



Broom Kirkhill Mearns Kirk
Community Council

MEETING OF	Broom, Kirkhill, & Mearns Kirk, Community Council	
HELD ON	Monday 15 th February 2021 @ 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, Rob Jones, Anne Lithgow, Steve Rutherford, Doug Pitt, Ron Gimby</p> <p>Also in attendance:</p> <p>CLlr Caroline Bamforth</p> <p>Alan Ewing, Chairman, Mearns Kirk Owners' Association (MOA)</p>	
APOLOGIES	Apologies were received from: Bev Brown	
ITEM DISCUSSED		Action Points
APPROVAL OF MINUTE OF MEETINGS	The Minute of the meeting on 18 th January 2021 was proposed by The Chairperson and seconded by Jane Royston and approved by the Community Council.	
POLICE REPORT	<p>No report has been received this month.</p> <p>Janet to ask for copy and circulate once received</p>	Janet ask Police for copy of monthly report.
INTRODUCTION TO THE MEARNSKIRK RESIDENT'S ASSOCIATION	<p>The Chairperson introduced Alan Ewing, Chairman Mearns Kirk Owners' Association.</p> <p>Alan provided an introduction to the Association and gave a brief description of their aims and activities.</p> <p>Their inaugural meeting was held in March 2019. The Committee is comprised of owners from the various zones making up the Mearns Kirk area.</p> <p>They have established a line of contact between the homeowners, ERC and the Property factors, Hacking & Paterson. They are now a Constituted Owners' Association and look forward to working with other organisations to benefit the community.</p> <p>They have created a website (link below), containing useful news and information pertaining to the Mearns Kirk area.</p> <p>https://mearnskirk.org/</p> <p>Many of the issues concerning the Mearns Kirk residents, cross over with the BKMCC's e.g. Peter Pan Statue; Langrig Lane footpath closure; the new Co-op and proposed pharmacy.</p>	

	<p>There are currently 365 houses within Mearns Kirk Owners' Association and they can communicate BKMCC messages quickly.</p> <p>Alan suggested it would be possible to create a link on their website to the BKMCC Facebook page.</p> <p>Janet to provide link.</p> <p>Ron Gimby enquired if the Mearns Kirk group was in contact with Vincent McCulloch, ERC's Community Council Liaison Officer.</p> <p>Cllr Bamforth suggested that Vincent is keen for communities to support each other.</p> <p>The BKMCC Chairperson offered to write to Vincent explaining we have made contact with the Mearns Kirk Owners' Association and would like to establish a closer liaison – can this be facilitated?</p> <p>Cllr Bamforth offered her support in this endeavour</p> <p>Janet to forward Vincent's contact details to Alan.</p>	<p>Janet to provide Facebook link</p> <p>Will to write a letter to Vincent</p> <p>Janet to forward Vincent's contact details to Alan</p>
<p>RESPONSE TO OUR LETTER FOR GRITTING</p>	<p>The Chairperson and Treasurer submitted a letter to ERC about gritting.</p> <p>The main concern was the lack of pavement gritting resulting in treacherous underfoot conditions for pedestrians during the recent snowy and icy weather.</p> <p>Cllr. Bamforth provided detailed information about ERC's statutory responsibilities.</p> <p>It was interesting to note that "Safe passage of pedestrians" comes before vehicles in their statutory responsibility statement.</p> <p>It was noted that the roads in Aldton Park have not been gritted, because they have not yet been adopted by ERC. Two car accidents due to the icy conditions have been reported, and concern was expressed that the care home road, in particular, had not even gritted.</p> <p>Cllr Bamforth explained that Aldton Park gritting is the responsibility of the developer until ERC adopts the roads. Developers should provide grit bins and ensure they are regularly and adequately filled. Residents should contact the developer or property factor and request bin refilling as necessary.</p> <p>The Treasurer enquired if the paths in Rouken Glen Park ought to be gritted because they are owned by ERC.</p>	



