



Broom Kirkhill Mearns Kirk  
Community Council

<b>MEETING OF</b>	Broom, Kirkhill, & Mearns Kirk, Community Council	
<b>HELD ON</b>	Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> January 2021 @ 7pm by Zoom call	
<b>WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION</b>	The Chairperson welcomed everyone to the meeting	
<b>RECORDING OF MEMBERS PRESENT</b>	In attendance: William Maxwell (Chairperson), Janet Olverman (Secretary), Jane Royston (Treasurer) Margaret Hinchliffe, Anne Lithgow, Steve Rutherford, Doug Pitt, Ron Gimby, Bev Brown Also in attendance:	
<b>APOLOGIES</b>	Apologies were received from: Rob Jones	
<b>ITEM DISCUSSED</b>		<b>Action Points</b>
<b>APPROVAL OF MINUTE OF MEETINGS</b>	The Minute of the meeting on 14th December 2020 was proposed by the Chairperson, seconded by Doug Pitt and approved by the Community Council.	
<b>POLICE REPORT</b>	<p>The Chairperson read out the Police report for our Community Council area for the period December 14<sup>th</sup> 2020 to January 18<sup>th</sup> 2021</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. The community policing team have been engaging with any groups of youths they encounter and have been informing them of the issues causing disorder and educating them on the current COVID-19 guidance. Enforcement has been carried out regarding breaches of COVID-19 legislation and any instances of anti-social behaviour where necessary.</p> <p>The community policing team also continue to liaise with the British Transport Police in relation to youths using the rail network and gatherings in and around the railway network.</p> <p>The Police continue to highlight any 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>Due to the current COVID-19 regulations, officers from the community policing teams have been conducting routine high visibility patrols to ensure compliance with the National Restrictions.</p> <p>In general, within the Broom, Kirkhill and Mearns Kirk area</p>	



compliance with the current regulations has been good.

There have been eight Crime reports raised within our area over the last month;

3x crime reports relating to Fraud incidents, enquires into two of these are ongoing and the other incident was passed onto another police force for further enquiry.

1x crime report relating to a theft by shoplifting, enquiries are ongoing

1x crime report relating to a suspicious person incident, enquiries are ongoing

1x crime report relating to a road traffic incident.

2x crime reports relating to acquisitive crime. One reported housebreaking in our community council area during the last month and one attempted housebreaking, enquiries into these incidents continue at this time.

The community policing team continue to conduct high-visibility proactive patrols to deter any acquisitive crimes.

Residents are encouraged to keep up to date with current crime trends by logging onto the Police Scotland website and following social media accounts of Police Scotland, Trading Standards and East Renfrewshire Council.

Police Scotland has recently launched its national campaign against Fraud, in any instances of our members being a victim of fraud we encourage them to report the matter to police Scotland directly via the police Scotland website ([www.scotland.police.uk](http://www.scotland.police.uk)) or using 101.

Finally, as the nation re-enters a "National lockdown" the Police Service of Scotland urged us to reiterate the current public health information to our members and to stress the importance of the current COVID-19 protection measures set out by the Scottish government. Police Scotland's approach in dealing with COVID-19 throughout the pandemic has largely remained unchanged, they will continue to Engage, Educate and Encourage the people of Scotland to follow the legislation laid out by parliament. Enforcement action will be enacted in instances of clear breaches of the COVID-19 legislation.

Police Scotland have launched an online COVID-19 reporting form to be used in any instances when a person suspects another person or group may be breaching the current guidelines.

<https://www.scotland.police.uk/secureforms/covid19/>

Police Scotland asked us to remind our members that during this "National Lockdown" the message to stay at home and only leave for a detailed essential reason applies.

	<p>Stay home, Save lives, Protect the NHS.</p> <p>More information can be found at WWW.GOV.SCOT</p> <p>Comments from BKMCC:</p> <p>Concern was raised about people not adhering to social distancing guidelines when out walking.</p> <p>Joggers should be encouraged to use the cycle lane and keep well away from pedestrians.</p> <p>Janet to place a reminder for adhering to distancing guidelines when out walking.</p>	<p>Janet to place reminder on Facebook about adherence to social distancing guidelines</p>
<p><b>The Three Woods and Tree PLANTING PROGRESS</b></p>	<p>There has been no further progress with the Three Woods project or tree planting due to time of year.</p> <p>The Treasurer has secured agreement from ERC to purchase wild flower seeds using the BKMCC grant. We can sell on or donate to the community if we wish.</p> <p>The approximate cost is £12 for 1kg seed</p> <p>There are many different kinds of seeds. Some research must be undertaken to ensure the correct type of seeds are purchased for this particular area.</p> <p>Janet to contact the Three Woods residents and arrange timescale/delivery of saplings and seeds.</p>	<p>Janet to contact Three Woods</p>
<p><b>SCOTTISH OPEN GOVERNMENT CONFERENCE DEEMBER 15TH</b></p>	<p>The Chairperson reported upon the Scottish Open Government Conference on December 15<sup>th</sup> 2020.</p> <p>Chaired by Professor Richard Kerley, Professor of Management, Queen Margaret University 'Delivering on the Open Government in Scotland Action Plan in Pandemic and Beyond'</p> <p><b>Lucy McTernan, Open Government Partnership, spoke about the Challenge for Local Government</b></p> <p>Recent events have resulted in a close down in public accountability. Local Authorities should address this and take steps to overcome this deficiency. Other CCs have suffered this as well.</p> <p>The Chairperson to email ERC Councillors to ask whether ERC has contemplated joining the Open Government Partnership.</p> <p>The City of Glasgow has recently joined.</p> <p><b>Carole Ewart, Convener, Campaign for Freedom of Information in Scotland</b> The Need to Know who Regulates, Who is Accountable and</p>	<p>Will to email Councillors about ERC joining Open Government Partnership</p>



