



Broom Kirkhill Mearnskirk
Community Council

MEETING OF	Ordinary Meeting of Broom, Kirkhill, & Mearnskirk, Community Council	
HELD ON	Tuesday 9 th May 2023 @ 7.30pm at Mearns Castle High School	
WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION	The Chairperson welcomed everyone to the meeting	
	In attendance: William Maxwell (Chairperson), Steve Rutherford (Vice Chairperson), Jane Royston (Treasurer), Janet Olverman (Secretary), Margaret Hinchliffe, Anne Lithgow, Doug Pitt, Asif Majid, Elnara Alderson, Susan Brodie Also in attendance: Cllr Paul Edlin, Cllr Andrew Anderson, James Sandeman, David Buchanan, Joyce Watt PC Bobby McWilliams and PC Rosalind Muir	
APOLOGIES	There were no apologies	
ITEM DISCUSSED		Action Points
APPROVAL OF MINUTE OF MEETINGS	Minute of Ordinary Meeting 18th April 2023 The Chairperson proposed the minute as a true record of the meeting. This was seconded by Jane Royston and the minute approved by the Community Council.	
MATTERS ARISING/	There were no matters arising	
POLICE REPORT	PC Bobby McWilliams and PC Rosalind Muir presented the monthly police report and provided a hard copy to the Chairperson. There has been nothing much to report crime wise, for the BKMCC area this month. Questions: Parking Ayr Road Cycle Lane The Chairperson enquired if anything is being done about parking in the Ayr Road cycle lane, and quoted "the law states that parking in cycle lanes marked with a solid white line is illegal". PC McWilliams commented that ERC have to put in the legislation before the police can enforce the parking. Vandalism Maidenhill Cllr Edlin reported he had been contacted by concerned residents about the recent spate of trouble at Maidenhill with youths throwing stones at houses and breaking	



	<p>windows.</p> <p>Youths are coming up the bridle path between Mearns Kirk and Maidenhill and throwing stones at houses.</p> <p>Residents managed to apprehend one of the youths and Police were called. This boy was only 14.</p> <p>PC McWilliams reported that East Renfrewshire is having a problem with youth disorder at the moment and confirmed that one youth had been charged.</p> <p>Maidenhill residents asked the Police to please provide a presence to deter such behaviour.</p> <p>PC McWilliams asked residents to report crimes as they happen, through 101 or on the Police Scotland Website. Or if very serious, to call 999.</p> <p>The more calls they receive about an incident will enable the Police to provide the correct resources to deal with the problem.</p> <p>Margaret asked if it is legal to take photos of the kids throwing stones.</p> <p>PC McWilliams confirmed that it is legal and that photos or CCTV images are admissible as evidence for identification purposes.</p> <p>If someone under 16 is found committing an offence they need to be charged in front of their parents – the Police would take them home.</p>	
<p>REPONSES TO CORRESPONDENCE</p>	<p>Mearns Road traffic calming</p> <p>BKMCC wrote to ERC Roads Department and asked if it would be possible to have the road widened while Scottish Water are installing the new water main. They said no, ERC are happy that the traffic speed has reduced since the installation of a chicane.</p> <p>Chairperson reported this response to the Mearns Kirk Owners Association, who are not happy but it would appear there is nothing much more we can do about this issue.</p> <p>Trees near Broom Burn bridge</p> <p>The Chairperson had been notified that Scottish Water are going to cut down several mature trees near Broom Burn Bridge to facilitate installation of the new water main along Mearns Road with work ongoing between March 2023 and March 2024.</p> <p>The Chairperson wrote to ERC who were surprised and contacted Scottish Water who said the roots were in the way and trees had to go.</p> <p>Cllr. Edlin suggested if there is no way these trees can be</p>	



	<p>saved then Scottish Water should replace them with new trees in an alternative place.</p>	
<p>PROCEEDINGS OF SPECIAL FULL ERC COUNCIL</p>	<p>26th April 2023 – Full ERC Council meeting.</p> <p>Review of Community Council scheme of establishment</p> <p>The main change relates to the removal from the scheme of the process for dealing with complaints concerning Community Councillors.</p> <p>It is proposed to set up a separate board consisting of three East Renfrewshire Councillors unrelated to the area within which the complaint arises, to provide an unbiased appraisal of the circumstances. There will be no appeal against their decision.</p> <p>James Sandeman said this scheme has been under discussion since 2003 - very few of the suggestions made have actually gone through. This is a rehash of the previous document.</p> <p>One of the annexes to this document is a map detailing the boundaries of CC areas, where, for example, Maidenhill and Malletsheugh developments are missing. An up-to-date map needs to be produced.</p> <p>The fact that an appeal about the decision by Councillors cannot be made is of concern.</p> <p>Janet to re-activate the Zoom account to enable further discussions about this matter.</p> <p>BKMCC are asked to respond by 23rd June. Please send comments to the Chairperson.</p> <p>The Scheme of Establishment documents can be viewed using the link below:</p> <p>https://www.eastrenfrewshire.gov.uk/community-councils</p>	<p>JO re-activate Zoom account.</p> <p>All members to Respond to Will.</p>
<p>PROCEEDINGS OF FULL COUNCIL MEETING</p>	<p>26TH April 2023</p> <p>East Renfrewshire Council Outcome Delivery Plan 2023-2024.</p> <p>The Chairperson gave a presentation about the projected population growth in ERC and the planned infrastructure.</p> <p>Cllr. EdIn advised that ERC are currently working on LDP3</p> <p>Cllr. Anderson advised that the Scottish Government sets the housebuilding target for Local Authorities - another 2,500 houses are required to be built within East Renfrewshire by 2031.</p> <p>James Sandeman commented that the Mearns population is split by approximately 14,000 to 14,000 each side of Ayr Road. Across Scotland the average Community Council</p>	



size is for a population of 4,500, this makes our CC population larger than most.

