



Broom Kirkhill Mearns Kirk
Community Council

MEETING OF	Broom, Kirkhill, & Mearns Kirk, Community Council	
HELD ON	Monday 25 th April 2022 @ 7.30pm at Mearns Castle High School	
WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION	The Chairperson welcomed everyone to the meeting	
	In attendance: William Maxwell (Chairperson), Janet Olverman (Secretary), Jane Royston (Treasurer), Margaret Hinchliffe, Anne Lithgow, Steve Rutherford, Susan Brodie, Doug Pitt Also present: Cllr. Caroline Bamforth, Christie Mellis	
APOLOGIES	Rob Jones, Bev Brown	
ITEM DISCUSSED		Action Points
APPROVAL OF MINUTE OF MEETINGS	<p>Minute of Meeting 21st March 2022</p> <p>The Chairperson requested a few amendments:</p> <p>Page 3 Workplace Parking Charges – Jackson Carlaw MSP advised “legislation was passed and will be implemented on March 4th 2022”.</p> <p>Page 3 After 2nd paragraph add “East Renfrewshire Council has decided not to enact it.”</p> <p>Page 3 Correspondence section, second paragraph from the end should read “Stagecoach”</p> <p>P6 amend flytipping to “fly tip”</p> <p>P7 Resignation of Ron Gimby – amend to read “Vincent McCulloch”</p> <p>The Chairperson proposed the minute as a true record of the meeting and was seconded by Jane Royston and approved by the Community Council.</p>	
MATTERS ARISING	<p>Cllr. Bamforth provided updated information:</p> <p>Transport: 4A</p> <p>Response received from First Bus about the 4A service:</p> <p>"Many thanks for getting back in touch. I can advise that we had hoped to have a small service uplift in place on service 4/4A by the end of last month (March). However, we've experienced a spike in Covid isolations among driving staff that has hampered the progression of some of the timetable improvements that we're trying to make. The ongoing driver shortage being felt across the bus industry also hasn't helped. With that in mind, we've been unable to deliver our previously planned uplift to service 4/4A until such times as our staff resource level recovers.</p>	



We very much remain committed to providing more journeys on service 4A in the future, however I can't give an exact date at the moment on exactly when we'll be able to add the additional trips. The key to delivering them will ultimately be down to our driver levels recovering to a point that will allow us to operate the additional journeys successfully.

I'm so sorry that I don't have better news about service 4A at the minute, but I hope that my reply is helpful in updating you with the current challenges that we're facing as we continue in our efforts to get more service operating back nearer pre-pandemic levels. As always, if I can assist you with anything else, please let me know."

First Bus have agreed to another meeting with Cllr. Bamforth where she plans to ask them to consider a bus route between Newton Mearns and the QEUH.

Cllr. Bamforth will provide an update once the meeting has taken place.

Transport

Taxis

There has been a huge reduction in taxis in most Local Authority areas. Many drivers moved into supermarket deliveries etc. during the pandemic and have remained. This is not exclusive to ER.

Work place parking charges

ERC have previously announced the decision not to implement this, as have most local authorities.

Active travel

Cllr. Bamforth has had numerous discussions with John Shelton at ERC, as well as Eaglesham and Waterfoot CC about safer, active travel from Eaglesham to Clarkston and Newton Mearns, particularly to both Williamwood and MCHS. The problem appears to be that the land alongside the roadway is not owned by ERC, but by several different farmers, so it would require each farmer to sell strips of land to ERC, to allow a separate cycle lane or wider footway for pedestrians and cyclists. This has previously been looked at unsuccessfully.

Litter picking and cleaning route

Council street cleaning staff do cover the Newton Mearns area, as part of the standard route, emptying bins and litter picking frequently.

Cllr Bamforth checked that Waterfoot Road from MCHS down to Broom Road East shops is covered and has been advised that it is, but extra attention will be paid to this



area.

Litter pickers

ERC have no plans to introduce local litter picking storage facilities. The current system, whereby groups contact ERC, who will provide and deliver litter picking equipment and arrange to collect the equipment and bags of litter afterwards, works well. ERC have recently purchased another 100, good quality litter pickers and feel this is a more effective service and ensures there is always a supply.

Ayr Road

The wands were always a temporary measure, as in many other LA areas in the UK. As Sustrans funding ran out on 31/3/2022, wands have been removed recently and road defects repaired. The results of the consultation on what permanent measures should be implemented will go to Cabinet in June 2022.

Mearns Kirk Road

The area between the roundabout, coming from the A726 bypass and the roundabout at the new Co-op is being resurfaced, starting on 23rd April, but has been postponed until 23rd May due to shortage of materials. Signage is in place. Traffic calming will also be installed at the same time.