	<p>How to get Answers.</p> <p>Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002  <b>The General entitlement</b>  A person who requests information from a Scottish public authority which holds it is entitled to be given it by the authority.</p> <p>Unfortunately, Coronavirus has significantly weakened the FoI access, mainly because of staff shortages.</p> <p>The Scottish Government early in the first lockdown suspended Open Government, but MSP voted to correct that in May 2020.</p> <p>At the moment, the FOI Act is not being enforced, we are uncertain how to overcome this situation. This is a Human Rights issue.</p> <p>We would urge ERC to listen to what the public wants and provide local detail in response.</p> <p>It was suggested we should undertake an informal dialogue with our ERC Councillors to obtain their views.</p> <p>Following their response we can take things forwards.</p> <p>For more Information: <a href="http://www.cfois.scot/">www.cfois.scot/</a>  Contact: info@cfois.scot</p> <p><b>Rosemary Agnew, Scottish Public Services Ombudsman</b>  “Information as the Currency of Accountability”</p> <p>Underpinning accountability is the free access to information</p> <p>Information released upon FoI requests should be oriented to where the requestor resides. Both Westminster and Scottish Governments fail to provide such. Information should be directly applicable to the location of the requestor- not a general nationwide response.</p> <p>Michael Oliphant – Audit Director, Audit Scotland and Paul Bradley SCVO (Scottish Council for Voluntary Organisations) both gave presentations.</p> <p>£8.2bn extra added to the Scottish Budget to deal with Covid-19 economic impact is large and will have long-term consequences for public finances.</p>	
<b>LOCAL POLLUTION</b>	The Chairperson gave a detailed presentation about the	



	<p>effects of Air Pollution.</p> <p>Types of medical condition exacerbated by air borne pollution:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Respiratory diseases (COPD), asthma, lung cancer</li> <li>• Cardiovascular disease</li> <li>• Vascular dementia (VaD)</li> <li>• Alzheimer’s</li> <li>• Pre-natal and neonatal brain growth, childhood development</li> </ul> <p>East Renfrewshire air quality is generally good. It, however, has been deemed there is no need to designate any national air quality monitoring areas within the boundary of the authority. However, the State of the Environment Report 2019 by East Renfrewshire Council states monitoring of air pollution levels at 23 locations across East Renfrewshire, including some schools.</p> <p><a href="https://www.eastrenfrewshire.gov.uk/air-quality">https://www.eastrenfrewshire.gov.uk/air-quality</a></p> <p>Detailed data is available in ERC State of the Environment Report 2019.</p> <p>Doug Pitt enquired what would happen if we have a problem with air pollution in the area, from wood fires etc.</p> <p>ERC provides information about how to report concerns on their website using the link below:</p> <p><a href="https://www.eastrenfrewshire.gov.uk/bonfires-and-smoke-nuisance">https://www.eastrenfrewshire.gov.uk/bonfires-and-smoke-nuisance</a></p> <p>Concern was expressed about the polluted mine workings in Huntley Park.</p> <p>Bev Brown commented that ERC are still having conversations with Advance, the company who want to build on Huntly Park. Unless costly remediation is undertaken who would purchase a house in this area?</p> <p>The BKMCC suggests that there should be monitoring stations throughout East Renfrewshire to survey pollution levels.</p>	
<p><b>LOCAL SALTING OR GRITTING OF PAVEMENTS</b></p>	<p>Jane Royston raised concerns about the level of gritting throughout our CC area.</p> <p>The ERC website sets out the priority lists for gritting. They grit priority 1-3 routes but do not salt pavements unless they are within a designated shopping area or old peoples home.</p> <p>During the COVID pandemic, where walking is being</p>	



