



MEETING OF	Broom, Kirkhill, & Mearns Kirk, Community Council	
HELD ON	Monday 21 st February 2022 @ 7.30pm 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, Bev Brown, Rob Jones Also present: Cllr. Caroline Bamforth, Fiona McFarlane and Joanne Macleod (MOA)	
APOLOGIES	Susan Brodie, Steve Rutherford	
ITEM DISCUSSED		Action Points
APPROVAL OF MINUTE OF MEETINGS	Minute of Meeting 17th January 2021 The Chairperson proposed the minute as a true record of the meeting and was seconded by Doug Pitt and approved by the Community Council.	
MATTERS ARISING	Page 5 – amend wording to read: “Proposal for a Community Council event for Saturday 4 th June 2022”	
POLICE REPORT	The Chairperson welcomed Police Constable Steven Wallace who presented the Police Report for our Community Council area, for the period 18 th January to 18 th February 2022. “CRIMES OF NOTE & CRIME PREVENTION ADVICE Crime levels in your community council area remain very low. Throughout January, a small number of theft by housebreakings occurred within East Renfrewshire and your community council area. Police responded by implementing an action plan accompanied with directed patrols and assistance from specialist Police resources. We ask councillors to remind their constituents of the importance of home security, advice appears later in this report. Pedal Cycles During the period, there have been no reports of bicycle thefts in the area, but the issue persists across the Greater Glasgow area and we encourage residents to be mindful of leaving bikes unattended and always to ensure bikes are secure when not in use.	



Fraud

Instances of Fraud continue to be frequent both nationally and locally. Frequently, victims, of all ages, can be scammed when they receive unexpected text or telephone messages and respond to these.

There is a particular fraud going round about Amazon Vouchers, of which we should all be wary.

Crime prevention messages are regularly provided via Police social media accounts and further advice is available at -

<https://www.scotland.police.uk/advice-and-information/scams-and-frauds/>

The Police and BKMCC encourage everyone to discuss this crime prevention message with anyone they know who may not have access to the information or who may be more vulnerable.

Throughout East Renfrewshire, there has been an increase in reports of bogus workers and door-to-door sales occurring. We ask constituents to be vigilant when choosing a tradesperson to carry out works and to not accept the pressure sale or scare tactics used by some of these individuals.

Trusted traders, vetted by East Renfrewshire Council, can be found at the link below.

<https://www.renfrewshire.gov.uk/trustedtraders>

If you have any additional concerns please highlight them to either trading standards or Police Scotland who will advise appropriately.

Constable Wallace asked BKMCC to pass this important message onto the residents in our area."

Speeding

Constable Wallace advised that the Police have been monitoring speeding on Eaglesham Road and Mearns Road. The Police strategy is to get traffic officers out to monitor speed and behaviour closely.

The Chairperson enquired if there was any feedback about speeding on Waterfoot Road.

Constable Wallace has been out on Waterfoot Road at different times of the day and has stopped some speeding drivers. He stated that in order to convict a driver for speeding the Police must be able to provide evidence either from a Radar Gun or speed trap.

A Speed trap van has to be located at a certain elevation with certain clearances, which due to the Waterfoot Road



