



Broom Kirkhill Mearns Kirk
Community Council

MEETING OF	Broom, Kirkhill, & Mearns Kirk, Community Council	
HELD ON	Monday 21 st June 2021 @ 7.00pm by Zoom call	
WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION	The Chairperson welcomed everyone to the meeting	
	<p>In attendance:</p> <p>William Maxwell (Chairperson), Janet Olverman (Secretary), Jane Royston (Treasurer) Margaret Hinchliffe, Anne Lithgow, Rob Jones, Ron Gimby, Steve Rutherford, Susan Brodie, Bev Brown.</p> <p>Also present: Josh Parker MYSP, Heather Mcvie Branley, Community and SYP Support Worker</p> <p>Ronnie Gourley, Chairperson Giffnock North Athletics Club</p>	
APOLOGIES	Apologies were received from: Doug Pitt, Cllr. Caroline Bamforth, Kirsten Oswald MP	
ITEM DISCUSSED		Action Points
APPROVAL OF MINUTE OF MEETINGS	<p>The Minute of the meeting on 17th May 2021 was proposed by the Chairperson, seconded by Jane Royston and approved by the Community Council.</p> <p>The Minute of the Emergency meeting on 14th June 2021 was proposed by the Chairperson, seconded by Jane Royston and approved by the Community Council.</p>	
PLANNING APPLICATION 2021/0420/TP	<p>For the benefit of new attendees, the Chairperson gave an overview of the background to PA 2021/0420/TP Construction of an all-weather athletics track with an internal artificial grass sports pitch adjacent to Broom Park.</p> <p>The Chairperson showed a schema of the new proposal. Explaining that the area displayed is actually not part of Broom park it is a playing field belonging to Mearns Castle High School.</p> <p>The plans show a six-lane running track with 8 lanes on the right side. There is a 2m steel mesh fence around whole track. The internal sports pitch will be surrounded by a 3m high fence, with 5m high ball stop fencing at either end.</p> <p>There is a long jump site at one end and a high jump at the other end.</p> <p>An example was displayed of the type of fencing proposed.</p> <p>The Chairperson advised that the local residents are unhappy about the unsightly fencing.</p> <p>The lighting diagram showed 10 LED lighting towers surrounding the sports area.</p>	



The planning application provided no information about the time lights will be illuminated or the period of use.

The Chairperson had drafted a letter which was distributed to CC members for comments.

Comments from BKMCC members:

Bev Brown mentioned that Giffnock North have been looking for a home base with 8 lane track and changing facilities and pavilion and are pressing ERC to expand this development to include these extra facilities.

The Chairperson advised that Giffnock want to develop their own track but ERC have decided to invest in the development of this sports area rather than theirs.

If ERC agree to their wishes, this will pose a larger problem for local residents.

The Chairperson agreed to ask this question in our letter.

The Deadline for objections is 1st July, but until we have satisfactory answers to our questions, it is difficult to comment about this development.

Ron Gimby suggested that on the basis they sent the original planning notice to the wrong Community Council, we should be granted more time to put in representation.

Giffnock North Athletics Club

The Chairperson invited Ronnie Gourley, Chairperson Giffnock North Athletics to provide the meeting with information about their proposal.

Ronnie Gourley advised that Giffnock North is a very successful athletics club. The club has set up a facilities committee that he Chairs. The committee wants a fully functioning athletics facility.

This would include an 8-lane track, indoor training facility and changing facilities, preferably all in same location.

In Feb 2021, ERC indicated their plans for the Broom Park site. Giffnock had provided ideas about what they would like included at this site, but not one of these was accepted as part of the planning.

Giffnock North have submitted comments upon this planning application on Friday last week but they are not yet showing on the planning application site.

They are supportive of this application but had suggested that the site ought to be redesigned to accommodate pole vault and shot put.

They would prefer no sports pitch in the middle because that prohibits throwing sports.