Greenhags Booking System

This system will remain, as it ensures that only residents of the ERC area use our recycling centres. It also ensures that disposal of Commercial waste is paid for by contractors. ERC pays for all waste to be disposed of, so this saves money for ERC and residents.

Cllr. Bamforth has also been advised that there has been no increase in fly tipping since the booking system has been in operation.

Revenue Estimates Roads

The accurate figures for 2022/23 are, as follows:

Winter maintenance £875,000

Patching budget £200,000

Pothole repairs £600,000 (included in the £1.43m routine maintenance budget)

In addition, the Capital Budget includes £3m extra per year, until the end of 23/24 financial year, to add to the Roads budget, for resurfacing etc. This is in addition to patching and pothole repairs.



Cllr Bamforth provided a link to the Budget Papers
[Council papers - 03 March 2022.pdf](#)
[\(eastrenfrewshire.gov.uk\)](#)

The installation of 5G masts and decommissioning of 4G masts

"The installation of mobile phone masts, up to a height of 30 metres, on most occasions is permitted development. This means that planning permission is not required for most masts up to 30 metres in height. For clarification, prior notifications for telecom masts are not a planning application, rather it is a prior notification application.

The Scottish Government sets out the legislative framework for planning in Scotland and in this instance, the position is that digital communications and coverage are a priority, primarily due to the economic benefits. The system set up is that for masts up to 30 metres in height (outwith areas of special protection such as Conservation Areas etc.), the relevant provider does not need to submit a planning application but benefits from permitted development rights. Only a prior notification application is required to be submitted to the planning authority to allow consideration of the siting and design of the proposals.

The guidance provided to planning authorities is that masts in these circumstances should generally be acceptable in principle, although the planning authority can impose a requirement for prior approval with regard to the siting and/or appearance of the specific proposal.

In terms of decommissioning, the operator is responsible for removing decommissioned masts."

Footbridge at Broom Park

In response to a query, Cllr. Bamforth advised the updated situation regarding the closure of the bridge:

"Barriers have now been installed at the bridge to prevent pedestrian access; this restriction to access has been necessary in the interests of safety because on a recent routine inspection it was identified that one of the main beams was suffering from significant rot which could affect the structural stability of the bridge.

Unfortunately, the extent of the deterioration means that a repair is not possible and a replacement bridge will be required and this will take some time to arrange.

Cllr. Bamforth couldn't, at present, provide a timeline but is hopeful funding can be identified from the 22/23 financial year budgets.

An update will be provided once the design has been finalised and a start date for the work is agreed."

It was noted that there is only a very narrow pavement



	over the road bridge that exposes pedestrians to risk from closely passing motor vehicles.	
POLICE REPORT	<p>Constable Steven Wallace provided the following report:</p> <p>“This report covers progress we have made in dealing with your priorities for the Broom, Kirkhill & Mearns Kirk Community Council area for the period 24th March 2022 to 24th April 2022. Details of the current policing plan, incorporating the policing priorities, are provided at the end of this report for your reference.</p> <p>This report aims to highlight emerging issues in your area, and to provide crime prevention advice and guidance to the members of the Community Council and to the residents that they represent. The report is provided as a courtesy and is not a statutory requirement.</p> <p>We endeavour to provide a report to the Community Council in advance of each of their meetings. This document does not provide a comprehensive statistical breakdown of numbers of crimes reported as this does not provide any context for the reader. Neither does it aim to document every crime recorded in your community council area. Crime statistics are published quarterly on the Police Scotland website and can be found at https://www.scotland.police.uk/about-us/our-performance/</p> <p>All recipients of this update must be aware that we cannot discuss, specific crimes or incidents where identification of an individual person could occur, or where the information would compromise an ongoing enquiry.</p> <p>CRIMES OF NOTE & CRIME PREVENTION ADVICE</p> <p>Crime levels in your community council area remain very low.</p> <p>Pedal Cycles: During the period, there have been no reports of bicycle thefts in the area, but the issue persists across the Greater Glasgow area and we encourage residents to be mindful of leaving bikes unattended and to always ensure that bikes are secured when not in use.</p> <p>Fraud: Instances of Fraud continue to be frequent both nationally and locally. Frequently victims, of all ages, can be scammed when they receive unexpected text or telephone messages and respond to these. Crime prevention messages are regularly provided via our social media accounts and further advice is available at - https://www.scotland.police.uk/advice-and-information/scams-and-frauds/</p> <p>We encourage everyone to discuss this crime prevention message with anyone they know who may not have access to the information or who may be more vulnerable. Further</p>	



information regarding developing crime trends can be found by logging on to the Police Scotland website and social media accounts of Police Scotland, Trading Standards and East Renfrewshire Council.

