



MEETING OF	Broom, Kirkhill, & Mearns Kirk, Community Council	
HELD ON	Monday 17 th January 2022 @ 7.30pm 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, Susan Brodie, Steve Rutherford, Ron Gimby, Doug Pitt, Bev Brown</p> <p>Also present: Fiona McFarlane, Cllr. Caroline Bamforth</p>	
APOLOGIES	Kirsten Oswald MP	
ITEM DISCUSSED		Action Points
APPROVAL OF MINUTE OF MEETINGS	<p>Minute of Meeting 13th December 2021</p> <p>The Chairperson proposed the minute as a true record of the meeting and was seconded by Jane Royston and approved by the Community Council.</p>	
MATTERS ARISING	<p>QE Hospital Bus Service</p> <p>Cllr. Bamforth commented about the lack of a bus service from Newton Mearns to the QE hospital.</p> <p>She has raised this issue with First Bus but has not been successful in obtaining their agreement to provide this service.</p> <p>First Bus are short of drivers. There is a problem with new drivers obtaining licences from the DVLA, so this situation is not going to resolve quickly.</p> <p>Cllr. Bamforth pointed out that there is a voluntary community bus service, which may be accessed through request from your GP.</p> <p>Margaret Hinchliffe commented that the bus service is required not only for attending appointments during the day, but also for any evening visiting.</p> <p>The Chairperson stated that BKMCC is deeply concerned about the lack of public transport in this area and offered to write to our MSP Jackson Carlaw about this matter.</p>	Will to write to Jackson Carlaw
POLICE REPORT	<p>Sgt. Morgenthaler reported that there have been a small number of housebreakings in our ward area. There have been no other real crimes of note and youth disorder has been minimal.</p> <p>The Police carried out their festive action plan that had officers out in retail areas and conducting speed checks at potential hotspots and near licensed premises in event of</p>	



	<p>drink drivers.</p> <p>The Police are conducting undercover patrols to try and counter suspicious persons in our area.</p> <p>They urge everybody to stay vigilant and if anything or anyone looks out of place to report it to them at the time.</p> <p>The Chairperson voiced disappointment with the lack of detail in this month's report.</p> <p>Janet to ask Sgt Morgenthaler for more details about the house break-ins.</p> <p>It was noted that police services are probably very stretched at the moment due to COVID absences.</p>	<p>Janet to email Sgt Morgenthaler</p>
CORRESPONDENCE	<p>Co-op at 421 Mearns Road</p> <p>There has been no response to the BKMCC letter written to the Co-op in November about the possibility of taking on the extra shop as a Post Office. The property next to the Co-op is available for Let.</p> <p>The BKMCC consider this matter is not worth pursuing at the moment.</p>	
LITTER PICKS	<p>The Chairperson proposed he contact ERC and request the supply of 12-15 litter pickers and black sacks for the following dates:</p> <p>5th February 2022</p> <p>5th March 2022</p> <p>2nd April 2022</p> <p>7th May 2022</p> <p>4th June 2022</p> <p>An Application form needs submitted for each separate date.</p> <p>The pickers and black sacks would be delivered to the Chairperson's house and on completion of the litter pick, filled sacks should be collected from his driveway the following Monday morning.</p> <p>The BKMCC will also be required to wash and sterilise the litter pickers before they are returned.</p> <p>Saturday 5th February 11am – 12 Noon</p> <p>The BKMCC agreed to conduct the first litter pick at the Millennium pitches, across the road from Mearns Castle High School. Meeting at 11am in the layby.</p> <p>Saturday 5th March 11am – 12 Noon.</p>	



