



Mearns East
Community Council

MEETING OF	Meeting of Mearns East Community Council	
HELD ON	Tuesday 7 th May 2024 @ 7.30pm in Mearns Castle High School	
WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION	The Chairperson welcomed everyone to the meeting.	
	<p>In attendance: William Maxwell (Chairperson), Jane Royston (Treasurer), Janet Olverman (Secretary), Steve Rutherford (Vice Chairperson), Susan Brodie, David Buchanan</p> <p>Also Present: Cllr Edlin, Cllr Bamforth, Andrew Reid (CC Liaison Officer), James Sandeman, Trish Dunlop, Cindy Berry, Mairi Beers</p>	
APOLOGIES	Joan Macintosh, John Morrison, Anne Lithgow, Doug Pitt	
ITEM DISCUSSED		Action Points
APPROVAL OF MINUTE OF MEETINGS	<p>Minute of MECC meeting dated 16th April 2024</p> <p>The Chairperson proposed the Minute as a true record of the meeting held on Tuesday 14th April 2024, it was seconded by Jane Royston and approved by the Community Council.</p>	
MATTERS ARISING/	<p>REVIEW OF SCOTTISH PARLIAMENTARY BOUNDARIES</p> <p>The Boundary Commission's original proposal was to include Giffnock within the Glasgow Priesthill and Giffnock Constituency for Scottish Parliament Elections. There was considerable unhappiness about this proposal.</p> <p>Jackson Carlaw MSP, ERC and MECC issued objections to this proposal.</p> <p>The Boundary Commission submitted a second proposal for consultation in April 2024.</p> <p>Giffnock and Stamperland remain within the Eastwood Constituency and an area including Neilston added to equate numbers of voters across constituencies.</p> <p>This is a far more satisfactory solution and MECC have written in support of this suggestion.</p> <p>Giffnock CC are also in agreement with this proposal.</p> <p>The Councillors advised that ERC have written to the Boundary Commission recommending acceptance of this proposal.</p>	
POLICE REPORT	The Police were unable to attend the meeting but had provided a written report. The Chairperson provided a summary:	



	<p>CRIMES OF NOTE & CRIME PREVENTION ADVICE FOR THE PERIOD 16TH APRIL TO 7TH MAY 2024</p> <p>Crime levels in our community council area remain low.</p> <p>Ongoing issues with youth disorder continue to be a priority for the local community policing team, they are working closely with youth services to tackle this issue.</p> <p>Constituents are encouraged to report any anti-social behaviour they may experience.</p> <p>Constituents are reminded of the importance of home and property security, and it is urged that any suspicious behaviour be reported to Police.</p> <p>Continued engagement of the community allows Police to tailor the best policing response for this community.</p> <p>After one of the recent housebreakings there were numerous reports of suspicious activity in the local area, reported by members of the community, Police would like to thank those who called in.</p> <p>The following crimes have been reported:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Two reports of Fraud• One report of theft• One instance of Assault• Four instances of Vandalism• One male was charged and his vehicle seized for driving without a licence or insurance• One male was arrested for driving under the influence of a controlled substance <p>Janet to forward a copy of the full report to attendees.</p>	<p>Janet forward copy of police report</p>
<p>MEARNS CEMETERY BENCH</p>	<p>Andrew Reid forwarded an enquiry from a member of the public about the maintenance of a bench in Mearns Cemetery that had apparently been donated by Mearns Community Council in 2009 as indicated by an attached plaque.</p> <p>The Chairperson displayed some photos of the bench.</p> <p>The Mearns CC is no longer in existence so there is some question about who is responsible for its upkeep.</p> <p>The bench requires some maintenance and it was suggested that a small group of members could meet on a dry day over the summer, to clean this bench and revarnish.</p> <p>James Sandeman confirmed that the bench was paid for and installed by ERC (Invoice number E0257531 dated</p>	<p>CLlr Bamforth establish ownership of cemetery bench</p>



