The clinic bus is paid for by public money. ERC social services have stated that most people have cars. Julie Murray is compiling a report into issue. As a private concern First Bus do not consider themselves to have an obligation to service all areas</p> <p>Councillor McAlpine agreed to report back to CC after taking this issue back to the ERC for consideration.</p>	NB
<b>DISCUSSION OF MEANS OF COMMUNICATION BETWEEN BKMCC AND THE PUBLIC</b>	<p>The CC was originally set up to be a conduit between the public and the council. The question of effective communication was raised. Posters have been put up in the Avenue shopping area and the library. The local Co-op at the Mearns shops has been very helpful. The possibility of holding a 'surgery' in the Avenue shopping centre should also be considered. Maximum advantage should be taken of liaison with other community councils, exposure on the ERC website councils and inter-organisational minutes.</p> <p>The Extra will be approached with a view to achieving maximum exposure</p>	NB
<b>QUESTIONS AND/OR COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC</b>	<p>A representative from the Newton Mearns Residents Flood Prevention Group (NMRFPG) gave a presentation on problems that could arise as a result of all the new development.</p> <p>These include problems with spillage into other areas in the absence of improvements to sewers or drainage. Firwood Court flooding, for example, is already under threat in periods of heavy rain. The same is true of the Greenlaw area linked as it is with the sewerage system at Maidenhill. The Scottish Government proposal is for 750 houses at Maidenhill but the current proposal is for 834 including affordable housing but making no provision for social housing.</p> <p>Raising the land at Maidenhill heightens the risk of flooding</p>	

	<p>while any construction of new properties linked in to old sewerage is in clear breach of Scottish planning regulations. Current calculations do not allow for the provision of adequate drainage. Neither do they allow for additional school building.</p> <p>Discussion on this issue prompted the suggestion from Cllr Grant that the CC should ask for representatives from ERC environment department and Scottish Water to address it in the near future.</p> <p>In response to several issues raised in debate, Cllr Grant acknowledged that the Maidenhill development 'will go ahead' but that efforts should be considered as grounds for objection in terms of sub optimal infrastructure support. One such objection had already been lodged.</p> <p>A number of related issues arose in discussion. Concern was expressed about the issue of relevant expertise in the hands of ERC, an obvious example being the lack of a hydrologist. Linked to this was the criticism that it is rare for Scottish Water to raise any objections to planning applications.</p> <p>The chairman (David Pearson) of our sister Community Council (Crookfur, Greenfarm and Mearns Village) suggested joining forces to raise objections to the Maidenhill plan.</p> <p>The meeting concluded with a brief discussion of the growing shortage of secondary school places in the area and the proposal of ERC to fund public transport to Barrhead until new schools are constructed.</p> <p>Also discussed was the issue of the Shawwood Greenspace Community project. It was pointed out that the majority of the space will remain available for present use but trees will be planted along the boundary with the Mearns Road. Planting of the trees will be cost neutral</p>	
<p><b>ANY OTHER BUSINESS</b></p>	<p>None</p>	
<p><b>DATE OF NEXT MEETING</b></p>	<p>The Chairperson confirmed the date and venue of the next meeting of the Broom, Kirkhill and Mearnskirk Community Council will be Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> April 2017 at 7.30pm in Mearns Castle High School.</p>	

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