

Meeting of Crookfur, Greenfarm and Mearns Village Community Council - -18th May 2017

1. **Present:** David Pearson [chair], Bryson McNeil, Lee-Gek Poon,
2. **Apologies:** Azra Saleem (leave of absence – position to be clarified at next meeting), Karen Armstrong, John O'Brien

The absence of elected councillors Paul O'Kane, Charlie Gilbert and Tony Buchanan was noted. They were sent invitations but no apologies were received.

Councillors J McLean, J Swift, C Bamforth and B Grant now cover Mearns Village and they will be sent invites to all future meetings of the CC

- 3 **Introductions:** David Pearson welcomed everyone to the meeting.

- 4 **Minutes from last meeting –**

- (i) Minutes of 23rd March - Proposed: Bryson McNeil;
Seconded: David Pearson
- (ii) Minutes of 13th April - Proposed: Lee Gek Poon;
Seconded: David Pearson

- 5 **Police Report:** This covers the period 8 April 2017 to 30 April 2017 and is now posted on ERC website and available in Library folder

- Assault and Violent Crime: 3 crimes of assault were recorded
- Drug Dealing and Drug Use: 1 arrest for unlawful possession of cannabis.

Members of the public can provide the Police with information relating to drug supply by telephoning the non-emergency number 101 or anonymously by contacting Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111

- **Drunk or Disorderly Behaviour:** 2 recorded incidents of drunk and disorderly behaviour. There have also been 2 reports of cars getting damaged.

- **Housebreaking and other Thefts:** 1 report of housebreaking reported, and 1 report of attempted housebreaking. Residents were encouraged to report any suspicious activity by phoning the 101 number. There has also been 1 report of a theft of a pedal bicycle at Patterton Station.

6 Treasurer's Report: David Pearson gave a report – at the moment there is £566.03 in the account. Expenses are because of spendings for the hustings on 13th April.

7 SPT Update: It was decided to leave things for the time being until after the General Elections on the 8th June. However, the following reports have been received:

Re First Bus 4/4A – SPT have written to K Oswald (MP) saying that they were unable to intervene in this case. They state that they have no control over the operation of commercial buses including the route, frequency and perpetuation of these services. They also mention that they had no access or influence over the operational cost of service provision and that they could not compel an operator to revert any decision re service provision.

Health Centre Bus: Michael Watson, Network Planner, SPT wrote and suggested that passengers could use Bus 38 to travel from Newton Mearns to Eastwood Toll, changing to Bus 374 or 375 to Eastwoodmains Road. Subsidised Bus 29 goes from Newton Mearns to Shawlands via Hillpark/Mansewood and to the City Centre at weekends. It was suggested that it was possible to take Bus 29 to Patterton Station and then a train to Williamwood and walk to the Health Centre. SPT agreed to approach local bus operators to improve links to the Health Centre but no bus operators viewed the opportunity as viable. However, SPT

would arrange for the Operations Committee to consider the request at a future meeting.

It was also mentioned that if someone were disabled, SPT would arrange for a taxi to take them to the Health Centre.

Car parking at the Health Centre is also very difficult. The land adjacent to it is about to be sold and it was wondered whether the car park could be extended.

- 8. Community Paths Grant:** An email received from John Shelton, Green Network Project Officer regarding Capelrig Way. A 'Placemaking' project is taking place there at the moment where signage and rock art are being installed. Those present were given contact details for Mr. Shelton and invited to make any comments/suggestions to him.

It was also noted at the meeting that there has been flooding along the path.

9. AOCB:

- Maidenhill – There was a discussion re the sewage capacity for Maidenhill. Dr Michael Bradnam, Technical Adviser to Newton Mearns Residents Flood Prevention Group had suggested a meeting with the Planning Sub-Group but unfortunately we do not have one in this CC. It was suggested that we invite Dr Bradnam to our next scheduled meeting on 15th June.
- Parking - ERC residents are being asked for their views on the Council's proposals to implement revised parking restrictions in areas of Newton Mearns, Williamwood and Giffnock South. This will run till 26 May 2017 and there will be a formal consultation later this year. Proposals for Newton Mearns include new restrictions around schools and bus routes and other restrictions on and around Harvie Avenue, Maple Avenue and The Loaning. All comments should be emailed to parking@eastrenfrewshire.gov.uk or in writing to East

Renfrewshire Council, Parking Section, Environment Department, Roads & Transportation Service, 2 Spiersbridge Way, Thornliebank G46 8NG

Re parking round schools – some money has been set aside to undertake a high profile campaign around schools after the Summer Holidays to try and get Road Safety messages across. The council does not operate a parking permit scheme and suggestions for CCTV have been referred to Jim Sneddon, Head of Democratic and Partnership Services.

- Safe Path from Barrhead Road to play area adjacent to Fairweather Hall – Very unsafe as taxis use the car park in Fairweather Hall as a taxi rank. Adrian May (Parks) is looking into this.
- Schools Letter re Placing -- Karen Armstrong to try and get the letter from parents.
- Mr Jesner commented that the minutes from 23rd March, which were taken by Bryson McNeil, were excellent.

Next Meeting – 15th June 2017 at 7:00 pm – Fairweather Hall

Minutes of the meetings are also available in the Community folder in Mearns Library.