	<p>layout is not possible. Monitoring on this road has to be conducted by hand with a Radar Gun.</p> <p>Doug Pitt enquired who makes the decision about the placement of these vans.</p> <p>The speed van, which is run by a civilian arm of the police, is not manned by police officers. Police feedback findings to ERC and they have to put in place speed measures of their own before that van can be placed. The best way to achieve an accurate figure is by sending out Police at different times of the day.</p> <p>Ayr Road Speed Limit</p> <p>Janet asked about the speed limit on Ayr Road. The 30mph signs have disappeared but the Sat Nav still says the speed limit is 40mph. This is causing some confusion.</p> <p>Constable Wallace advised this is a matter for ERC and offered to raise this with his liaison on the Council.</p> <p>Speeding on Mearns Road</p> <p>There is considerable concern from Mearns Kirk residents about speeding traffic on the Mearns Road in the vicinity of the new Co-op.</p> <p>Constable Wallace advised that if the complaints are related to pavements or pedestrian crossings, ERC should be contacted. If they are speeding related, then this would be a police matter that can be reported on the Police website, but it would be better to use the new centralised mailbox, see below, which goes directly to the Sergeant.</p> <p>Email:</p> <p>GreaterGlasgowLPSTEastRenfrewshire@scotland.pnn.police.uk</p> <p>BKMCC wrote to ERC Roads Dept. in October last year expressing our concerns about the road/pavement layout at the new Co-op and received a conciliatory response.</p> <p>BKMCC to write to ERC again.</p> <p>Constable Wallace offered to monitor driver behaviour in this area.</p> <p>Janet to email full Police report to BKMCC members.</p>	<p>Janet email full report to BKMCC</p>
<p>CORRESPONDENCE AND QUESTIONNAIRES</p>	<p>The Chairperson contacted Cllr. Jim McLean about organising a Platinum Jubilee event. Cllr McLean was very supportive and the BKMCC thanks him for his input (please see Jubilee Holiday Event below).</p> <p>Scottish Government Consultations</p>	



	<p>a) Town and Country planning fees</p> <p>The BKMCC response was submitted on 11th February 2022.</p> <p>b) Building regulations and compliance</p> <p>The Chairperson and Doug Pitt discussed the BKMCC's response to this questionnaire which was submitted on 17th February.</p> <p>c) Parking Questionnaire</p> <p>On 9th Feb '22 the Chairperson and Doug Pitt met to discuss the parking questionnaire and a response was submitted the same day.</p> <p>d) Scotland 2045 – A National Spatial Strategy for Scotland 2045 The Chairperson and Ron Gimby had reviewed the 58 questions related to this consultation and submitted their response on behalf of BKMCC on 19th February 2022.</p> <p>Provision of Local Bus Services</p> <p>The Chairperson contacted Jackson Carlaw MSP seeking his assistance with this matter. We received a positive response confirming Mr Carlaw will attend our next meeting on 21st March.</p> <p>Cllr. Bamforth intimated that the main difficulty First Bus have experienced is the shortage of drivers. They have had to reduce many services. This may change once more drivers become available.</p>	
<p>PLANNING APPLICATIONS</p>	<p>2021/0103/TP, McTaggart & Mickel development at Windsor Avenue – 5 detached houses on flood plain.</p> <p>The BKMCC expressed disappointment that this development had been approved by the Planning Committee on 21st January, despite objections by BKMCC and 95 other people. Scottish water and SEPA also consider this area to be at high risk of flooding.</p> <p>Work has already begun on this site.</p> <p>2021/0869/TP - Development of two houses adjacent to Mearnskirk Church.</p> <p>Only 1 complaint received.</p> <p>3794_HYP_220125_E6_AP1</p> <p>Dundas Estates has submitted a PAN for the redevelopment of the former Mearnskirk House that has already been demolished.</p> <p>The proposal comprises of four new residential blocks, to provide 65 new homes (49 private homes for sale and 16 affordable homes).</p>	



Dundas Estates have set up a dedicated website that will be opening on Monday 21st February. (Link below)

www.mearnskirkroad.info

Fiona McFarlane thanked the BKMMC for sharing this notice and provided a report on behalf of the Mearnskirk Owners Association (MOA).

They have written to most of MOA owners (via the factor) to advise of the brief. The reaction has been universally negative.

- The style and size of this proposal is appalling and incongruent with the Mearnskirk area.
- There are a collection of listed buildings in this area, the gatehouse, nursery and old hospital buildings.
- The design is four storeys, flat roofs, no provision of garaging, uncovered bin storage, too many units.
- The Architect has red lined the entirety of the Mearnskirk House grounds, rather than just the precise area they own.

MOA are an officially constituted organisation but are not considered a statutory body. Fiona asked if the BKMCC could write to Hypostyle Architects and complain about digital exclusion. There are a lot of older retired people in Mearnskirk and only providing an online event will exclude them from this event.

Fiona also asked if BKMCC could invite Historic Environment Scotland to highlight their concerns (LB19295) about this development.

The MOA are trying to motivate residents to become involved and will be issuing information via the factor in due course.

