



Broom Kirkhill Mearnskirk
Community Council

MEETING OF	Broom, Kirkhill, & Mearnskirk, Community Council	
HELD ON	Monday 14 th December 2020 @ 7pm by Zoom call	
WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION	The Chairperson welcomed everyone to the meeting	
RECORDING OF MEMBERS PRESENT	<p>In attendance:</p> <p>William Maxwell (Chairperson), Janet Olverman (Secretary), Jane Royston (Treasurer) Margaret Hinchliffe, Anne Lithgow, Steve Rutherford, Doug Pitt, Ron Gimby, Bev Brown</p> <p>Also in attendance: Cllr Caroline Bamforth</p>	
APOLOGIES	<p>Apologies were received from Cllr Swift</p> <p>Doug Pitt apologised for not attending the previous meeting.</p>	
ITEM DISCUSSED		Action Points
APPROVAL OF MINUTE OF MEETINGS	<p>The Minute of the meeting on 16th November was proposed by the Chairperson and seconded by Jane Royston and approved by the Community Council.</p> <p>Cllr Bamforth asked that an amendment be made to Page 1 section 'Noxious Smell in Broom River'. It should read "A resident of Gleneagles Drive had inadvertently connected a sewer into the river last April" not Blair Atholl Gate.</p> <p>Janet to amend the minute accordingly.</p>	<p>Janet to amend Minute</p>
POLICE REPORT	<p>The Chairperson read out the Police report for our Community Council area for December 2020 and was pleased to advise there have been no reports of house break-ins over the last month.</p> <p>'The Community Policing Team based at Giffnock police office continue their weekend action plan to tackle youth disorder within the East Renfrewshire council area. Officers have been engaging with any groups of youths within the area especially at hours of darkness. Many of these youths are travelling to the area but many also live locally.</p> <p>The Police continue to highlight these issues to their partners in East Renfrewshire Council Community Safety Department and Youth Services Department with whom they work closely to tackle anti-social behaviour.</p> <p>During the last month Police Scotland have received a number of reports relating to youth disorder, including instances of firework related incidents and other youth related issues in and around Broom shops and Mearns Castle High School. The Community Policing Team</p>	



continue to proactively police this area and engage with local youths in effort to prevent any disorder. The Mearns Castle High school campus officer continues to be a key element in their engagement with the young people of our Community Council area, there have been several incidents of youth disorder within the school grounds which the campus officers continues to assist with alongside the school faculty .

Under the current COVID-19 regulations, officers from the Community Policing Teams have been conducting routine high visibly patrols to ensure compliance with the local restrictions.

The main crime reports for our Community Council area are:

1x crime report relating to an Assault.

1x crime report relating to a Robbery, the offender was arrested and held in police custody to appear at court on the next lawful day

1x crime report relating to a Wilful Fire-Raising, enquires are ongoing.

1x crime report relating to Minor Drug Offences, the offender was issued a formal recorded police warning.

1x crime report relating to a road traffic incident (RTA).

There has been no reports of house-break-ins in our community council area during the last month. The community policing team continue to conduct high-visibility proactive patrols to deter any acquisitive crimes.

The Police encourage residents to keep up to date with current crime trends by logging on to the Police Scotland website and following social media accounts of Police Scotland, Trading Standards and East Renfrewshire Council.

Finally, we are entering the festive period and as such certain crime trends are more present, these including shopliftings and house-break-ins, the Police encourage shop owners and residents "to remain vigilant and be aware of shop and home safety, ensuring premises and homes are secure and giving extra attention to any suspicious activity in their local area."

Bev Brown informed the meeting of a fire-raising incident which occurred in the back lane behind Broom shops. The piece of ground near the car park, which has been reclaimed by the property owners, contains dead wood etc. that the youths set fire to. Residents rushed to put this fire out and the fire brigade arrived promptly and doused the area.

The Chairperson advised that some bins have also been



	<p>set on fire.</p> <p>Cllr Bamforth commented that youths have been removing the inside of bins near the Co-op in Broom Road East, putting them up the lane, filling them with twigs and setting them on fire.</p> <p>If they were unable to take the insides out of these bins, this would help to stop this behaviour.</p> <p>Cllr Bamforth is concerned about more youths hanging around drinking etc. She is going to ask the police to get the school campus cops to speak to the children again.</p> <p>Margaret Hinchliffe reported that a neighbour had told her about recent disturbing activity by young men in parked cars, playing loud music, hooting horns etc. at night in the Mearns Castle High School car park. The neighbour reported this to police and had asked if the school gates could be locked at night.</p> <p>Cllr Bamforth offered to make enquiries about this.</p>	<p>Cllr Bamforth to enquire about possibility of locking school gates at night</p>
<p>TREASURER'S STATEMENT</p>	<p>The account balance is £916. No expenses have been claimed.</p>	
<p>SETTING UP OUR ZOOM ACCOUNT</p>	<p>Janet Olverman has purchased a Zoom Pro account that permits the BKMCC to hold monthly meetings with a duration of longer than 40 minutes.</p> <p>The cost is £14.39 per month and will be reimbursed on a quarterly basis by ERC.</p> <p>Vincent McCulloch suggested that the Treasurer should forward 4 invoices at a time to ERC for reimbursement of Zoom costs. However, the BKMCC stated it reimburse Janet on a monthly basis.</p>	
<p>PUBLIC PARTICIPATION IN ZOOM MEETINGS?</p>	<p>Vincent McCulloch asked the BKMCC 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 meeting codes via Facebook to avoid having to deal with trolls.</p> <p>Janet to place meeting information onto Facebook with email contact details.</p>	<p>Janet to place meeting info on Facebook</p>
<p>POP UP BIKE & ROLL LANES A77</p>	<p>Janet had forwarded information to the BKMCC about Spaces for People in East Renfrewshire.</p> <p>ERC aim to safeguard the existing cycle lane on Ayr Road, improving safety and aiming to minimise unnecessary car</p>	



journeys.