	The Chairperson to write letter to Head Teacher.	teacher
SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS	<p>PLANNING SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT – David Buchanan Planning sub-committee members, David Buchanan, Janet Olverman and Jane Royston, met with Sam Ibbott and Adrian Baines from ERC in Broom Park on 5th April.</p> <p>Adrian looked at some damaged trees and various items requiring attention. He suggested a further meeting once the trees were fully leafed, which would assist with identifying any issues.</p> <p>David to arrange another meeting with Adrian in June.</p> <p>Access to the MCHS athletics track.</p> <p>David commented that the gate has recently been open more often than not and he has seen runners, dog walkers and children cycling on the track.</p> <p>The Chairperson previously wrote to ERC Culture and Leisure Trust to ask if public access would be permissible outside of school hours.</p> <p>Culture and Leisure said that there would be no access to the public – a health and safety issue. The Trust also say the cost to put on a caretaker, is too much.</p> <p>Broom park residents have contacted Jackson Carlaw MSP about the noise from kids kicking footballs against the fences until late in the evening.</p> <p>Broom Park Picnic benches David to ask Adrian to chase contractors for prices and availability.</p> <p>Cabinet meeting minutes The Chairperson monitors these and advised there was nothing much of note to discuss this month.</p> <p>There is a Proposal from Cabinet to introduce charges in car parks but there will be a public consultation.</p> <p>CLlr Bamforth advised we will have a chance to have our say.</p> <p>20mph zones</p> <p>The meeting was advised that green boundary signs are advisory, however in Glasgow, the signs have a red boundary and the speed limit is therefore mandatory. The Chairperson also stated that 20mph zones will be introduced across the Glasgow Council area in 2025 (source BBC News 1st May 2024).</p>	<p>David to arrange Adrian Bain Broom Park meeting.</p>



LDP3 EVIDENCE REPORTS	<p>LDP3 Evidence Report April 2024</p> <p>East Renfrewshire Council (ERC) is running a consultation open until 10th May 2024 about the draft LDP3 Evidence document published by ERC in April 2024.</p> <p>The report consists of 26 Draft Topic Papers totalling 479 pages.</p> <p>The Chairperson delivered a short presentation covering topics such as tree preservation, loss of biodiversity, economic development, increasing educational opportunities, road layout and housing demand.</p> <p>There does not appear to be a programme or information from ERC for addressing the climate emergency.</p> <p>Cllr Bamforth advised the LDP3 is at a very early stage of development. This will take several years to come to fruition.</p> <p>Cllr Edlin commented it is important that people let their views be known.</p> <p>Full information and response forms can be found using the link below:</p> <p>https://erldp.commonplace.is/</p> <p>Transport - SPT strategy consultation</p> <p>The SPT consultation is open for comments until 13th May – you can access this using the link below:</p> <p>https://www.spt.co.uk/about-us/what-we-are-doing/regional-transport-strategy/bus-strategy/</p> <p>Housing</p> <p>Scottish Government forecast from 2026 to 2036 that East Renfrewshire should build 4,050 new houses under minimum all-tenure housing land requirement (MATHLR) conditions.</p> <p>After consultation between ERC and the Scottish Government, this number has been reduced to 2,800.</p> <p>Cllr. Bamforth to check if the 2,800 includes Maidenhill.</p> <p>Residents are concerned that schools are at capacity – where are these children going to be educated? Also, concern was expressed about lack of NHS health facilities being provided to accommodate the expanding population. MECC suggests that this is especially relevant because of the commitment that 25% of new builds be affordable housing residents who may not be able to afford private health care.</p>	Cllr Bamforth to check housing figures.



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	<p>Cllr. Edlin advised that in the planning process the builder has to agree to contribute to the cost of building schools.</p> <p>Cllr. Bamforth commented we are not able to dictate to the NHS where they build new surgeries/dentists.</p> <p>Wee Woods and tree planting</p> <p>ERC are aiming to plant 10,000 new trees across East Renfrewshire in the 2024-2025 season.</p> <p>MECC to ask Sam Ibbot to provide a presentation at a future meeting.</p>	
AOCB	Litter Pick Saturday 1 st June, meeting 11am at Maidenhill Primary School	
DATE OF NEXT MEETING	The next MECC meeting will be held on Tuesday 4 TH June at 7.00pm in Mearns Castle High School	
	With there being no further business, the Chairperson thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting	