



<b>MEETING OF</b>	Broom, Kirkhill, & Mearns Kirk, Community Council	
<b>HELD ON</b>	Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> December 2021 @ 7.30pm by Zoom call	
<b>WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION</b>	The Chairperson welcomed everyone to the meeting	
	In attendance: William Maxwell (Chairperson), Janet Olverman (Secretary), Jane Royston (Treasurer), Margaret Hinchliffe, Anne Lithgow, Susan Brodie, Rob Jones  Also present: Fiona McFarlane	
<b>APOLOGIES</b>	Apologies were received from: Cllr. Bamforth, Doug Pitt	
<b>ITEM DISCUSSED</b>		<b>Action Points</b>
<b>APPROVAL OF MINUTE OF MEETINGS</b>	<b>Minute of Meeting 15<sup>th</sup> November 2021</b> The Chairperson proposed the minute as a true record of the meeting and was seconded by Jane Royston and approved by the Community Council.	
<b>MATTERS ARISING</b>	<p>Cllr Bamforth provided updates to the minute of 15<sup>th</sup> November.</p> <p><b>Agenda item 5</b></p> <p><b>Street lighting</b></p> <p>"The ability to charge vehicles is a future possibility of the new smart lampposts."</p> <p><b>Lighting in Broom Park</b></p> <p>"Cllr Bamforth does not recall quoting £20k, but this was a figure previously noted when the request was made several years ago, to install lights, to deter young people in the park who were causing disturbances. The new proposed solar lighting will be located along both sides of the central path of the park, be less intrusive for locals and more environmentally friendly."</p> <p><b>Air pollution</b></p> <p>"Could it be noted that ER is closely monitoring air pollution, in accordance with Air Quality (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2016, which is more stringent than in other areas of the UK and complies with the EU Directives."</p> <p><b>Pollution monitoring and odours, particularly from the Care Home beside Aldton Park.</b></p> <p>"There is a separate building within the grounds of the home which does house a biomass boiler- however the boiler is a sealed unit and feeds automatically off compressed pellets delivered into a silo within the unit.</p>	



	<p>The operation is automatically controlled and regularly maintained. The moisture content of the pellets is also controlled on delivery.</p> <p>The maintenance manager for the facility confirmed that the boiler flue or chimney was extended just after the home opened and now, also includes an additional filter to ensure even stricter control of emissions from the boiler itself. There was a fine plume of steam and possible light smoke coming from the boiler and certainly no more than would be expected from a well-maintained, correctly controlled unit burning the correct fuel.</p> <p>It may be possible to arrange monitoring within the neighbour's property if they are experiencing odours or smoke from the unit but as we discussed, the area is not a smoke control zone and therefore units like the biomass boiler are permitted and we cannot guarantee that occasional low-level smoke may be detected.</p> <p>In the first instance, if the resident continues to have concerns, could they be asked to keep a diary/log book of times when they are noticing odours/smoke within their property? Could they also provide comments of weather and effect at that time, this may identify a pattern to the odour (i.e. early morning/ late evening) and we can target further visits based on the recordings. The diary should be returned to the department or myself. "</p> <p><b>Update on MCHS sports facilities</b></p> <p>Site Works start in March 2022.</p> <p>At present, the archaeologists have just completed their investigations and have filled back in their trenches and the fencing should be away by the beginning of next week, 20<sup>th</sup> December.</p> <p>Completion is September 2022</p> <p>What is the scope of the work?</p> <p>Formation of running track, with 3G pitch in centre, with some athletics areas within top and bottom curves. Storage shed for sports equipment (hurdles and like) and some improvements to form access for maintenance vehicles from Broomburn Drive and formation of 3 disabled parking spaces.</p> <p><b>Bins at Broom Shops</b></p> <p>Cllr. Bamforth is still awaiting a date for the installation of bins at Broom shops.</p>	
<p><b>POLICE REPORT</b></p>	<p>The Chairperson presented the Police Report for the BKMCC area for the period November to December 2021.</p> <p>CRIMES OF NOTE &amp; CRIME PREVENTION ADVICE</p>	



Crime levels in our community council area remain very low.

There have been no reported housebreakings in our community council area during the last month.

There has been one reported theft by shoplifting from a local premise in our area, enquiries are ongoing, and there is nothing to suggest this incident is linked to any further criminality in the area.

In response to a recent small number of housebreakings that have occurred within other areas in East Renfrewshire, the local Community Policing team are continuing an action plan to tackle housebreakings within the area. Officers from the team have been deploying at various times, conducting various types of patrols in order to prevent and deter criminality within the area.