The 3-space car parking on site is purely for disabled

Will to add additional points to the letter



	<p>access. There also needs to be vehicular access for maintenance purposes.</p> <p>The main car parking will be at the High School.</p> <p>Giffnock North feel aggrieved that ERC has not listened to or consulted them prior to issuing this planning application.</p> <p>The Chairperson thanked Ronnie Gourley for his comments.</p> <p>Questions from the BKMCC</p> <p>The Chairperson asked how late at night the lights and noise would continue, this is one of the main concerns of local residents.</p> <p>Ronnie Gourley advised that Giffnock training and track bookings would not normally extend beyond 9pm.</p> <p>Margaret Hinchliffe commented that the lack of adjacent parking is going to be a problem, human nature is such that motorists will park as near to the site as possible. It might be preferable to provide additional parking on this site to prevent double parking down a residential road.</p> <p>Jane Royston asked if leasing of the facility may occur.</p> <p>Ronnie Gourley explained that ERC would own the facility and charge an hourly rate for using the track. Ownership and maintenance would belong to ERC. It is first and foremost an educational facility.</p> <p>The Chairperson agreed to modify the letter to include the above questions.</p>	
CO-OPTION OF SUSAN BRODIE	<p>The Chairperson advised the meeting that Susan Brodie's Co-option has been proposed by Janet Olverman (Secretary) and seconded by Jane Royston (Treasurer).</p> <p>The BKMCC members voted unanimously in favour of Susan Brodie's Co-option.</p> <p>Susan Brodie signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Membership and was declared a fully Co-opted member of the BKMCC.</p>	
JOSH PARKER MSYP	<p>The Chairperson introduced Josh Parker, a Member of the Scottish Youth Parliament for Eastwood and Heather McVie Branley, ERC Community Worker supporting MSYPs</p> <p>Josh explained that the Scottish Youth Parliament consists of 170 democratically elected MSYP's. There are 2 members for Eastwood of which he is one. They serve a term of 2 years. His job is to ask young people which issues matter to them.</p> <p>He is currently working on the SYP's Bounce Back</p>	



campaign, which calls for the Scottish Government and local authorities to take a Human Rights Based Approach to recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic. He is particularly concerned about the impact on mental health and is working to improve local Mental Health services.

Questions from the BKMCC

The Chairperson enquired if MSYP's are affiliated with a political party.

Josh advised that the SYP is non-partisan they do not have representation for a political party.

Jane Royston enquired what the main issues are for young people in ERC.

Josh said he is particularly concerned about the mental health provision in East Renfrewshire.

The Chairperson asked what sort of facilities young people would want in the area. Do you have any communication with ERC about this matter?

Heather McVie Branley advised that she has worked with MSYP'S for 3 years. They asked young people what facilities they would like in their area and she actively encourages them to be involved in shaping these facilities.

The Chairperson said parents in our area say there is nothing for their kids to do. It would be a good idea if the MSYP's could report upon the kind of facility youngsters in this area desire and what is currently available.

Heather advised there are a lot of groups in the area and there are two purpose built facilities in Barrhead and Newton Mearns.

ERC has youth workers trying to deter young people from becoming involved in anti-social behaviour.

Due to COVID restrictions, groups have been restricted, but once these are eased they will be open to more people.

The Chairperson asked if there is a flyer to advertise these groups, and offered to promote them on our Facebook Page.

Heather said they don't have a flyer at the moment, but offered to forward information about groups run in summer.

She also advised that Josh will be working with young people on a mental health video to promote across the authority.

Heather advised that the MSYP elections are being held in November 2021 and Josh is standing to be re-elected. If there are any young people wishing to stand they should

Heather to forward information about summer youth groups



	<p>be aged between 14 and 25.</p> <p>Anyone in the age group 12 – 25 is eligible to vote for the MSYPs.</p> <p>The Chairperson thanked Josh and Heather for their presentation.</p>	
RESPONSES TO OUR CORRESPONDENCE	<p>1. Traffic Speed on Waterfoot Road</p> <p>The Chairperson wrote a letter to Chief Inspector Alan Gray on 24th May. This was referred to another officer, Inspector Michelle Grant. We have received no response from her as yet.</p> <p>The Police have advised they are going to start monitoring traffic flow in this road next week.</p> <p>2. Traffic at 421 Mearns Road</p> <p>BKMCC submitted a letter of complaint on 24th May. This has been forwarded to Roads Dept, but we have received no response to date.</p> <p>The Mearnskirk Owners Association have also submitted a complaint.</p> <p>As of last month, our MP Kirsten Oswald had received no response from ERC about this issue.</p> <p>3. PA 2021/0130/TP – Windsor Drive - 5 houses near Broom duck pond.</p> <p>No decision has been made as of 21st June 2021</p>	
UPDATE ON TREE PLANTING	<p>The Chairperson advised he is still holding some of the little trees in his garden and had asked for planting suggestions.</p> <p>One site proposed was at Aldton Park, but following enquiries, the factor has refused permission to plant these trees because it would disrupt their planting scheme.</p> <p>Jane Royston commented that some of the trees planted in Broom Park have gone missing, there were plastic covers strewn around and some of the canes are missing.</p>	<p>BKMCC members to forward planting ideas to Will</p>
POLICE REPORT	<p>The Chairperson reported upon the Police Report for the Broom, Kirkhill and Mearnskirk Community Council area for the period 1st May to 20th June.</p> <p>Levels of acquisitive crime remain low, there have been no reports of house break-ins.</p> <p>At about 2.30pm on 30th May, two reports of a male entering two houses on Ayr Road. The suspect fled when disturbed by house-holders. A 23-year old man was arrested nearby and has been reported to the Procurator Fiscal.</p>	