	<p>encouraged, the BKMCC would ask ERC to put more resources into the gritting of pavements. There is a small gritting machine for pavements within the shopping areas etc. but gritting really has to include popular walking routes when icy pavements are treacherous.</p> <p>We would also request gritting of the Broom shops car park.</p> <p>The BKMCC will write to ERC Roads Department and request that extra provision be made to Rouken Glen Park and other popular walking routes.</p> <p>At a time where the NHS is under great pressure, the prevention of slips and falls which may require medical treatment, should be given greater priority.</p> <p>There is a form on ERC's website to report a winter road or pavement problem</p> <p><a href="https://www.eastrenfrewshire.gov.uk/report-winter-roads">https://www.eastrenfrewshire.gov.uk/report-winter-roads</a></p>	
<p><b>RESPONSE BY ERC TO OUR COMMENTS FOR PA2019/0742/TP</b></p>	<p>This planning application refers to the proposed development at Maidenhill, behind the Royal World Buffet. The Flood Prevention Group had meetings with the developers, persuading them that their drainage plans were incorrect and advising them of the correct drainage route and flood prevention measures. The BKMCC also submitted an objection. In spite of this the PAC granted planning permission allowing the original drainage plan!</p>	
<p><b>COMMENTS TO LDP-220-3 FROM MEARN'S FLOOD GROUP</b></p>	<p>The Flood Prevention Group submitted detailed comments about the LDP on 8<sup>th</sup> January in respect of plans to build on the flood plain at Broompark Road and Windsor Avenue.</p>	
<p><b>COMMENTS TO PAN FOR NEW EASTWOOD LEISURE CENTRE</b></p>	<p>The Chairperson displayed images of the proposed new Eastwood Leisure Centre.</p> <p>Concern was raised about the proposal to turn the allotments into a car park. There is a lack of provision of allotments in the area.</p> <p>Ron Gimby commented that the allotments are something for which it is worth fighting. There is an obligation on Councils to have some sort of allotment provision – see Section 112 of part 9 of the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015: Allotments.</p> <p>ERC have suggested moving the allotments, however they are still being actively used, growing lots of vegetables. There is a lot of community involvement, Isobel Mair school have a plot, as do the Brownies etc.</p> <p>ERC will have to request permission from the Scottish Government to build on these allotments.</p>	<p>Once date of consultation known, Janet to place notice onto Facebook.</p>



	There is going to be an online public meeting in February, date to be advised.	
<b>COMMENTS TO CHANGE OF ALCOHOL LICENCE LA VITA/PICCOLINO</b>	<p><b>Application to change of alcohol licence by La Vita/Piccolino</b></p> <p>This application was discussed and it was agreed to submit a letter requesting further information before granting permission.</p> <p>The Chairperson drafted a letter and asked the secretary to submit letter to the Licencing board.</p>	Janet to submit letter before 20 <sup>th</sup> January
<b>A FESTIVE BLOG FROM PLANNING DEMOCRACY</b>	<p><b>NPF4</b></p> <p>The Government have published their Position Statement on NPF4, (National Planning Framework 4) which gives a clue as to the general direction of travel for planning policy in 2021. It appears there is greater focus on important things like climate change. They have summarised what they are concentrating on in the following 4 themes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• net zero emissions</li> <li>• resilient communities</li> <li>• wellbeing economy, and</li> <li>• better greener places.</li> </ul> <p>The Chairperson asked that members read the information provided on the Government website on the NPF4 consultation and respond by 19<sup>th</sup> February.</p> <p>Should you wish to comment, please can you do so by 19 February 2021 through the Scottish Government's consultation hub at <a href="https://consult.gov.scot/planning-architecture/national-planning-framework-position-statement">https://consult.gov.scot/planning-architecture/national-planning-framework-position-statement</a> or via email to <a href="mailto:scotplan@gov.scot">scotplan@gov.scot</a></p> <p>More information is available on the link below: <a href="https://www.gov.scot/publications/scotlands-fourth-national-planning-framework-position-statement/">https://www.gov.scot/publications/scotlands-fourth-national-planning-framework-position-statement/</a></p> <p><b>Webinar on the National Planning Framework 4</b> Online, Thursday 28th January 2021. It will be an opportunity to learn about NPF4, discuss the Position Statement, and to think about your responses. One or two members should attend this meeting and formulate a statement from the CC</p>	
<b>AOCB</b>	<p><b>Active Travel corridor</b></p> <p>BKMCC discussed the Ayr Road cycle lane including the section through Giffnock. Cones are obstructing the road. Concern was expressed about:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• reduction in access for emergency vehicles</li> <li>• road narrowing and accidents occurring due to</li> </ul>	



	<p>coning.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Lack of gritting of cycle lane</li></ul> <p>These lanes should, technically, be used by both cyclists and pedestrians.</p>	
<b>DATE OF NEXT MEETING</b>	<b>Monday 15<sup>th</sup> February 2021 at 7pm via Zoom</b>	
<b>FUTURE MEETINGS</b>	15 <sup>th</sup> March, 19 <sup>th</sup> April, 24 <sup>th</sup> May AGM, 21 June 2021	