The re-installation of the Peter Pan Statue is another matter of concern and MOA had suggested Dundas Estates sign over a piece of the Mearnskirk House lands to ERC to site the Peter Pan statute for public to view.

The MOA are horrified that Dundas Estates are proposing to turn the beautiful tree lined avenue at the entrance to Mearnskirk and the lawned area into a car park.

It was suggested that the Chairperson and Fiona meet to discuss and formulate an objection.

The Chairman agreed to formulate a letter to the Chief Planning Officer of ERC, Ms Gillian McCarney to try to obtain some definitive information and an indication of the Council's views about this PAN.

Will & Fiona to discuss objection.

JUBILEE HOLIDAY

It was proposed to set up an organising sub-committee.



<p>EVENT</p>	<p>The Chairperson, Janet Olverman and Jane Royston met with Cllr. Jim McLean to discuss the organisation of an event to celebrate the Queen’s Platinum Jubilee. The date suggested was Sunday 5th June. (The Eaglesham Fayre is on 4th June).</p> <p>Since our meeting, we discovered that Broom Church is well advanced in organising their own event for Sunday 5th June 2022.</p> <p>Bev Brown contacted Broom Church who advised they are well advanced with their preparations and have requested closure of Broom Road East through the offices of Cllr J Swift. She offered the assistance of BKMCC on the day.</p> <p>The Chairperson offered to write to the Broom Parish Church saying that we had been planning to arrange our own event but would very much like to assist them.</p> <p>It was suggested that the BKMCC set up our own stall at this event and give away small gifts to raise our profile.</p>	
<p>RESIGNATION OF RON GIMBY/CO-OPTION</p>	<p>Ron Gimby has written to the Chairperson advising he wishes to resign from BKMCC as a full member. He has been extremely valuable in his expertise on planning and we are grateful for his work on Scotland 2045. Ron suggested he could be elected a Co-opted member with responsibility for consultation about planning issues.</p> <p>The Chairperson proposed the Co-option of Ron Gimby. This was seconded by Jane Royston and approved unanimously by the Community Council.</p> <p>The Chairperson to send confirmation to Ron Gimby.</p>	<p>Will to send Co-option confirmation to Ron Gimby</p>
<p>FREE BUS TRAVEL 5 TO 21 YEAR OLDS</p>	<p>If you live in Scotland and are 5-21 years of age, you are eligible for a card giving you free bus travel. Children under 5 years old already travel free on buses and don’t need a card. Applications for cards are now open.</p> <p>Children and young people aged 5–21 years old will need a new or replacement National Entitlement Card (NEC) or Young Scot National Entitlement Card (Young Scot NEC) before hopping on-board. Previously issued cards will not allow access to the scheme</p> <p>Online</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Get help with GETYOURNEC.SCOT • Get help with Young Scot • Get help with parentsportal.scot 	
<p>CHANGES TO THE HIGHWAY CODE</p>	<p>New changes in regulations within the Highway Code came into effect on the 29th January 2022. Following a request</p>	<p>L</p>



for information about the changes to the Highway code, the Chairperson provided a summary:

There are 8 changes in the regulations.

1. Hierarchy of road users;
2. People crossing the road at junctions;
3. Walking, cycling or riding in shared spaces;
4. Position in the road when cycling;
5. Overtaking when driving or cycling;
6. People cycling at junctions;
7. People cycling, riding a horse and driving horse-drawn vehicles on roundabouts;
8. Parking, charging and leaving vehicles.

The hierarchy places vulnerable road users before motorised vehicles so the top of the hierarchy is now:

1. pedestrians, in particular children, older adults and disabled people
2. cyclists
3. horse riders
4. motorcyclists

Cyclists, horse riders and horse drawn vehicles likewise have a responsibility to reduce danger to pedestrians.

Always remember that the people you encounter may have impaired sight, hearing or mobility, and may not be able to see or hear you.

People crossing at road junctions

- a) All traffic should give way when people are crossing or waiting to cross at a junction,
- b) If people have started crossing they have priority and traffic should give way
- c) People driving, riding a motorcycle or cycling must give way to pedestrians on a zebra or parallel crossing

Walking, cycling or riding in shared space

People cycling are asked not to pass pedestrians or horse riders closely or at high speed, particularly from behind, and are asked to slow down and let pedestrians know they are present, remember that pedestrians may be deaf, blind or partially sighted. Cyclists must not pass on a horse's left.