The Police encourage everyone to remind our members of the importance of personal, home and vehicle security, and ensure properties and vehicles are securely, locked at all times.

The above action plan is running alongside the East Renfrewshire sub-divisional Festive action plan.

This festive action plan will be running throughout the month of December and will aim to target the main issues surrounding the festive period, such as shoplifting, housebreaking, and robberies alongside party nights. The key themes for the festive action plan are:

- Home Safe
- Party Safe
- Travel Safe

The Police encourage residents 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 continued its national campaign against Fraud. In any instances of our members being victims of fraud, we encourage them to report the matter to police Scotland directly via the Police Scotland website or 101.

### **LOCAL ISSUES & PARTNERSHIP WORKING**

The community policing team will be working throughout the month of December on the above mentioned festive action plan, they also continue to liaise with the British Transport Police, East Renfrewshire council and other partner agencies in relation to the festive period.

The Community Policing team along with colleagues from



	<p>the Road Policing Unit continue to run their local road safety action plan alongside the festive action plan in order to deter criminality and ensure and improve vehicle and road safety on the East Renfrewshire roads network especially during the winter period. So far, officers have been conducting proactive patrols within the area, and several roadside breath tests have been conducted through these patrols.</p> <p>The Community Policing officers have recently conducted speed checks within the Mearns Kirk area in response to recent complaints. Officers have been paying particular attention to the Mearns Road near Southfield House nursery.</p> <p>The Police have placed a speed detection system survey along Waterfoot Road, and along Ayr Road.</p> <p>Jane mentioned that the traffic speed monitor at Mearns Kirk is continuously broken. The BKMCC would like to formally notify the relevant authority.</p> <p><b>SUMMARY</b></p> <p>More information can be found at <a href="http://WWW.GOV.SCOT">WWW.GOV.SCOT</a></p> <p>Please remember you can report information to the Police using any of the following:</p> <p>999 – Emergency</p> <p>101 – Non emergency</p> <p>Visit <a href="https://www.scotland.police.uk/contact-us/">https://www.scotland.police.uk/contact-us/</a></p> <p>0800 555 111 - Crimestoppers</p> <p>and follow Police Scotland on social media:</p> <p>Twitter - @policescotland</p> <p>Twitter - @GreaterGlasgPol</p> <p>Twitter - @EastRenPolice</p> <p>Facebook – Police Scotland</p> <p>Facebook – Greater Glasgow Police Division</p> <p>Web – <a href="http://www.scotland.police.uk">www.scotland.police.uk</a></p>	
<p><b>CORRESPONDENCE</b></p>	<p>a) Several BKMCC members submitted comments about the A77 cycle path under the Spaces for All scheme.</p> <p>b) The Chairperson Contacted John Cassells, ERC Cleansing Department, providing the following suggested dates for monthly litter picks:</p> <p>8th January 2022, 5th February,</p> <p>5th March, 2nd April, 7th May, 4th June, 2nd July,</p>	



	<p>3rd September and is awaiting a response.</p> <p>c) The Chairperson delivered a letter, on the 1<sup>st</sup> of December, to the Co-op Area Manager about 421 Mearns Road asking about the possibility of them taking on a post office facility. He is awaiting a response.</p> <p>d) The BKMCC were asked by the Boundary Commission to return a response about the proposed Constituency Boundary Changes for Parliamentary Constituencies. With there being no change to the East Renfrewshire boundary, the Chairperson responded on behalf of BKMCC saying that we accept the proposal for our area.</p>	
<p><b>CORNERSTONE PRE PLANNING APPLICATION</b></p>	<p><b>Pre planning application Cornerstone 303111</b></p> <p>The BKMCC have been asked to submit comments about the proposal to erect a communications mast and cabinet in Mearns Road near to the junction with Flenders Road.</p> <p>This proposal was discussed and it was agreed that BKMCC have no objection.</p>	
<p><b>REPORT PLANNING DEMOCRACY MEETING 7<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER</b></p>	<p>The Chairperson attended a Planning Democracy meeting on the 7<sup>th</sup> December 2021:</p> <p><b><i>Scotland 2045: Draft fourth National Planning Framework – The role of the Scottish Parliament</i></b></p> <p>There were 48 participants.</p> <p>Planning Democracy called this meeting to alert people that NPF4 was out for consultation.</p> <p>The first NPF1 was produced in April 2004.</p> <p>We are now being consulted about NPF4.</p> <p>The scope of future NPFs will be extended to include National Planning Policy. In practice, this means that the national planning policy, currently set out in the <a href="#">Scottish Planning Policy</a>, will in future be set out in the NPF.</p> <p>Future NPFs will become a formal part of every development plan, meaning that policies and proposals set in the NPF must be considered by decision makers when considering applications for planning permission.</p> <p>The duration of future NPF's will henceforth be increased from 5 to 10 years.</p> <p>Future NPFs will establish Minimum All-tenure Housing Land Requirements for local, city-region and national park authorities that must be reflected in the amount and location of deliverable land for future housing development identified in local development plans.</p>	