Throughout East Renfrewshire there has been an increase in reports of bogus workers and door to door sales occurring. We are asking constituents to be vigilant when choosing a tradesperson to carry out works and to not accept the pressure sale or scare tactics used by these individuals.

Trusted traders vetted by East Renfrewshire Council may be found on the link below.
<https://www.renfrewshire.gov.uk/trustedtraders>

If you have any additional concerns please highlight them to either trading standards or Police Scotland who will advise appropriately.

LOCAL ISSUES & PARTNERSHIP WORKING

As part of the community policing team we continually monitor our local area and adapt to best meet the requirements of our residents.

We are aware of complaints in your community council area concerning speeding motorists.

When available, our community Police officers are tackling this at different times of the day by utilising our Unipar speed radar.

We are also aware of a complaint regarding the new road positioning given the introduction of the Co-op at 421 Mearns Road. We have liaised with our local authority liaison officer who will contact the roads department to see what may be implemented.

As the weather improves, we anticipate an increase in the number of persons utilising open ground and recreational areas. We urge residents to contact Police Scotland if they have any concerns regarding criminality or safety.

Our community policing team is aware that youth disorder is of a high priority to the public. During the listed period, we have received no reports of public nuisance by youths in the Broom, Kirkhill & Mearns Kirk Community Council area, and we continue to work closely with our partner agencies to provide our community with the best possible service.

We ask that councillors remind their constituents of the importance of home security. Advice regarding home security is available from Police Scotland's website and social media platforms. If any council members or constituents would benefit from further advice please contact Giffnock community policing.



	<p>www.scotland.police.uk/advice-and-information/your-home/</p> <p>Our officers would like to also highlight the importance of vehicle security.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Some important advice is – • Remove valuables from cars. – • Take time to ensure your car is locked. – • If you have keyless entry/start consider key security within your home or purchase a Faraday pouch to help prevent theft. <p>Our officers continue to address concerns regarding road safety and driver behaviour and you may have seen various recent social media posts highlighting our ongoing work in this respect, supported by our Roads Policing Unit and other partners.</p> <p>Finally, we reiterate the current public health information to your members and stress the importance of the current COVID-19 protection measures set out by the Scottish government. We also encourage residents to keep up-to-date with the changes in the government guidelines.”</p> <p>https://www.gov.scot/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-protectionlevels/pages/timetable/</p> <p>Janet to send copy of police report to all participants</p>	<p>Janet to email copy of report to BKMCC members and meeting attendees</p>
<p>CORRESPONDENCE</p>	<p>Local Public Transport</p> <p>The Chairperson wrote a letter on 7th April, to Jackson Carlaw MSP about local public transport situation. Due to forthcoming local elections, Parliament is on recess, so we have yet to receive any response.</p> <p>Cllr. Bamforth also wrote to First Bus who explained there is a shortage of drivers (See previous comments). There has been no further development on this matter.</p> <p>Removal of Fencing in Broom Park</p> <p>The Chairperson wrote to ERC on 29th March to request that they remove a small area of fencing in Broom Park. ERC have agreed to its removal once work on the new sports facility is being completed.</p> <p>Licence application Broom Café</p> <p>The Chairperson wrote to confirm BKMCC have no objection to this licencing application and received a response from Dominic McMahon saying our lack of objection had been noted.</p>	



JUBILEE EVENT

Jubilee Committee Broom Church

The Chairperson attended a meeting on 20th April, chaired by Cindy Ross, to discuss the organisation of the Community Platinum Jubilee Event on Sunday 5th June.

The event will run over two sessions: 12 to 2pm and 2pm to 4pm.

Entertainment and activities on offer include:

- Stagecoach performing an extract from Matilda
- Performances by Junior and Senior choirs
- Beat the goalie
- Children’s races, organised by BKMCC.
- Magician
- Broom café and Bradford’s bakers providing tea and cakes at the Café in Columba Hall.
- Hot dog stall, run by Monday Guides
- Burger bar run by Rev Boag.

BKMCC have been allocated a medium sized table.

We have been invited to assist with marshalling on the day.

Suggestions for our table:

Giveaways to help promote the BKMCC: trolley coins, pens, pencils, notepads, flyers.

Something for children to do: word search, colouring.

Bunting for decoration.

A flag or Sail to advertise BKMCC – Jane to obtain quotes.

Weather protection, just in case!

