

EAST RENFREWSHIRE COUNCIL17 August 2023Report by Director of Business Operations and Partnerships.BROOM, KIRKHILL and MEARNSKIRK COMMUNITY COUNCIL – CHANGE OF NAME**PURPOSE OF REPORT**

1. The purpose of this report is to seek the Council's approval for Broom, Kirkhill, and Mearnskirk Community Council to change the name of the Community Council to "Mearns East Community Council".

RECOMMENDATION

2. It is recommended that Council approve the decision of Broom, Kirkhill and Mearnskirk Community Council to change its name to 'Mearns East Community Council'.

BACKGROUND

3. The Community Council's Constitution states that the name of the Community Council shall be Broom, Kirkhill and Mearnskirk Community Council. The Community Council (following procedures) voted unanimously in favour of changing the name of the Community Council to 'Mearns East Community Council'.
4. Any proposal to change the Constitution must be approved by East Renfrewshire Council. It is the view of the Director of Business Operations and Partnerships that this change of name does not affect the efficacy of the Scheme for the Establishment for Community Councils and its related documents (Constitution, Standing Orders and Code of Conduct). Moreover, this change is only reflecting the demographic changes within this community council area.
5. Due to the development of Maidenhill, there has been a significant population change within the Community Council's area, the Community Council for reasons of inclusiveness and representation wished to include Maidenhill within the name of the Community Council; however it was considered that the name 'Broom, Kirkhill, Mearnskirk and Maidenhill Community Council' was too long.
6. At the Broom, Kirkhill and Mearnskirk Community Council Annual General Meeting, held on 9 May 2023, the Chairperson proposed the motion that the "Broom, Kirkhill and Mearnskirk Community Council change its name to "Mearns East Community Council." All members of the Community Council present supported this resolution and the vote in support of the change of name was unanimous. A copy of the letter confirming this appears at Appendix 1 to this report.

RECOMMENDATION

7. It is recommended that Council approve the decision of Broom, Kirkhill and Mearnskirk Community Council to change its name to 'Mearns East Community Council'.

Legislation:

Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973

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Appendix 1 – Letter from Broom, Kirkhill and Mearnskirk Community Council

Officers:

Chairperson
Dr William L Maxwell

Vice-Chairperson
Steven Rutherford

Secretary
Janet Olverman

Treasurer
Jane Royston



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Dear Vincent,

BKMCC Change of Name

The Broom Kirkhill and Mearnskirk Community Council (BKMCC) has corresponded with you recently with regard to changing our name to reflect the inclusion of Maidenhill within our catchment area. You have responded by stating that the BKMCC should vote as a body to change our name and then write to inform you.

A vote was called at our Annual General Meeting on the 9th May 2023. The Chairperson proposed the motion that the “Broom, Kirkhill and Mearnskirk Community Council change its name to Mearns East Community Council.” This resolution was supported by all members of the CC present, that is all members except Ron Gimby who is an associate member. This vote was unanimous.

Janet and I write to inform you of this decision and to request that ERC formally recognises the Mearns East Community Council. The Mearns East Community Council includes the Broom, Kirkhill, Mearnskirk and Maidenhill wards.

We also are aware that you will retire on the 30th June 2023. The Mearns East Community Council extends our thanks for all of your work as Community Council Liaison Officer for East Renfrewshire and send our very best wishes for a long and happy retirement.

Yours faithfully,

William L Maxwell, Chairperson

Janet Olverman, Secretary

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