	<p>There have been no reported thefts of pedal cycles in our area, but this remains an issue across Glasgow.</p> <p>There was a bike security marking event in Rouken Glen Park on Saturday 12th of June. If people still wish to register their pedal bikes please go to https://www.bikeregister.com/advice/how-it-works.</p> <p>The Police cover the whole cost of the marking exercise.</p> <p>Fraud</p> <p>Instances of Fraud continue to be frequent both nationally and locally. Frequently victims, of all ages, may be scammed when they receive unexpected text or telephone messages and respond to these.</p> <p>Get advice at https://www.scotland.police.uk/advice-and-information/scams-and-frauds/</p> <p>Public nuisance by youths:</p> <p>There have been five reports within our CC area during this period</p>	
<p>REPORT ON CONFERENCE BY PLANNING DEMOCRACY ABOUT SCOTLAND'S HOUSING CRISIS</p>	<p>The Chairperson and Bev Brown attended a conference on June 15th about Scotland's Housing crisis - Tackling the volume housebuilders.</p> <p>Challenging the property lobby by Bob Colenutt, Associate Lecturer, Oxford Brookes University.</p> <p>There are two different crises: Land Supply and Affordability</p> <p>Because land supply is so restricted this pushes up land values and property becomes increasingly expensive.</p> <p>The Property Lobby:</p> <p>The main players: Home Builders Federation; the Country landowners Association; the British Property Federation; the Land Promoters and Developers Association; UK Finance; Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors</p> <p>They are looking at trying to make land available to communities to be held by them.</p> <p>There is an increasing concentration of corporate ownership and control within the housebuilding and land markets.</p> <p>The top 3 home builders in 2019/20 are Barratt, Taylor Woodrow and Persimmon.</p> <p>The industry makes a huge annual £2.7bn profit. The</p>	



developer "industry standard" profit is regularly 20%.
Currently major builders hold 750,000 plots under their control but only provide 50,000 units per year (1/4 of total private supply).

In 2017 the Government's Help to Buy; Government homes agencies grants and loans totalled £40bn.

In 1975 the social housing subsidy was £18bn; but in 2014 the social housing subsidy was only £1.2bn

In order to tackle this issue Planning Democracy suggested:

Local Government must get political; be unafraid of confrontation; use legal challenges; create public/civic partnerships; and buy land instead of selling it.

There needs to be a new coalition for housing and planning democracy: alliances over climate action; over housing rights; over health; campaigns for real (not phoney) 'levelling up'; an end to disempowerment; break up cartels; demand full transparency to tackle corruption over planning deals and land markets.

Support community-led housing; Community Land Trusts; Co-housing, People Plans; Local Place Plans

Bev Brown advised that the large builders have such a grip on this it is impossible to break the cycle and Local government make so much money out of giving land for development.

Planning seems to be run as another source of income, rather than a service by the local authority.

The whole system only works to serve these groups and drive up profits.

Bev commented that she felt demoralised after this conference, it seems to be impossible to make any changes.

Ron Gimby commented that ERC own hardly any land. Most of the development land is owned by other people or developers. ERC are under huge pressure from Government to build houses.

In respect of Planning application costs, although costs have increased, Councils do not cover the whole cost of administering planning applications.

Bev Brown commented that things really need to change because the next generation are really going to struggle to own their own homes. We need to look at incentives to make housing more attractive to younger age groups.

It was noted that Property Developers provide 50% of contributions towards election expenses!



