



Broom Kirkhill Mearns Kirk
Community Council

MEETING OF	Broom, Kirkhill, & Mearns Kirk, Community Council	
HELD ON	Monday 19 th April 2021 @ 7pm by Zoom call	
WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION	The Chairperson welcomed everyone to the meeting	
	In attendance: William Maxwell (Chairperson), Janet Olverman (Secretary), Jane Royston (Treasurer) Margaret Hinchliffe, Anne Lithgow, Doug Pitt, Rob Jones, Ron Gimby Also in attendance: Cllr Caroline Bamforth Kirsten Oswald MP Frank Baillie, Amanda Flockhart, Susan Brodie	
APOLOGIES	Apologies were received from: Bev Brown, Steve Rutherford	
ITEM DISCUSSED		Action Points
APPROVAL OF MINUTE OF MEETINGS	The Minute of the meeting on 15 th March 2021 was proposed by the Chairperson, seconded by Jane Royston and approved by the Community Council.	
POLICE REPORT	<p>Both the Chairperson and Secretary requested a report from the Police, however no police report has been received this month.</p> <p>Janet to forward to BKMCC members once received.</p> <p>There is great concern about speeding traffic in the BKMCC area, especially along roads near schools.</p> <p>Following a communication from a concerned resident, Janet emailed the BKMCC Police contact and asked if they could monitor traffic speed along Waterfoot Road, near Mearns Castle High School and St. Clare's/Calderwood Lodge Primary Schools.</p> <p>The Police advised they are going to increase speed monitoring in the Newton Mearns area and have agreed to include Waterfoot Road in their list of speeding hotspots.</p> <p>Janet was pleased to advise that the Police had been present with their speed monitor in Waterfoot Road this week.</p> <p>Doug voiced concern about heavy farm machinery/tractors travelling at great speed along this road.</p> <p>The Chairperson advised that there had been a speed notification sign erected recently near St Clare's</p>	Janet to forward police report



	<p>Primary/Calderwood School.</p> <p>The Chairperson reported that the Police are using drones to monitor youth disorder.</p>	
<p>POST OFFICE SERVICES IN NEWTON MEARNS</p>	<p>The Chairperson advised that our MP and Community Council have written in support of this but have received no response.</p> <p>Kirsten Oswald MP advised that she had received no response to her communication. However, she will be attending a meeting of the All Party Group on the 20th April, and will raise this issue if at all possible. Ms Oswald stated she will pursue this matter and suggested that the BKMCC should also send a follow-up communication.</p>	<p>Will to send follow-up letter/email</p>
<p>PHARMACY LICENCE APPLICATION 421 MEARNS ROAD</p>	<p>The Chairperson advised that the BKMCC had formed a consensus and submitted a letter to Trish Cawley (TrishCawley@ggc.scot.nhs.uk) saying we were not in favour of this application for a number of reasons. Ms Cawley has acknowledged our input.</p> <p>The next step is the formation of a committee by ggc.scot to which we will be invited to make some sort of representation.</p> <p>Doug Pitt commented there have already been near misses between vehicles in the car park which is busy and spaces are tight. The exit and entrance is onto a busy road and the sight lines are poor. Once the vacant shop is occupied, the situation will become worse.</p> <p>Kirsten Oswald MP advised she has raised this issue with ERC but has so far only received an acknowledgement. She offered to forward any response once received.</p> <p>The Chairperson enquired if it would be beneficial for the BKMCC to formally write to ERC about this issue.</p> <p>Cllr. Bamforth advised that the Pharmacy Practices Committee will be reviewing this application, which may not be approved because the area is already well served with pharmacies. The next meeting is likely to be at the end of June.</p> <p>The BKMCC will be provided with full minutes and responses from other pharmacies in the area but will probably not be required to attend.</p> <p>Doug said that someone from the BKMCC should attend this meeting if possible.</p> <p>Janet to forward contact details to the Chairperson</p>	<p>Janet to forward pharmacy licence contact details to Will</p>
<p>LACK OF PEDESTRIAN CROSSING AT</p>	<p>Cllr Bamforth advised she had spoken to Roads Department about the provision of a pedestrian crossing at the new Co-op at 421 Mearns Road. When planning</p>	