	<p>Cllr Bamforth advised that the Park Keepers are responsible for gritting paths in Rouken Glen park.</p> <p>The committee suggested that local residents could take responsibility for clearing the pavement outside their house, and as such, the problem would decrease. Although it was noted that some residents are physically unable to do this.</p> <p>Useful information can be found on ERC’s website (link below)</p> <p>https://www.eastrenfrewshire.gov.uk/winter-roads</p> <p>There is a form for reporting icy issues https://ercselfservice.eastrenfrewshire.gov.uk/Ef3/General.jsp?form=SS_RoadWinterFault&page=pg_faultdetails and a location map of council grit bins (eastrefrewshire.maps.arcgis.com), along with useful advice about the best way to clear snow and ice.</p>	
<p>RESPONSE TO OUR LETTER ABOUT POLLUTION MONITORING</p>	<p>The BKMCC had submitted a letter to our ERC Councillors enquiring about the level of air pollution monitoring in our area.</p> <p>Cllr. Bamforth responded with information about the detailed regulations. “Local authorities must review and assess a range of pollutants that are set out within the Air Quality Strategy, declare as Air Quality Management Areas (AQMAs) any areas where standards are not being met, and put in place an action plan to reduce pollution levels.</p> <p>Air quality in East Renfrewshire is generally good. There are no major industrial or commercial sources of air pollutants within the area and road traffic is therefore the main source of local air pollution. Whilst there have been no AQMAs declared in East Renfrewshire the council has implemented schemes to improve local air quality and increase public awareness of the steps we can all take to minimise our impact on the environment.</p> <p>The Council has expanded vehicle idling enforcement schemes around local schools, as well as carrying out a number of days of roadside emissions testing in conjunction with Police Scotland.”</p> <p>The BKMCC notes that Community Safety Officers carry out 10 hours a week idling enforcement outside schools, community facilities, leisure centres, bus stations and taxi ranks.</p> <p>The BKMCC is particularly concerned about monitoring the air quality in the Maidenhill area, because the development lies very close to the M77 and the A726, both very busy</p>	



	<p>roads.</p> <p>Cllr. Bamforth advised that under current laws there is no legal duty to monitor air pollution until a development has been completed.</p> <p>Pollution is highest where traffic is stationary.</p> <p>Cllr. Bamforth advised that in East Renfrewshire there has been no exceedance of pollution targets and considers that Maidenhill should not be a problem.</p> <p>There is a pollution monitor at Westacres and there has never been any exceedance at the motorway bridge.</p> <p>The Chairperson expressed concern that Pm2.5 exposure is not monitored, this particulate does have long-term effects on a whole range of body systems.</p> <p>Cllr. Bamforth advised that this is not measured anywhere in the UK and ERC comply with EU directives.</p> <p>The Chairperson advised that a number of local garages provide a free check for vehicle emissions. Details can be found at</p> <p>https://www.eastrenfrewshire.gov.uk/reduce-car-pollution</p> <p>The Chairperson thanked Cllr. Bamforth for her very informative response.</p> <p>Cllr. Bamforth suggested that BKMCC could invite someone from the Environment Department to attend one of our future meetings to discuss this matter in more detail.</p>	
THREE WOODS AND TREE PLANTING PROGRESS	<p>The Chairperson advised there has been no real progress. Both Janet & the Chairperson have been in communication with our Three Woods contact. It is expected Scottish Water will be doing remediation works in the Spring. We have offered a small number of saplings and are waiting for weather to improve before planting can commence.</p> <p>We are also negotiating with Three Woods about the purchase of wildflower seeds for sowing amongst the new grass.</p>	
CAMPAIGN FOR NEW POST OFFICE?	<p>The Chairperson enquired if BKMCC want to start a Campaign for a new post office.</p> <p>BKMCC feel that the provision of Post Office services in our area is abysmal.</p> <p>Comments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The local area has recently lost two Post Offices and residents now have to travel some distance to access even basic post office services.• The Harvie Avenue post office is too small, the queues are horrendous and it is totally unsuitable to	



	<p>allow social distancing.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shop owners are unwilling to take on Post Office duties. Not enough money to make it worthwhile. • Long opening hours required • Armed robberies are discouraging shop owners from applying • We should ask the Post Office/Royal Mail how they intend to provide a service to this area. <p>Cllr. Bamforth suggested we take this issue up with our MP Kirsten Oswald.</p> <p>The Chairperson offered to draft a letter.</p>	<p>Will to draft a letter</p>
<p>RESPONSE TO NATIONAL PLANNING FRAMEWORK 4</p>	<p>The Chairperson displayed a copy of the Planning for Scotland booklet. Scotland's Fourth National Planning Framework Position Statement – November 2020.</p> <p>The Chairman submitted a consultation response on behalf of the BKMCC.</p> <p>The BKMCC consider that the general sentiments of the NPF4 are noble but it lacks any real substance.</p>	
<p>PROPOSED PHARMACY AT 421 MEARNS ROAD</p>	<p>The Chairperson displayed a diagram of the two new retail units, which are nearing completion.</p> <p>The BKMCC are concerned about the car park access being quite restricted and this may cause a potential hazard for Southbound traffic, when cars exit the car park.</p> <p>Alan Ewing advised that the Mearns Kirk Owners' Association had contacted the Roads Department about heavy southbound traffic, and the possible hazard for heavy lorries caused by the frontage extending right onto the edge of the road.</p> <p>A question was asked about the progress of the pharmacy application.</p> <p>Cllr Bamforth advised that there is a very strict process, which involves consultation with residents and stakeholders, including local pharmacies, to ascertain whether there is a need for another pharmacy in the area. The application is then considered by the NHSGGC Pharmacies Committee, who make the final decision.</p> <p>Cllr Bamforth was also contacted by a resident, concerned that an addiction service may be attached to the pharmacy. This would be considered separately, but only after a pharmacy licence was allowed. An application would need to be put before the ER HSCP who would fund this, but only if accessibility for service users and local</p>	



