



MEETING OF	Broom, Kirkhill, & Mearns Kirk, Community Council	
HELD ON	Monday 16 th November @ 7pm by Zoom call	
WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION	<p>Vincent McCulloch initiated the meeting via a Zoom call and handed over control of the meeting to the Chairperson.</p> <p>The Chairperson welcomed everyone to the meeting</p>	
RECORDING OF MEMBERS PRESENT	<p>The following members attended:</p> <p>William Maxwell (Chairperson), Janet Olverman (Secretary), Jane Royston (Treasurer) Margaret Hinchliffe, Anne Lithgow</p> <p>Also in attendance: Cllr Caroline Bamforth</p>	
APOLOGIES	<p>Apologies were received from:</p> <p>Ron Gimby</p>	
ITEM DISCUSSED		Action Points
APPROVAL OF MINUTE OF MEETINGS	<p>The Chairperson submitted the draft record of the virtual BK&MCC AGM in April 2020 as a true record of the meeting. Jane Royston seconded the record, and the BK&MCC accepted this report.</p>	
POLICE REPORT	<p>Because of the Covid-19 pandemic, the Police are currently operating with restricted resources. The Police were unable to provide a monthly report for our Community Council area.</p> <p>Both the Chairperson and secretary have contacted the police but have received no reports from them so far.</p> <p>Vincent advised that he had received a message today, Monday 16th November, from the police asking for our meeting dates and time.</p> <p>Janet to provide meeting information to police.</p> <p>Cllr Bamforth offered to forward a copy of the Cabinet (Police and Fire) papers of the meeting of ERC Cabinet held on Thursday 19th November 2020 for information. The Secretary received these on the 19th November.</p> <p>Janet circulated these to BKMCC members.</p>	<p>Cllr Bamforth to forward police report</p> <p>Janet to forward meeting dates to Police</p>
BKMCC UPDATE OF ACTIVITIES SINCE MARCH 2020	<p>Noxious smell in Broom River</p> <p>A resident of Gleneagles Drive had inadvertently connected a sewer into the river last April. This was identified and was rectified last May.</p> <p>Flooded Drain at Broom Shops</p> <p>A report was made in May. The problem was resolved with Cllr. Bamforth's assistance.</p>	



Suspected Giant Hogweed

Walkers along the Old Drove paths reported the presence of Giant Hogweed in May 2020. BKMCC reported this to Environmental Services at ERC. They determined the plants to be ordinary hogweed that provides no risk to pedestrians.

Refilling of Broom Duck Pond

The BKMCC received notification from concerned Broom residents in May 2020 requesting the refilling of Broom duck pond. It had become very unsightly.

This pond may, sometimes, be drained for flood prevention measures, with the sluice gate opened in heavy rainfall.

BKMCC wrote to ERC and the pond has, subsequently, been refilled.

Re-instatement of Brown Bin Collections

ERC suspended collection of brown bins by refuse collection services in April/May 2020. Following requests by local residents, BKMCC wrote to ERC requesting the re-introduction of Brown Bin Collection on 14th July 2020. Brown bins collection on a weekly basis has now been reinstated.

Changes to Fire and Smoke Alarm Regulations

The Chairperson displayed a photo of a fact sheet and highlighted the new regulations for all households in Scotland.

The BK&MCC was alerted to this by correspondence in national daily papers in late August 2020. The original deadline set by the Scottish Government had been 1st February 2021. After considerable public discussion, the Scottish Government now plan to defer the date to February 2022. This is to allow households adequate time to arrange for purchase and installation of interlinked, fire, heat and carbon monoxide sensors.

Cllr Bamforth offered to check via the housing minister and confirm if this change has been approved.

The Chairperson warned that we should be wary of 'cowboys' offering to fit alarms for an extortionate amount of money.

Contribution of questionnaire on consultation on planning performance and fees.

The Chairperson and Ron Gimby had jointly responded to this questionnaire on behalf of the BKMCC.

The BKMCC also submitted responses to the following:

- People at the Centre –Open Call



- Application for Changes in Alcohol Licence at Waitrose Supermarket

There was no objection raised to the Planning Application 2020/0217/TP Erection of three wind turbines 630m East of Shieldhill Farm, Ayr Road Loganswell East Renfrewshire.

Consideration of PA 2020/0489/TP

The Planning application was for the addition of balconies to a 73 bed care home in Mearns Road close to the junction with Humble Road. The BKMCC are concerned about the lack of parking spaces available but are unable to comment because planning approval was granted in 2016.

Spaces for People – East Renfrewshire

The Chairperson and Secretary have both responded to this ERC consultation.

Old Drove Road

Following a request for assistance from a member of the public, a request to improve the poor condition of the old drove roads was formulated.

The old drove road runs from Clarkston to Hazeldene.

None of the drove road belongs to the council.