<p>MEARNS ROAD NEW CO-OP</p>	<p>permission was given Roads Department were consulted and they considered the application was satisfactory.</p> <p>However, the structure of the building had been changed slightly with the builders adding a large canopy. This negates the possibility of the installation of pedestrian lights.</p> <p>Crossing point barriers have been installed at the roundabout, which is considered the safest place to cross.</p> <p>The owners have installed dropped kerbs and barriers outside the shop without planning permission. Roads are asking them to be remove these because it is not considered a safe place to cross.</p> <p>Ron Gimby enquired if speed bumps, although unpopular, would be an option because the safety aspect of speed bumps slowing drivers speed should outweigh the environmental impact.</p> <p>Cllr. Bamforth said these could not be considered because this is a bus route and in any case it is ERC's policy not to install any more speed bumps.</p> <p>ERC have tried other methods, for example narrowing roads by the introduction of central islands. This has the effect of slowing drivers.</p> <p>Cllr Bamforth suggested that BKMCC should submit an official complaint.</p> <p>The Chairperson offered to discuss further with the BKMCC and draft a letter.</p>	<p>Will to draft letter of complaint about pedestrian safety.</p>
<p>PA 2021/0130/TP BROOMPARK DRIVE/WINDSOR AVENUE</p>	<p>Planning Application 2021/0130/TP</p> <p>Land between and bounded by Broompark Drive, Windsor Avenue and Lochbroom Drive, Newton Mearns. Erection of 5 dwelling houses.</p> <p>The Chairperson advised that our representation has been submitted and acknowledged.</p> <p>Janet has also submitted a representation reporting the presence of bats in the area and has also received an acknowledgement.</p> <p>Caroline offered to email Janet with date of PAC meeting.</p> <p>Ron commented that this application ought not to be considered until LDP2 has been finalised. This site has been detailed in the LDP2 plan and the Scottish reporter is looking at this area with respect to flooding and is obviously concerned. The Council should not be considering an application that is subject to a Local Development Plan examination, when permission for housing development may be refused.</p>	<p>Cllr Bamforth to confirm date of PAC meeting.</p>



<p>REPORT ON 'THE DPEA AND THE PLANNING SYSTEM'</p>	<p>The Chairperson attended a virtual meeting about The Department of Planning and Environmental Appeals (DPEA) and the Planning System. 200 people attended.</p> <p>A brief overview of the meeting content was given.</p> <p>The Reporters unit was set up in 1973 and there have been many changes since then.</p> <p>The Reporters unit act in two categories:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1) For conurbations (Aberdeen, Dundee, Glasgow and Edinburgh) there has to be a strategic development plan and a local development plan2) Other areas only require a local development plan <p>NPF4 has not yet been finalised where various submissions are still under consideration.</p> <p>The Main Issues Report for any Planning Development, set up by councils, is a requirement and has to be appropriate and sufficient.</p> <p>When an examiner makes a report they can request more information in the form of a hearing, or they can request an inquiry, which is a more extensive examination, and more costly because it requires legal representation.</p> <p>The Planning Act 2019 (Scotland)</p> <p>The biggest change will be when the National Planning Framework 4 (NPF4) comes into effect at the end of 2021.</p> <p>The reporter will only become involved if a council refuses a planning application and the developer appeals.</p> <p>Ron Gimby commented that this has been an issue for a long time, where if a third party complains about a planning application which is approved, they have no right of appeal, whereas the developer can appeal if an application is refused.</p> <p>Under NPF4 there are going to be masterplan consent areas and Local Place Plans. There are going to be more statutory requirements and duties for councils. Councils must now hold a 5-year supply of land for housing.</p> <p>The future housing policy has not yet been decided, however it will be within NPF4, which is due to be presented to the Scottish Government by the end of 2021.</p> <p>The BKMCC will be consulted on this as a statutory consultee.</p> <p>The Reporter's role since 2006 is to review appeals where planning permission has been refused by a PAC. They review material on-line and determine whether the process has been conducted correctly and whether appropriate information has been provided.</p>	
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	<p>Very few Inquiries are held because they are costly.</p> <p>The basic message is that if one is going to object to a development the earlier you do this the better. It would appear that objecting after an application has been submitted is very unlikely to influence the decision. The ability to scrutinise applications prior to being submitted would be beneficial.</p> <p>The Chairperson commented that this process appears to be working against the local community and environment.</p>	
<p>DO WE WISH TO ORGANISE LOCAL COMPETITIONS?</p>	<p>The Chairperson asked if the BKMCC would be willing to organise some local competitions for children.</p> <p>Litter Picking was suggested!</p> <p>Kirsten Oswald MP offered to help with litter picking and advised that Clarkston Community Council (CCC) have organised baking and miniature garden competitions, using local businesses to assist and sponsor. CCC has also organised a Halloween competition, where shop owners and residents decorate their own windows and submit photos to the CC for judging. Cllr. Bamforth advised that Kirkhill school organise something similar.</p> <p>It was agreed to discuss this further at a future meeting.</p>	
<p>TREE PLANTING AND PARK BENCHES</p>	<p>Tree Planting – Broomburn Park</p> <p>The Chairperson displayed a map of the park indicating the proposed location for planting 400 trees provided by the Woodland Trust.</p> <p>The planting is intended to assist with flooding problems of Broom Burn and to counter the influence of global warming.</p> <p>The council are due to spray off the grass in this area in order to give the young saplings the best possible chance of survival. Once the spraying has been completed, we will be able to commence planting.</p> <p>Janet to advise a suitable date for planting and ask for volunteers.</p> <p>Park Benches</p> <p>The Chairperson displayed an extract from the Community magazine advertising the new park benches that are to be sited in Broomburn Park.</p> <p>Background</p> <p>Following the provision of funding from Mactaggart & Mickel, in 2020 the BKMCC circulated a questionnaire to over 200 residents within the area surrounding Broomburn Park asking for their opinions on tree planting and extra</p>	<p>Janet to advise date for tree planting once grass sprayed</p>