	<p>The NPF4 sets out the Scottish Government approach to planning and development that will help to achieve a net zero, sustainable Scotland by 2045.</p> <p>The Chairperson displayed some of the aims of the proposed NPF4:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pioneer low-carbon, resilient urban living</li> <li>• Reinvent and future proof city centres</li> <li>• Accelerate urban greening</li> <li>• Reuse land and buildings</li> <li>• Invest in net zero housing solutions</li> <li>• Grow a wellbeing economy</li> <li>• Re-imagine development on the urban fringe</li> <li>• Improve urban accessibility</li> </ul> <p>The definition of 'what is a 20 minute area?' was discussed but no clear definition obtained. Planning Democracy is requesting a clear definition be provided by the Scottish Government.</p> <p>Bev Brown advised that all amenities should be within a 20 minute walk of developments. But a major concern on the part of attendees at the meeting was that such a criterion would very rarely be met under present conditions. There are major questions as to how the Scottish Government will address the concerns expressed by community groups including Community Councils.</p> <p>In the New Year, the Chairperson and Ron Gimby will look at the draft in detail.</p> <p>The deadline for comments is 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022.</p>	
<p><b>RESPONSES TO COMMONPLACE QUESTIONNAIRE</b></p>	<p>The Chairperson advised ERC's final report on the outcome of the Commonplace Questionnaire.</p> <p>"Comparatively, vehicle speed and quantity of traffic is of larger concern in Newton Mearns, Giffnock, Clarkston and Eaglesham. Narrow footways were identified here too, and in all areas, there is a clear desire for measures that will help to reduce the speed of the traffic. This may go hand in hand with re-allocating space for safer, physically distanced walking, wheeling and cycling."</p> <p>The BKMCC noted the content and look forward to future responses from ERC.</p>	
<p><b>REPONSE TO 'GET GLASGOW MOVING' SURVEY</b></p>	<p>The Chairperson and other BKMCC members submitted responses to the 'Get Glasgow Moving' survey.</p> <p>There is a push for a better public transport system. It was noted that such service has notably deteriorated under the</p>	



	<p>current Government administration.</p> <p>Margaret Hinchliffe suggested an improvement would be to introduce a direct link from Newton Mearns to the QE Hospital. All the major hospitals could be linked with a bus service.</p> <p>The Chairperson proposed that the BKMCC should support a resolution and submit a response to the 'Get Glasgow Moving Survey'.</p>	
<b>REPOSE TO ERC BUDGET CONSULTATION</b>	<p>The Chairperson submitted a response to ERC Budget Consultation on December 7th.</p> <p>No acknowledgement received yet.</p> <p>The Chairperson advised that the deadline for responses was the 12<sup>th</sup> December 2021.</p>	Will to advise deadline.
<b>PARTY FOR QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE</b>	<p>The Chairperson suggested this item to be included in the January agenda for discussion.</p> <p>The consensus from BKMCC members is that this is a good idea.</p>	
<b>WORKS IN BROOM PARK</b>	<p>Work has started at the part of Broom Park owned by East Renfrewshire Department of Education. This land lies to the east of Broom Park proper. The Chairperson displayed photographs of fencing around the Mearns Castle High School sports pitch.</p> <p>Cllr. Bamforth had previously advised:</p> <p>"The archaeologists have just completed their investigations and have filled back in their trenches and the fencing should be away by beginning of next week" (vide supra).</p> <p>Construction work is due to commence in March and is scheduled for completion by September 2022.</p>	
<b>AOCB</b>	<p>The Chairperson advised BKMCC of the forthcoming Community Liaison Committee meeting for North Drumboy Quarry. 2 years ago, the Chairperson attended this meeting in council offices of East Ayrshire.</p> <p>The next meeting will be on Tuesday 1 February 2022 and the Chairperson offered to put his name forward to attend this meeting.</p>	
<b>DATE OF NEXT MEETING</b>	Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> January 2022 @ 7.30pm	



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	With there being no further business the Chairperson thanked everyone for attending and wished everyone a very Happy Christmas.	
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