Cllr Bamforth advised that because this path runs through privately owned land, ERC are unable to upgrade the roads. Rather, this may be the responsibility of local landowners.

We are unable to apply to the 'active travel' funding because this was intended for widening pavements and providing cycle lanes. The BKMCC will, however, pursue other avenues to try to upgrade these old drove roads which have become popular with local residents for walking and exercise during the present pandemic.

Flood Prevention Measures – Maidenhill. New drainage for Langrig Road Lane

Developers of the Maidenhill and Malletsheugh developments have undertaken mitigation works. At present, flooding does seem to be reduced. The BK&MCC will continue to monitor this over the forthcoming winter.

Planning Application 2020/0540/TP

Three shipping containers to form meeting space in the grounds of Kirkhill House.

Residents are concerned because the application does not mention the intended use of this proposed meeting space. Adjacent residents are concerned about the visual impact of these shipping containers.



	<p>Cllr Bamforth advised that, so far, only five objections have been submitted and ten are required before the Planning Department will investigate. However, objections may still be submitted because the neighbour notification was not issued timeously.</p> <p>In order for an objection to be considered it must be on the basis of breach of planning application e.g.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Extra traffic.• Open in the evenings, noise.• Attract more people at night.• Incongruent with the area – Kirkhill House is a lovely building.	
TREE PLANTING PROGRESS	<p>The Woodland Trust delivered 420 Saplings to the Chairperson’s House on November 2nd.</p> <p>We have agreement to plant trees from the Parks Department, who own the Western section of Broom Park from Broom Burn to Mearns Road, but Mark Brand advised we will be unable to plant until next spring due to the covid pandemic and regulations in relation to social distancing.</p> <p>The Chairperson contacted the Director of Education, (who own the eastern part of Broom Park) (between Broom Burn and Mearns Castle High School), who suggested that trees should not be planted in this area because groundworks will be taking place for a planned upgrade to Mearns Castle High School’s running track and the creation of a synthetic sports pitch - scheduled for 2021/2022</p> <p>The Chairperson kindly offered to look after the saplings until next spring.</p> <p>Cllr. Bamforth advised because of Covid, the capital plan has been put back. The plan is to upgrade Mearns Castle sports facilities to be compatible with Eastwood High School.</p>	
IN YOUR AREA AMBASSADOR	<p>The Chairperson received an email from Ed Walker, who has asked if any CC members would consider becoming an area ambassador. The Chairperson asked CC members to consider this position and contact him if they wish to volunteer.</p>	
PUBLIC PARTICIPATION IN ZOOM MEETINGS?	<p>Vincent McCulloch asked the CC to consider a safe way to allow the public to join in meetings and suggested that if someone wishes to attend the meeting they should write to the secretary and ask for a passcode.</p> <p>We should not advertise the meetings via Facebook to avoid having to deal with trolls.</p> <p>The Chairperson will include this topic in the agenda for</p>	



	our next meeting.	
QUESTIONS FROM ATTENDEES	<p>The Treasurer confirmed she had received our annual cheque from ERC of £519, which is slightly increased from 2019.</p> <p>The Balance of our account is: £941.34</p> <p>The treasurer asked if anyone has incurred any expenses to let her know.</p> <p>Vincent McCulloch advised that next year we may see a substantial increase in funding because the residents of Maidenhill will be included within our Community Council area.</p> <p>Christmas Lights</p> <p>The Treasurer would like to thank ERC for putting up some lovely Christmas lights in Mearns Road close to the Broom Shops.</p> <p>Heavy Uplift service</p> <p>The Chairperson reported that the Council have re-introduced their heavy uplift service. The price has increased to £35. Booking information can be found on ERC's website.</p> <p>Cllr. Bamforth advised that the Greenhags waste facility is outsourced to another company.</p> <p>The reason we have to book slots online is because Greenhags is a transfer station, and it is essential that the bin lorries have fluent access to this site.</p> <p>Citizen's Panel</p> <p>Cllr. Bamforth advised that the Citizens panel are looking for volunteers and asked CC members to please sign up for this.</p> <p>Peter Pan statue</p> <p>Cllr Bamforth advised that the Mearns Kirk Hospital site has been sold to developers by the Health board and there is concern about the relocation of the Peter Pan statue.</p> <p>The new owners are going to demolish the building and have advised that the Peter Pan statue is going to be removed and stored safely.</p> <p>ERC are keen to preserve this piece of local heritage in the area surrounding the nursery. The developers have advised that it will form part of their new development.</p>	



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AOCB	Zoom account Janet has purchased a zoom account for future CC meetings (to be re-imbursed by ERC) and will issue a link to CC members and Councillors when the meeting papers are distributed about a week prior to the meeting.	
DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS 2021	18 TH January, 15 th February, 15 th March, 19 th April AGM 24 th May 2021	
DATE OF NEXT MEETING	Monday 14th December 2020 by Zoom call.	