For the children’s races:

Ideas: egg and spoon; sack race; bean-bag race, three legged race. Maybe Mum’s and Dad’s races??

All members were asked to think about items for our table and to forward ideas for races and prizes.

Janet to organise zoom meeting next week to discuss and finalise details.

Janet to create a flyer to promote BKMCC

The Chairperson to confirm there will be a First Aider present at the event.

Janet organise Zoom meeting

Janet create BKMCC flyer

Chairperson confirm First Aider present at event.



<p>NOTIFICATION OF GOVERNMENT CONSULTATIONS</p>	<p>TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (SCOTLAND) ACT 1997 (AS AMENDED)</p> <p>TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (DEVELOPMENT PLANNING) (SCOTLAND) REGULATIONS 2008</p> <p>NOTICE OF ADOPTION OF THE EAST RENFREWSHIRE LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN 2</p> <p>On 12th April 2022, BKMCC received confirmation from ERC that the Scottish Government has formally approved acceptance LDP2.</p> <p>“The Chief Planning Officer, Gillian McCarney, has written to the BKMCC as we previously submitted comments on the Local Development Plan 2.</p> <p>Following the publication of the Notice of Intention to Adopt in December 2021, Scottish Ministers have written to the Council to allow progression of the East Renfrewshire Local Development Plan 2 through to formal Adoption in accordance with the provisions of the above legislation. As of 31st March 2022, the East Renfrewshire Local Development Plan 2 is now formally adopted.”</p> <p>Copies of the Adopted Plan, together with the Strategic Environmental Assessment will be available at the Council’s Planning and Building Standards offices at ERC Headquarters, Eastwood Park, Rouken Glen Road, Giffnock, G46 6UG; and Council Headquarters, 211 Main Street Barrhead, G78 1SY.</p> <p>Copies will also be available at all local libraries and online at www.eastrenfrewshire.gov.uk/ldp2</p> <p>It is pleasing to note that the Broom Park development has been removed and the strip of land along Waterfoot Road is not included in LDP2 for future housing development.</p> <p>Recommended Enhancement for Local Biodiversity Sites:</p> <p>Item 14: Broomburn Drive has been identified as an urban site with potential for wildlife enhancement through modifying park management.</p>	
<p>LITTER PICK</p>	<p>BROOM PARK SATURDAY 7TH MAY 2022</p> <p>Meeting at 11am in the Car park.</p> <p>BKMCC have purchased 20 litter pickers for attendees. ERC have confirmed they will still collect the full bags of litter.</p> <p>Janet to advertise on Facebook.</p>	<p>Janet advertise litter pick on Facebook</p>
<p>NOTIFICATION OF GOVERNMENT</p>	<p>The Chairperson advised the Scottish Government have issued a consultation about Single use food containers and</p>	



CONSULTATIONS	<p>other single use items. Deadline for responses 30th June 2022.</p> <p>Please see the link below:</p> <p>https://www.gov.scot/publications/introducing-market-restrictions-single-use-plastic-items-scotland-analysis-consultation-responses/</p>	
AOCB	<p>Signage at Kirkhill house</p> <p>Margaret reported that a resident had complained about a large illuminated electronic sign that has been erected at Kirkhill House.</p> <p>Cllr Bamforth advised that planning permission for this sign had been granted and residents within 20m had been notified. The council didn't receive many complaints.</p> <p>Margaret to obtain more detailed information about the problem.</p> <p>Neighbourhood Watch</p> <p>BKMCC have been notified that Neighbourhood Watch have updated their website.</p> <p>BKMCC AGM – 16th May 2022</p> <p>The Secretary and Treasurer to submit annual reports.</p> <p>Broom Park lighting</p> <p>Cllr. Bamforth advised solar lighting will be installed in Broompark along the pathways to help improve safety.</p> <p>Mearns Castle High School Sports pitch</p> <p>Cllr. Bamforth advised that costs have increased from £1.7m to £1.9m. Construction costs were originally estimated prior to COVID. Cost of materials have increased substantially. Work will not be finished in time for start of school year.</p> <p>The Chairperson reported that some saplings from our planting site within Broom Park had been damaged over the past winter. He suggested that he still has a number of saplings at his house that the BKMCC should replace these damaged saplings. It was agreed that this should be done on Saturday 14th May 2022.</p>	<p>Margaret to obtain further information about the complaint</p> <p>Secretary and Treasurer to submit annual reports for AGM</p>
DATE OF NEXT MEETING	AGM Monday 16 th May 2022 at 7.30pm in Mearns Castle High School Classroom TBA	
	With there being no further business the Chairperson thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting.	