The number of people living in East Renfrewshire is projected to rise by 6.4% by 2028 as a result of more people moving into the area. This is higher than the Scottish average increase of 1.8%.

The two age groups of residents which will grow the most are 0-15 and 85+ years of age.

Question was asked about the developers' contribution to affordable and social housing.

Cllrs advised that if developers are unable to provide affordable housing at the site, then they have to provide money to the council to provide social housing on a suitable site elsewhere.

Mearns Castle High School Sports Facility

Costs have increased by £116,000

The additional costs will be funded by £52,000 from Security CCTV expansion project and £64,000 from Maidenhill Primary Project.

The Chairperson stated that at our meeting on 7th February 2023, the BKMCC questioned Councillors about the length of time being taken to complete this project and were advised by Cllr. Bamforth:

"Laying AstroTurf is weather dependent and has been postponed until weather improves in the spring.

The contractors have been paid for the installation so it does not make any difference to the cost how long it takes to finish."

Cllr. Edlin advised this facility is opening soon and offered to write to the Director of Education to enquire about this increase in costs.

Consultation On Draft NPF4

The consultation on the Draft NPF4 ended on 31st March 2022. The Council's response to the draft document was reported to the Council meeting of 24th February 2022 and thereafter submitted to the Scottish Government.

Parliament's Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee, raised concerns about the lack of planners with the right skills to meet the challenges of NPF4.

Vaping

It was interesting that East Renfrewshire Council is concerned about "the very serious and damaging environmental impacts of disposable vapes and recognizes an increase in these electronic devices being discarded in communities and public spaces across the East

	<p>Renfrewshire council area.</p> <p>Publication of the Scottish Government's urgent review into the environmental impact of disposable vapes, currently being undertaken by Zero Waste Scotland, is awaited.</p> <p>BKMCC are concerned there is no mention of the health implications for young people.</p> <p>Cllr. Edlin advised that the reason this motion came forward is because it is considered that vaping is less dangerous than smoking.</p> <p>There was no prior notification about this motion being tabled so Cllrs were unable to discuss and propose a solution.</p> <p>The motion was defeated and the Addendum Carried, therefore ERC does not have the authority to ban vapes.</p> <p>BKMCC think the sale of vapes should be controlled and banned to under 18's and not sold in flavours attractive to youngsters.</p> <p>Finalised Supplementary Guidance Affordable Housing April 2023</p> <p>House prices in East Renfrewshire have risen significantly and are less attainable for older people and young families. It is suggested that 880 more affordable homes are required before 2029.</p>	
<p>DAVID BUCHANAN CO-OPTION</p>	<p>The Chairperson notified the meeting that David Buchanan wishes to join BKMCC as a Co-opted Member. The Secretary confirmed receipt of his completed nomination form which will be been forwarded to Vincent McCulloch.</p> <p>We are required to provide members with 14 days' notice and the resolution will be included in the agenda for June's meeting.</p>	
<p>PLANNING APPLICATION LAND OPPOSITE ASDA</p>	<p>Planning Application 2023/0194/TP</p> <p>Erection of 17 dwellings consisting of a flatted block of maximum 4 storey height and single storey dwelling, including access, parking, landscaping, fencing, drainage and associated works.</p> <p>This site has been allocated for affordable housing and lies within the Mearns Village CC area.</p> <p>Cllr Anderson has already received comments from residents.</p> <p>Cllr. Edlin is a member of the Planning Committee so unable to comment.</p> <p>The Chairperson asked members to have a look at the</p>	<p>Members review the PA and respond to Will</p>

	planning application and provide comments.	
CHANGE OF NAME OF BKMCC	<p>It was unanimously approved to change the Broom, Kirkhill and Mearns Kirk Community Council name to Mearns East.</p> <p>Janet to write and inform Vincent McCulloch.</p>	JO write to Vincent.
LITTER PICKS	<p>Saturday May 13th Meeting at Mearns Castle High School 11am – 12 Noon. The Rapid Response Team (RRT) are kindly providing free BBQ and hot drinks for volunteers.</p>	
AOCB	<p>Local living and 20 minute neighbourhoods consultation 20th July</p> <p>The Chairperson asked members to review this consultation and provide comments prior to 30th June.</p> <p>This consultation is seeking views and comments on the draft local living and 20 minute neighbourhood planning guidance.</p> <p>We should send a response from the Community Council.</p> <p>Cllr. Edlin commented that there are serious concerns about the erosion of people's liberties.</p> <p>The public want to see Councillors from ERC to answer their questions.</p> <p>It was suggested to organise a joint Community Council meeting inviting the relevant decision makers from ERC.</p> <p>You can find the consultation using the link below: https://consult.gov.scot/planning-architecture/draft-local-living-and-20-minute-neighbourhoods/</p>	<p>Members review and submit comments to Will.</p> <p>Will to make contact with other CC's</p>
DATE OF NEXT MEETING	Tuesday 6 th June 2023 7.30pm in Mearns Castle High School.	
	With there being no further business, the Chairperson thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting	