



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> October 2021 @ 7.30pm by Zoom call	
<b>WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION</b>	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, Susan Brodie, Bev Brown, Ron Gimby, Steve Rutherford</p> <p>Also present: Fiona McFarlane</p>	
<b>APOLOGIES</b>	Apologies were received from: Doug Pitt, Cllr. Caroline Bamforth, Kirsten Oswald MP	
<b>ITEM DISCUSSED</b>		<b>Action Points</b>
<b>APPROVAL OF MINUTE OF MEETINGS</b>	<p><b>Minute of Meeting 21<sup>st</sup> June 2021</b></p> <p>The Chairperson proposed minute as a true record and was seconded by Jane Royston</p> <p><b>Minute of Meeting 20<sup>th</sup> September 2021</b></p> <p>Was approved on the proposal of the Chairperson and seconded by Margaret Hinchliffe.</p>	
<b>MATTERS ARISING</b>	<p>Cllr Bamforth requested in her absence, that the following comments be noted:</p> <p><b>Referring to the Minute of Meeting 21<sup>st</sup> June</b></p> <p>'Relating to the comment about private election funding "All funding for local campaigns is done by Fundraising events (e.g. ceilidhs) and crowd funders. Kirsten Oswald MP confirmed the same for Westminster. All expenses and receipts for campaigns have to be submitted to the electoral commission, which is a legal requirement."</p> <p>The building of a denominational secondary school in East Renfrewshire is a long-term plan.</p> <p><b>Referring to the Minute of Meeting 20<sup>th</sup> September:</b></p> <p>'Cllr Bamforth has been informed that the use of the pitch opposite Aldton Park was granted in the original permission given to Mactaggart and Mickle in 1998, so there is no change of use. However, planners will check the archives for confirmation and have a look at what is taking place now. Cllr Bamforth has advised them about the parking issues etc, - the planners will consider this.'</p> <p>Margaret enquired if all trees in our area have preservation</p>	



	<p>orders, because she is concerned that the trees along the grass verges beside this field have all been cut down.</p> <p>Ron Gimby advised that not all trees are protected, only those which have a specific preservation order, and also those within a conservation area. Neither condition applies to this case. Whoever was responsible for cutting down the trees should have obtained the landowners' permission first.</p> <p>The Chairperson has queried why these trees have been cut down and is awaiting a response from ERC.</p>	
<b>UPGRADING MCHS SPORTS PITCH</b>	<p>PA 2021/0420/TP – artificial running track and football pitch on ground owned by the Education Department to the east of Broom Park.</p> <p>The Chairperson advised that this planning application has been approved with some conditions.</p> <p>Cllr. Swift had put forward the motion that the floodlights should not be used later than 19.00. This motion was carried.</p> <p>Light levels at neighbouring properties should not exceed 10 lux.</p> <p>The pitches may only be used between the hours of 09.00 and 19.00. However, they may occasionally be used on Saturday mornings between 09.00 and 13.00.</p> <p>The Chairperson wrote to Cllr. Swift thanking him for addressing this issue, which was of concern to the nearby residents.</p> <p>The potential problem of litter in this area is being addressed. The developers will need to seek approval by Planning prior to use of the new pitches with litterbins being required.</p> <p>There is no additional parking on site. Vehicular access is only for maintenance and for disabled access.</p> <p>Details of SUDS drainage will have to be approved prior to commencement of construction.</p> <p>Changing rooms and parking will only be available in the High School.</p> <p>The new facility is for use by MCHS pupils.</p>	
<b>POLICE REPORT</b>	<p>The Chairperson and Secretary requested an updated report from the Police, but have received no response by the time of this meeting.</p>	
<b>RESPONSES TO OUR LETTERS</b>	<p><b>Police Scotland – Waterfoot Road speeding</b></p> <p>The BKMCC issued a letter to Police Scotland about speeding on Waterfoot road. We received a brief response</p>	



	<p>saying this matter had been forwarded to another officer. The Chairperson chased for a response but has not received a reply.</p> <p>Chairperson to resend the letter requesting a response.</p> <p><b>ENVIRONMENT ERC</b></p> <p>We have received feedback to our letters about the Crookfur Park playing fields, and the MCHS sports pitch.</p>	<p>Will to reissue letter about speeding.</p>
<p><b>PHARMACY LICENCE APPLICATION 421 MEARNS ROAD POST OFFICE FACILITIES</b></p>	<p>The Pharmacy licence application at 421 Mearns Road has been refused. The full 28-page report is available if required. Please ask the Chairperson for details.</p> <p>The main reason for refusal was that the current level of provision of service by existing pharmacies is deemed adequate. There is no perceived requirement for an additional pharmacy.</p> <p>The Applicants have not submitted an appeal.</p> <p>The question was raised about provision of Post Office facilities, however there has been no positive movement in this respect.</p> <p>A suggestion was put forward that BKMCC write to the Co-op manager suggesting expanding into the other space for use as a Post office.</p>	<p>Will to draft letter for Co-op.</p>
<p><b>DEVELOPMENT OF CYCLE PATHS</b></p>	<p><b>Consultation: A77 and extension of cycle paths.</b></p> <p>On 30<sup>th</sup> September Vincent McCulloch notified the BKMCC that East Renfrewshire Council has opened a consultation on potential improvements to the walking, cycling and wheeling infrastructure on the southern section of the A77, between the Malletsheugh roundabout and North Hillhead Road.</p> <p>The Chairperson displayed an image of 5 proposed cycle corridor routes and offered to seek further information about Strategic Cycle Corridor 5, between Eaglesham and Barrhead.</p> <p>The Chairperson invited members to submit their comments.</p> <p>The Closing date is 14<sup>th</sup> December 2021.</p> <p>The Chairperson suggested that BKMCC should submit our support for all ERC's efforts to improve cycle and active travel along these routes.</p>	<p>BKMCC members to submit comments to A77 cycle path consultation</p>
<p><b>MEARNS ROAD UPGRADING</b></p>	<p><b>Consultation on the widening of the pavement along Mearns Road between Southfield House Roundabout and the Humbie roundabout.</b></p> <p>The BKMCC wrote in favour of this proposal.</p>	



There were a total of 224 responses to the consultation.

After reviewing the consultation responses the Council is satisfied that there is substantial public support for the footway widening scheme (over 86% of respondents supported the scheme) and therefore will progress with the scheme. However, it was noted that the proposal is only to widen the pavement between the two vehicular access points to the Mearns Kirk Estate. No work is proposed on that part of Mearns Road between the northern junction with Mearns Kirk Road and the Humber roundabout.

The scheme should not have any impact on drivers since the footway is being widened to the west (into the vegetation) i.e. the existing road width will remain the same.

Concerns were raised about:

- volumes of traffic and excessive speed.
- safety for pedestrians between Mearns Kirk and the new Co-Op store at 421 Mearns Road, including issues of visibility around bends and lack of crossing facilities.

The Council advised that they will:

- Survey traffic volumes and vehicle speeds on Mearns Road this year and will give further consideration to what measures may be appropriate to address road safety issues
- Consider options for enhanced pedestrian facilities in the vicinity of the Co-op at 421 Mearns Road
- Address any overgrown vegetation adjacent to the footway scheme
- Renew the railing immediately adjacent to the existing footway on a like for like basis.
- Resurface Mearns Road. (It is on the road resurfacing programme)
- Continue to develop a new Local Transport Strategy which will address all transport within East Renfrewshire and the Council's aims for the future including improving pedestrian and cycling infrastructure

Full results of the consultation can be viewed using the link below:

<https://orlo.uk/6sSse>



<p><b>OPEN GOVERNMENT ACTION PLAN</b></p>	<p>The Chairperson reported upon the Scottish Government’s Open Government Action Plan 2018-2020</p> <p>An article in the Herald announced that Glasgow City Council have applied to join this scheme.</p> <p>Local people should have some</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• participation in decision making</li> <li>• Access to data and technology in the local area.</li> <li>• Financial transparency</li> <li>• Health &amp; Social Care</li> <li>• Climate change</li> </ul> <p>There was an action plan to be introduced in March 2021 but this has been delayed due to COVID.</p> <p>The Chairperson would like to enquire if ERC should make these groups of headings available to their residents.</p> <p>It was agreed that the BKMCC should ask ERC what their views are on the Open Government Action Plan.</p> <p>The BKMCC is fully supportive of more open local government especially in planning matters.</p> <p>The Chairperson offered to draft a note for submission to ERC.</p> <p>The five Open Government Action Plan for 2018-2020 commitments are:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Provide financial and performance transparency (help you to understand how our finances work);</li> <li>2. Providing a framework that supports systemic change in Scottish Government to improve the way people are able to take part in open policy-making and service delivery;</li> <li>3. Improve the way we share information;</li> <li>4. Be more accountable for public services;</li> <li>5. Aim for transparency and public involvement in Scotland as the UK leaves the European Union.</li> </ol> <p>More information can be found using the link below: <a href="https://www.gov.scot/publications/scotlands-open-government-action-plan-2018-20/pages/2/">https://www.gov.scot/publications/scotlands-open-government-action-plan-2018-20/pages/2/</a></p>	<p>Will to draft a note for submission to ERC</p>
<p><b>CASTLE GROVE SECURITY</b></p>	<p><b>Security at Castle Grove Housing Estate.</b></p> <p>Margaret advised that residents have set up a “Whatsapp” group. Approximately 3 weeks ago they were informed that CCTV had picked up men in gardens trying locks.</p>	



	<p>Eventually a car was stolen out of a driveway.</p> <p>A "Whatsapp" group is a good way of advising residents to be vigilant.</p>	
<b>LITTER PICKING EVENTS</b>	<p>Janet has been in touch with a Shawwood Greenspace resident and arranged Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> November 11-12am for a litter pick.</p> <p>Janet is waiting for a response from Three Woods resident about arranging a litter pick on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> November. Janet to complete the forms for ERC and send confirmation to members.</p>	Janet to arrange litter picks
<b>AOCB</b>	<p><b>COP-26</b></p> <p>The Chairperson displayed a Heat map of roads to be closed and how journeys may be affected during COP-26.</p> <p>Further information can be found at:</p> <p><a href="https://www.getreadyglasgow.com/cop26/traffic-and-travel">https://www.getreadyglasgow.com/cop26/traffic-and-travel</a></p>	
<b>DATE OF NEXT MEETING</b>	15 <sup>th</sup> November 2021 @ 7.30pm either by Zoom or at MCHS	
	The Chairperson thanked everyone for their attendance and drew the meeting to a close.	