	<p>Meeting at Mearns Castle High School Car park nearest the Waterfoot Road Traffic Lights and litter pick down Broom Road East to the Co-op.</p> <p>Broom Shops Bins</p> <p>The BKMCC reported that the large bin at the Broom Shop Co-op often overflows generating rubbish all over the street. It would appear that the private contractors who are emptying the bins are leaving rubbish all over the street.</p> <p>Cllr. Bamforth advised that there are bins owned by the shops and emptied by private contractors. She offered to ask the council to speak to the shop owners.</p> <p>ERC have put in a larger bin in the car park that is the responsibility of the council.</p> <p>BKMCC agreed to make a formal complaint to ERC. The Chairperson to send photos to Cllr. Bamforth who will contact John Buchannan.</p>	
<p>SUBMISSION OF CONSULTATION RESPONSE</p>	<p>Pre-Planning Application Cornerstone 303111</p> <p>The Chairperson submitted a response on behalf of BKMCC saying we had no objection to this application.</p> <p>Item 12 Minute of Meeting 15th November 2021</p> <p>Building Regulations – Compliance and Enforcement</p> <p>Doug Pitt and the Chairperson examined this and submitted a response on 23rd December 2021. Confirmation received.</p> <p>Draft National Planning Framework 4</p> <p>Ron Gimby and the Chairperson are working on this – deadline 31st March 2022.</p> <p>Other consultations to possibly consider and respond to are:</p> <p><u>Local development planning - regulations and guidance: consultation</u> Closing on 31 March 2022</p> <p><u>Scotland's pavement parking prohibitions: pre-implementation directions and regulations for local authorities</u> Closing on 11 March 2022 – Doug Pitt offered to assist with this.</p> <p><u>Open Space Strategies and Play Sufficiency Assessments</u> Closing on 31 March 2022</p>	



<p>PLACE BASED INVESTMENT PROGRAMME 2022/23</p>	<p>Place Based Investment Programme</p> <p>The new funding programme was announced by the Scottish Government in February 2020, and will run over five years with aliquots available each year.</p> <p>East Renfrewshire has £635,000 for 2021/22 and expects to receive £2.3m over the five-year period, with around £551,100 in the next financial year and £384,100 in each of the remaining three years (ER Cabinet, Agenda Item 6, 3rd December 2020).</p> <p>Projects already recommended:</p> <p>Stage lighting is scheduled to be replaced by LED units at Clarkston Halls, with cabling and sound systems upgraded to minimise energy consumption. That project is recommended to receive £77,000.</p> <p>£100,000 for shop fronts in Neilston to help premises “improve the appearance of the ground floor frontages of commercial premises both occupied and vacant within the village”</p> <p>£250,000 for a multi-use games area at Dunterlie Resource Centre, Barrhead</p> <p>The Chairperson advised next year there will be just over £500K available and asked for ideas where we could utilise this money in our area.</p> <p>Suggestions:</p> <p>A shelter in Broom park</p> <p>Public Toilets at Broom Park</p>	
<p>PETER PAN STATUE</p>	<p>Returning Peter Pan statue to Mearns Kirk</p> <p>Capital costs could be eligible for funding through the place based investment fund.</p> <p>Cllr. Bamforth advised that she proposed Peter Pan’s replacement plinth should be included within ERC’s 21/22 budget however the money had to be spent by 1st March but unfortunately this project is not ready yet.</p> <p>A Call for 22/23 budget proposals will be made in March.</p> <p>Cllr. Bamforth advised that the problem at moment is ERC cannot re-locate something unless it’s on their land.</p> <p>There would have to be an agreement with the Mearns Kirk Owners Association take over this statue and to give a tiny piece of land for its re-location. Because this will require a change in everyone’s title deeds, obtaining the agreement of all the owners in Mearns Kirk will be difficult.</p>	