The number of people using active travel has more than doubled this year.

The plans are to create a cycle lane for the full length of the A77 from Newton Mearns to Giffnock.

The Chairperson displayed images from Spaces for People's website. ERC are installing temporary cones alongside the protected cycle lane that, in time, will be replaced by permanent barriers.

Comments were made about the following:

- It was noted that this will cause problems with parking.
- Concern was expressed about the way cones have been laid out, they are forcing drivers too close to the central kerb, which can be difficult to see in the dark.
- Some cyclists do not obey the highway code, they should behave responsibly
- Car drivers should be responsible and give way to cyclists.
- The positives completely outweigh the negatives. Cycle lanes are a positive thing and should encourage responsible cycling.
- Bikes move very fast down the Ayr Road and can be difficult to see for cars turning into Ayr Road at Sandringham Avenue.
- After COVID, once things return to normal, we are going to see bad traffic jams on this road which will be detrimental to health at busy times of day.
- Cllr Bamforth advised that these cycle lanes are temporary for now and all feedback is encouraged.
- ERC are to, temporarily, reduce the speed limit to 30mph for 18 months. It takes longer to apply for a permanent reduction in speed.
- It is hoped that these new measures will help to reduce traffic to schools.

Pollution

The Chairperson enquired if there was any data available about nano pollutants along this road. Most of the lung damage in adults occurred when they were young.

Nano pollutants get into the blood stream and increasing evidence shows they cause childhood asthma and may cause diseases like Alzheimer's.

Evidence shows that people living within $\frac{3}{4}$ mile of a



	<p>heavily used road will be exposed to this pollution.</p> <p>Cllr Bamforth advised that carbon monoxide detectors are situated at some schools (Kirkhill and Giffnock Primary) monitoring levels.</p> <p>Doug Pitt enquired if there were rules about wood burning stoves etc.</p> <p>Cllr Bamforth advised information can be found on the ERC website under Environment. However, wood burning stoves are not banned.</p> <p>The Chairperson asked Janet to put pollution on the agenda for discussion at the next meeting.</p> <p>The Chairperson advised there are plans for other cycle lanes in this document and asked Janet to circulate the link to their website.</p>	<p>Janet to add pollution to agenda for next meeting</p>
<p>TREE PLANTING PROGRESS</p> <p>AND</p> <p>FIRST WOOD, SECOND WOOD, THIRD WOOD</p>	<p>Tree Planting</p> <p>The Chairperson advised there had been no further progress on tree planting this year.</p> <p>First Wood, Second Wood, Third Wood.</p> <p>The Chairperson displayed some photographs of the Three Woods.</p> <p>Scottish Water have installed a considerable sized drainage system. The correspondents contacted Janet to ask for help in remediating this area that had been left muddy and impassable.</p> <p>ERC have advised that the Third Wood path cannot presently be re-laid because it is too wet. Scottish Water plan to commence remediation in the Spring.</p> <p>In the meantime, the BKMCC have offered the Three Wood correspondents some of our saplings and suggested sowing wild flower seed amongst the grass to create a lovely meadow.</p> <p>Cllr Bamforth reminded the BKMCC that bee bombs are available for community groups.</p> <p>Jane to enquire if we can purchase wild flower seed to give to this group.</p>	
<p>SCOTTISH OPEN GOVERNMENT CONFERENCE 15TH DECEMBER 2020</p>	<p>The Chairperson has registered to attend this conference on the 15th December and will provide a report at the next meeting.</p>	
<p>AOCB</p>	<p>Smoke Detectors regulations</p> <p>Cllr Bamforth provided an update about the new regulations in relation to smoke and carbon monoxide detectors. This has been delayed until February 2022.</p>	



	<p>Old Drove Road right of way. Cllr Bamforth advised that High Flenders Road and Low Flenders Road are public roads. However, the section between the Golf Academy and farm is not adopted by ERC. Spaces for people funds therefore cannot be used to improve this path.</p> <p>Shipping Containers Kirkhill House This planning application now has 11 objections to 3 shipping containers being located at Kirkhill House and will have to go to the PAC.</p> <p>Piccolino and Vino Planning application. Piccolino and Vino have applied for permission to extend their restaurant at the Broom shops. Bev Brown advised that, as a local resident, she is very much in favour. The plans include another exit for wheelchair users and will hopefully encourage more people to eat locally.</p> <p>Concern was expressed about increased parking in this area.</p> <p>Cllr Bamforth advised that encouraging traffic wardens to patrol this area at lunchtime, when the parking is most problematic, would assist. In this respect Cllr Bamforth has spoken with Claire Reid, Community safety manager and she has confirmed wardens will pay extra attention to this area.</p> <p>Post Offices The Post Office problem is a total disgrace, however there is nothing we can do about this unfortunately.</p>	
<p>DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS 2021</p>	<p>15th February, 15th March, 19th April AGM, 24th May 2021</p>	
<p>DATE OF NEXT MEETING</p>	<p>Monday 18th January 2021 at 7pm by Zoom call.</p>	