provision of benches or picnic tables.

30 responses were received by BKMCC.
The majority of residents who responded were supportive of both the trees and benches.

The BKMCC in consultation with ERC parks department, agreed to install 2 park benches on the footpath overlooking the park near Maybole Crescent. The footings have recently been created.

The BKMCC received complaints and a petition signed by residents of Maybole Crescent, about the siting of these benches.

Objections were made about:

- antisocial behaviour;
- too near the houses;
- facilitating youths to hang about drinking;
- that benches are sited on the tractor access to this part of the park for grass cutting.

The residents are very concerned about attracting antisocial behaviour to this location near to their homes. During the summer, the problem increases and Police are regularly called to deal with antisocial behaviour in the park.

A letter of objection had also been submitted to East Renfrewshire Council.

There is no objection to the planting of trees.

The Chairperson advised that, because of the objections, the installation has been put on hold. The Council are going to reconsider the siting of these benches and will arrange a meeting with the BKMCC to identify a more suitable location. The BKMCC will consult with residents before any final decision is taken.

Youth Disorder/antisocial behaviour

Janet asked why the instances of youth disorder are not being reported in the monthly police reports.

Kirsten Oswald MP advised that she regularly has discussions with the new area Commander and offered to raise this matter with him. It is difficult to have a proper picture if this information is not being provided. She mentioned that it would be useful to have a police representative attend our meetings.

Mr. Baillie advised that last year, following his complaint to the Police Inspector, Cllr. Barbara Grant took up the case of youth disorder in the park and was told that something



	<p>would be done. For a couple of weeks local Police targeted the youths and the situation improved for a while but things have deteriorated recently.</p> <p>Cllr Bamforth said this antisocial behaviour is reported regularly and incidents are recorded in Police statistics. She offered to send the link to police statistics which are more detailed. Janet to distribute.</p> <p>The Police have started using drones to pre-empt these gatherings before they get too large, which makes them easier to disperse.</p> <p>The Police speak to youths about their behaviours and about drugs/alcohol. They also normally organise various activities for youngsters but they have been unable to do this during lockdown.</p> <p>Cllr Bamforth offered to take this matter up with her police contact.</p>	<p>Janet to distribute link to police statistics</p>
<p>LITTER COLLECTION FROM LOCAL BINS</p>	<p>Overflowing bins The BKMCC contacted Cllr. Bamforth about the overflowing bins and asked for them to be emptied more frequently. The Chairperson advised that this matter has been resolved and thanked Cllr. Bamforth for her assistance.</p> <p>Cllr Bamforth advised she spoke to John Buchannan on the 19th April about the litter. ERC are reviewing the bin capacity in Broom Park to see whether it may be increased. Extra staff are being employed for evenings and at weekends.</p> <p>The Chairperson enquired if it would be worthwhile using Mactaggart & Mickel money to provide extra bins. Cllr. Bamforth responded this would not be appropriate. The issue is about workers for emptying bins.</p> <p>Cllr. Bamforth advised that bin provision in Shawwood Greenspace is non-existent. ERC is considering providing bins in this area.</p> <p>Brown Bin Charges Doug Pitt asked about the new charges being introduced for emptying brown bins and how this will be monitored.</p> <p>Cllr. Bamforth advised that ERC are only charging for collection of garden waste not food waste. The brown bins will continue to be collected.</p> <p>This will commence on 5th July. Residents will receive a letter giving them the opportunity to opt-in to the service. A sticker for the brown bin will be allocated. ERC will</p>	