<p>LITTER AND LITTER PICKS</p>	<p>Litter Legislation</p> <p>The Chairperson displayed an extract from the Environmental Protection Act 1990 about litter legislation.</p> <p>The Environmental Protection Act 1990 makes it an offence to litter on public open land, such as roads, pavements and parks.</p> <p>Residents can request a street cleaning service but need to know:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the location of the litter or bin • Street Name, area or town • the type of litter problem: e.g. Blocked drain, dead animal, Dog Fouling, General litter, Leaves, Mess left after bin collection, Overflowing litter bin, Other <p>Litter Picks</p> <p>The Chairperson advised that BKMCC organised a successful Litter pick in Broom Park on Saturday 19th June. We collected 9 black bags of rubbish.</p> <p>We need to organise a litter pick in the Three Woods and Shawwood Greenspace and suggested this should be towards the end of July. Janet to organise on return from holiday.</p> <p>Janet advised that ERC have provided us with an Excel spreadsheet which has to be completed with information about the proposed litter pick, and returned to ERC.</p> <p>Janet to send copy of the document to CC members.</p> <p>Jane Royston said in the field by athletics pitch there was lots of dog mess lying around and pointed out there were no notices about picking up dog poo.</p> <p>The Chairperson commented that a large group of dog owners meet there every morning and obviously don't always clear up.</p> <p>The BKMCC should write and ask ERC to put up some notices and also a couple of extra bins with no dog mess messages would be beneficial.</p>	<p>Janet organise litter picks in Shawwood and Three Woods</p> <p>Janet send copy of XL doc to CC members</p> <p>Will to write letter to ERC about dog poo notices and extra bins</p>
<p>PLACE BASED INVESTMENT PROGRAMME</p>	<p>The Government have provided £275 million to support community led regeneration and town centre revitalisation.</p> <p>ERC have been awarded £635,000 for the 2021/22 period for projects.</p> <p>Applications will only be accepted from formally constituted organisations with a bank account. This can include Community Councils.</p>	



	<p>Projects must be for capital costs only, no revenue costs such as staff costs or overheads will be eligible. Capital costs are fixed, one-time expenses incurred on the purchase of land, buildings, construction and equipment.</p> <p>The Chairperson asked if the BKMCC had any ideas for a suitable project:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• A place where different age groups can get together to share life skills such as Chess. Libraries have reading or meeting rooms not being used.• The empty Lygate building on Ayr Road could be refurbished as a community centre. <p>Jane Royston advised that the problem with this funding is the restrictions. The application has to be over £50,000 and not require ongoing support. Suggestions really should be for capital projects.</p>	
<p>PROVISIONAL DATES FOR MEETINGS SESSION SEPT 21 – JUNE 22</p>	<p>The first meeting for next session will be on Monday 20th September 2021. Hopefully in person in Mearns Castle High School.</p> <p>Other provisional dates:</p> <p>18th October 2021</p> <p>15th November 2021</p> <p>13th December 2021</p> <p>17th January 2022</p> <p>21st February 2022</p> <p>21st March 2022</p> <p>25th April 2022</p> <p>16th May (AGM) 2022</p> <p>20th June 2022</p>	
<p>AOCB</p>	<p>Spar Post office services</p> <p>The Chairperson advised that it was concerning that Spar stores are to close post office services in 31 stores across Scotland.</p> <p>The announcement in the press today said:</p> <p>"Operator CJ Lang & Son said it was "constantly reviewing" provision in its shops around the country. The company confirmed that meant 31 stores across Scotland would no longer be able to offer Post Office services. It said the decision - which comes after 18 months of negotiations - had been "carefully considered" and was due to "industry-</p>	



	<p>wide pressures.</p> <p>It was suggested to approach the manager of the new Mearns Road Co-op and ask if they would consider taking on post office services.</p> <p>Mearns Road Pharmacy</p> <p>We have still not heard anything about the pharmacy application.</p> <p>Save Crookfur Park campaign.</p> <p>This proposal wants to take over the whole of Crookfur park with fenced off pitches.</p> <p>The Chairperson proposed to write a letter in support of their campaign.</p>	<p>Will to write letter supporting Save Crookfur Park Campaign</p>
PA 2020/0747/TP	<p>Piccolino e Vino extension.</p> <p>This is an amendment to the original planning application although it is difficult to tell from the re-submitted plans exactly what has changed.</p> <p>A number of complaints to the original application were received from the flats above.</p> <p>The BKMCC objected to the off-licence application.</p> <p>Janet to forward copy of the BKMCC letter of objection.</p> <p>The Chairperson suggested resubmitting the same letter.</p> <p>Ron said the building line has moved back 100mm and roof lights omitted and a retaining wall added. These are minor changes but they would have to re-submit because the building line and roof line have been altered.</p>	
DATE OF NEXT MEETING	<p>Monday 20th September 2021 at 7pm – location to be advised.</p>	
	<p>The Chairperson thanked everyone for their attendance and drew the meeting to a close.</p>	