Positioning in the road when cycling



	<p>a) ride in centre of lane on quiet roads, in slower moving traffic and when approaching junctions</p> <p>b) ride at least 0.5m away from kerb edge on busy roads</p> <p>People cycling in groups</p> <p>Should be considerate of other road users, can ride two abreast. But always be aware of drivers behind them and allow them to overtake</p> <p>People cycling past parked vehicles should leave 1m width to avoid being hit if a car door opens and watch out for people walking into their path</p> <p>Overtaking when driving and cycling</p> <p>A driver may cross a double-white centre line if the road is clear, to leave at least 1.5m when overtaking cyclists, leave 2m space when overtaking a horse or horse-drawn vehicle, leave at least 2m space when passing pedestrians walking in the road where there is no pavement</p> <p>Cyclists may pass slower moving or stationary traffic on either the right or left, but proceed with caution as drivers may not be able to see the cyclist</p> <p>People cycling at junctions</p> <p>Cyclists when turning into or out of a side road should give way to pedestrians who are crossing or waiting to cross</p> <p>Cyclists should regard themselves as if they were driving a vehicle at junctions with no separate facilities for cyclists, should adopt the centre of their chosen lane to make themselves visible and minimise risk of being overtaken. People cycling have priority when going straight ahead at a junction or a roundabout</p> <p>People cycling, riding a horse and driving horse-drawn vehicles on roundabouts</p> <p>Priority should be given to cyclists on roundabouts by drivers and motorcyclists, Drivers entering a roundabout should make sure they do not cut across people cycling, riding a horse or driving a horse-drawn vehicle continuing around the roundabout</p> <p>Parking, charging and leaving vehicles</p> <p>Use a new technique when leaving vehicles – the “Dutch reach” – use the opposite hand from the door side to open the door, this will make the driver turn their head to look over their shoulder behind them to reduce risk of injury to cyclists or pedestrians approaching from behind their vehicle.</p>	
<p>CHANGES TO</p>	<p>A change in Domestic Fire alarms Legislation means that every home in Scotland must have interlinked fire alarms</p>	



<p>DOMESTIC FIREALARMS LEGISLATION</p>	<p>by February 2022.</p> <p>Every homeowner and landlord has the responsibility to install:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 smoke alarm in the room where you spend most of your day • 1 smoke alarm in every circulation space on each storey – hallways and landings • 1 heat alarm in the kitchen <p>All alarms should be mounted on the ceiling and be interlinked.</p> <p>If you also have carbon-fuelled appliance you will also need a carbon monoxide detector.</p> <p>There is government funding for low income and/or vulnerable people.</p>	
<p>DO WE BUY OUR OWN LITTER PICKERS</p>	<p>It was proposed that BKMCC purchase our own litter pickers at an approximate cost of £28 each on Amazon.</p> <p>We were advised that Renfrewshire Council provide their litter picking groups with pickers and the BKMCC would like to ask if ERC would consider providing our litter picking group with at least 12 good quality litter pickers.</p> <p>BKMCC to seek clarification that ERC will still collect the rubbish following a litter pick.</p>	<p>Will to seek clarification that ERC will still collect rubbish following litter picks.</p>
<p>AOCB</p>	<p>Fireworks and Pyrotechnic Articles (Scotland) Bill - Scottish Parliament Criminal Justice Committee seek views.</p> <p>The Scottish Government is consulting about a new law which would restrict how people can buy and use fireworks and other 'pyrotechnic items' – such as flares.</p> <p>MSPs on the Scottish Parliament's Criminal Justice Committee are looking at the details of the proposals, and want to know what people think about them.</p> <p>Deadline for submissions Friday 11th March using the link below: https://yourviews.parliament.scot/justice/fireworks-bill/</p> <p>5G masts BKMCC have received a complaint via Facebook about the 5G mast that has appeared opposite the Broom Parish Church.</p>	



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	With there being no further business the Chairperson thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting.	
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