	<p>charge £40.00 per annum to uplift garden waste over 50 weeks each year.</p> <p>Cllr. Bamforth explained that this charge was suggested by ERC’s Audit & Scrutiny Committee as a way of raising funds.</p> <p>Each department was asked to make cuts and income generation suggestions. Rather than cutting other services, funds can be raised by charging for garden waste disposal, which is not a statutory service.</p> <p>Each year East Renfrewshire produces 10,000-12,000 tons of garden waste that costs £100 per ton for disposal.</p> <p>Garden waste should not be put in the grey bin. Rather, it should be either composted or taken to one of the municipal recycling centres.</p> <p>Greenhags The Chairperson enquired when Greenhags would be freely open to the public.</p> <p>Cllr Bamforth explained that Greenhags is a transfer centre for bin lorries and there has to be a free flow of vehicles. The appointments system seems to work well, however she offered to check to see if there are any plans to change from the appointment system.</p>	
<p>SPEEDING TRAFFIC WATERFOOT ROAD</p>	<p>Doug Pitt expressed concern about the speeding traffic along the entire length of Waterfoot Road, not just traffic speeding up to the school.</p> <p>Jane Royston commented that traffic speeds are increasing everywhere, especially on Mearns Road, and has raised this issue many times when cars do not stop at the red traffic lights by the BP garage.</p> <p>Janet asked if it would be possible to introduce compulsory 20mph signs (when the lights flash) near Mearns Castle High School and the primary schools, like those at Williamwood High School.</p> <p>Cllr. Bamforth advised that some local authorities are re-introducing 20mph zones and offered to ask the question.</p> <p>Ayr Road Speed Signage Janet asked if it would be possible to place temporary 30mph signs at the places where the 40mph signs were removed just until residents are used to the new speed restrictions.</p> <p>Cllr Bamforth advised the reason they don’t have them</p>	<p>Cllr Bamforth to enquire about 20mph speed signs at schools and larger 30mph temporary signs on Ayr road</p>



	<p>now is that all roads with street lights are 30mph, and where there is no change in speed limit, there is no requirement for speed signs.</p> <p>Cllr Bamforth offered to ask again about putting up larger temporary speed signs.</p>	
QUESTIONS FROM THE FLOOR	<p>Crookfur Park proposal</p> <p>The Chairperson read out an extract from the ERC Cabinet meeting of 4th March 2021, which states that the proposal says clearly that St Cadoc's Youth Club would be responsible for maintaining the two grass pitches. Thereafter the club would develop these pitches at their own expense and, subject to planning permission, seek to build two artificial pitches and associated changing facilities over a period of time. However, this would depend on the Club's ability to raise funds and maintain a sustainable business model. The club would be required to sign a long-term lease agreement and be responsible for all maintenance.</p> <p>For now, the park will remain as grass and it is up to St Cadoc's to raise the money for future development.</p> <p>Petition to Save Huntly Park</p> <p>Alan Steel has raised a petition against development of Huntly Park. The petition can be accessed at: www.change.org/SaveHuntlyPark</p> <p>Langrig Road path</p> <p>Rob Jones raised the issue of the poor state in which the developers had left the Langrig Road path. A photo of rubble piled at the side of the path was displayed. The path had recently been closed for 6 weeks while new lighting was being installed and the path widened.</p> <p>ERC advised that this will eventually be rectified by the contractors.</p>	
AOCB	<p>Pot Holes</p> <p>Doug Pitt advised that a Glasgow resident had set up a pothole protest and has created a Facebook group to monitor the number of pot holes around Glasgow. A point of interest to be reported.</p> <p>BKMCC Accounts</p> <p>The Treasurer advised that the accounts are with the Auditor at the moment. We have always thanked her but the Treasurer asked if the BKMCC would agree to the purchase of a bouquet of flowers for her efforts. The Chairperson supported this proposal. The BKMCC approved to spend £30 for flowers and a bottle</p>	



	<p>of wine for the Auditor.</p> <p>Three Woods remediation work Amanda Flockhart (Three Woods) provided an update upon the remediation work supposed to be completed by Heron Brothers who were scheduled to return the week beginning 16th April with their landscape contractors to re-seed the area. Amanda was hoping to plant the saplings and sow the wild flower seeds provided by the Community Council. She is going to chase ERC this week.</p> <p>The Three Woods experience the same problems with youth disorder, drug taking, litter etc. as the other local parks. There used to be a bin on Hazelwood Avenue, but it has been removed. Amanda enquired if it would be possible to have the bin replaced.</p> <p>Cllr Bamforth offered to enquire why the bin was removed and if there is a possibility to have it reinstated.</p> <p>The Chairperson thanked everyone for their attendance.</p>	
DATE OF NEXT MEETING	Monday 17th May 2021 (AGM) at 7pm via Zoom	
FUTURE MEETINGS	21 June 2021	