	<p>need were established.</p> <p>It was suggested this would be a perfect site for a Post Office – perhaps combined with the pharmacy?</p>	
AOCB	<p>Langrig Road Footpath Closure Following the closure of the above footpath, Janet Olverman wrote to ERC asking for information and received the following response:</p> <p>“The full length of the path is being upgraded and will be closed for a total period of 8 weeks.</p> <p>The contractor commenced on site on the 25th of January with works programmed to be complete by the 19th of March. The works comprise repairs to the existing hard surfaced path, resurfacing works to the stone/gravel surfaced sections and the installation of lighting along the full length of the path from Mearns Kirk to the old quarry.</p> <p>We appreciate that the temporary closure of the footpath will cause inconvenience but, give the extent of the works and compliance with Health and Safety Legislation, it is unfortunately not possible to maintain through access on the path or to provide a temporary alternative path.</p> <p>The contractor was instructed to place notices of the closure at the start of all of the entrances to the footpath. “Apologies if they have failed to do so but if you can advise of the location you are referring to, a notice can now be put in place.</p> <p>Again we apologise for the inconvenience caused due to the temporary closure of the path but on completion the upgrade path will be a valuable asset to the community.”</p> <p>In response Janet sent a photo of the footpath closed sign and enquired if ERC could ask the contractor to place a notice at the Kirklands Drive end to indicate the reason for closure and the expected date for re-opening.</p> <p>Alan Ewing advised that the path was part of the master brief for Maidenhill, access should be provided between Mearns Kirk and Maidenhill from this footpath.</p> <p>Janet to send Alan copy of her email.</p> <p>Mearns Kirk Signposts Ron Gimby asked if it would be possible to provide some signposts within Mearns Kirk to the main road, especially from the footpath exit.</p>	



Zero Waste Scotland – Seminars

Zero Waste Scotland and Planning Aid Scotland are teaming up to run a series of free events for Community Councils/Community Groups across Scotland.

- Each event (run on Zoom) will provide an introduction to the Circular Economy as Scotland moves towards its zero carbon target by 2045, and an overview of the Scottish planning system, current planning reforms and of National Planning Framework 4.
- The planning system will play a key role in enabling Scotland to embrace the circular economy, reduce waste and achieve its zero carbon targets.

Details and links for registration below:

Wednesday Feb 24, 2021 01:30 pm

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZEkcuiqrz0sE9DwBDsVxL8KAcAizvqaQI00>

Thursday Feb 25, 2021 05:30 pm

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZYld--rqjooG9KrytZHF6XMZ2008vcP-9Sc>

Saturday Feb 27, 2021 01:30 pm

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZcqcOCgqTIuE9QYjCKUK1b4dusVLErArgHP>

Saturday Mar 6, 2021 09:30 am

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZwoc-utpjkpH9xjEPTBL1KAmgld8uFVslYq>

Kirkhill House

Cllr. Bamforth provided an update about the recent planning application for three shipping containers to be sited at Kirkhill House. The application has been approved with two conditions:

- they must be clad in wood
- and only open between 9am and 6pm

Eastwood Park Public Consultation

Anne Lithgow enquired if the Eastwood Park public consultation was going ahead tomorrow, Tuesday 16th February, between 4 and 8pm. ERC planning department said to check nearer the time but there has been no further information published.

Residents are very concerned because the Allotment area is still shown on the plans as being a car park.

Cllr Bamforth offered to check with Culture and Leisure whether the allotments are to remain and will forward information about the meeting to Janet.



	<p>STPR2 – Transport review Discussion and consultation</p> <p>The Ayr Road speed limit has been reduced to 30mph and police are now enforcing it.</p> <p>Cllr. Bamforth advised in order to change the speed limit on a road the council are required to conduct a traffic consultation.</p> <p>However, because the cones have been set out, ERC are permitted to reduce the speed of the road temporarily.</p> <p>If anyone has an issue with the speed limit they should contact ERC which will enable them to apply for a permanent reduction.</p> <p>30mph Road Signs</p> <p>Can we influence the erection of larger more noticeable 30mph signs?</p> <p>Janet to write to council roads department about poor signage.</p> <p>Cllr. Bamforth offered to support our application for better speed-limit road signs.</p>	
DATE OF NEXT MEETING	Monday 15th March 2021 at 7pm via Zoom	
FUTURE MEETINGS	19 th April, 24 th May AGM, 21 June 2021	