	<p>Fiona Mcfarlane, a member of the MOA Committee, advised she met with John Semple, Regeneration Officer.</p> <p>There are 3 options:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Obtaining the agreement of all Mearns Kirk owners to donate a piece of land. This will be difficult. 2. ERC could re-locate the statute elsewhere. 3. Hand over the statute to the Mearns Kirk Owners Association who could then set up a trust and purchase a piece of land. There is some common ground still owned by the builders. <p>The preferred outcome would be if Dundas would sign over a tiny piece of the land in the tree lined avenue entrance to Mearns Kirk. This would make an ideal location for this statue.</p> <p>It was unanimously agreed that the statue should remain in Mearns Kirk as a 'memorial' to all the children who attended this hospital.</p> <p>Cllr. Bamforth advised because she has been very involved with this matter, she has a conflict of interest and will not be allowed to vote in Cabinet on this matter.</p> <p>Janet to forward place based information to Fiona Mcfarlane.</p> <p>Cllr Bamforth to add Fiona to her contact list for these discussions.</p> <p>BKMCC member Steve Rutherford will also become involved in this project.</p> <p>The BKMCC expressed full support of this motion.</p>	<p>Janet forward place based information to Fiona</p> <p>Cllr Bamforth add Fiona to contact list</p>
<p>PARTY FOR QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE</p>	<p>Proposal for a Community Council event for Saturday 4th June 2022</p> <p>Suggestions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A family Picnic with games for children • Contact local shopkeepers for a contribution towards some sort of children's event in the park. • Face painting • Bring your own picnic • Games for children • Music • Funding for marquee or beer tent. • BBQ • Pizza oven 	



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ice cream <p>Bev Brown offered to contact someone who has a variety of therapy animals.</p> <p>Cllr. Bamforth advised speaking to Cllr. Jim McLean (Cllr.) who is very involved in organising the Eaglesham fair and may be able to assist with contacts and advice.</p> <p>Anne Lithgow to enquire about the Broom church marquee.</p> <p>If organising a public event the BKMCC will need Public Liability Insurance.</p>	<p>Will to contact Jim McLean</p>
<p>MEARNSKIRK HELPING HANDS</p>	<p>Mearnskirk Helping Hands.</p>  <p>Would you like to brighten up someone's day?</p>  <p>Become a volunteer befriender and make a difference to the life of an older person in your community</p> <p>It only takes one hour a week</p> <p>You will get:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The chance to help people in your community Opportunity to meet new people Training and 1:1 support A great feeling that you're making a difference! <p>Interested?</p> <p>Contact Laura, our Volunteer Coordinator for more details and how to apply</p> <p>Email: laura.watts@mkhelpinghands.org.uk Phone: 07926696972 Website: mkhelpinghands.org.uk Facebook: @MearnsKirkHelpingHands</p>   <p>Registered SCIO SC046646</p> <p>Website: www.mkhelpinghands.org.uk</p>	
<p>AOCB</p>	<p>Ayr Road Bollards</p> <p>Cllr. Bamforth advised that the reason these bollards were erected is because cars kept parking in the cycle lanes. To provide segregation between cars and cyclists the bollards are temporary, initially for 18 months.</p> <p>There will be a further Places for People report issued in the summer. ERC will look at the various suggested options.</p>	



	<p>A safer alternative will be a solid curb.</p> <p>Comments against:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• There is a Facebook page called 'Action against East Renfrewshire bollards!'• Cars and delivery vans still park in the cycle lane. They are so unsafe for cyclists who are having to use the road to bypass parked vehicles.• Commuting cyclists cannot easily overtake slower cyclists.• Bollards are constantly being knocked over into the cycle lane. <p>Comments in favour:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• They slow the drivers down which is good.• Some cyclists feel safer being properly segregated from the traffic. <p>Traffic Light Timings – Ayr Road crossing at BP garage Margaret mentioned that the timing of these lights does not allow enough time for some slower people to cross safely. And offered to forward a video of an incident to Cllr. Bamforth for investigation.</p> <p>Traffic Lights – Clarkston Toll Doug Pitt raised the issue of traffic entering the roundabout from Mearns Road at Clarkston that can be difficult. He suggested it would assist traffic flow if the pedestrian lights held traffic back slightly longer to permit traffic from Mearns Road the time to enter the stream of traffic.</p> <p>Litter Pick hi viz waistcoats It was agreed that Jane Royston should order various sizes as samples and bring them to the next litter pick on 5th February.</p>	
DATE OF NEXT MEETING	Monday 21 st February 2022 at 7.30pm	
	With there being no further business the Chairperson thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting.	