



Broom Kirkhill Mearns Kirk  
Community Council

<b>MEETING OF</b>	Broom, Kirkhill, & Mearns Kirk, Community Council	
<b>HELD ON</b>	Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> March 2022 @ 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, Steve Rutherford, Susan Brodie Also present: Jackson Carlaw MSP, Fiona McFarlane MOA	
<b>APOLOGIES</b>	Bev Brown, Doug Pitt, Rob Jones	
<b>ITEM DISCUSSED</b>		<b>Action Points</b>
<b>APPROVAL OF MINUTE OF MEETINGS</b>	<b>Minute of Meeting 21<sup>st</sup> February 2022</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>	Two small amendments: Page 2 Constable Wallace "asked BKMCC to pass" Page 6 bus travel - "under 5 years old already travel free".	
<b>POLICE REPORT</b>	The Secretary wrote to our Police Contacts but no report has been received at time of meeting.	Janet to forward report once received
<b>JACKSON CARLAW MSP</b>	The Chairperson welcomed Jackson Carlaw MSP who reported upon Public Transport services in East Renfrewshire. <b>Rail Travel</b> The pandemic has been used by Scotrail to reduce the Neilston Line evening service to and from Glasgow Central. There is now only 1 train an hour as opposed to two previously. Jackson advised he has made strong representations to Scotrail about this reduction in service. Scotrail commented that all domestic routes have been reduced because demand is not there. It is expected that demand will increase, given the forthcoming restrictions on car travel into Glasgow, with the introduction of a low emissions zone in 2023. <b>Possible Spur Line</b> There is a future possibility of creating a spur rail line off	



the East Kilbride line to serve Maidenhill.

Currently there is no alternative but to travel by road into Glasgow from Fenwick or other outlying areas. There is a willingness to look at this for a long-term project.

Demand to live in East Renfrewshire will increase and the only way ERC will be able to accommodate Scottish Government new Housing requirements is to build to the south of the A726 bypass towards the Bonnyton/Eaglesham areas and Whitelees wind farm. The BKMCC states that it has no definite information about such considerations.

### **Bus Routes - Cut**

The Eaglesham leg of 4A First Bus service. First Bus state that this route is uneconomic, however the core part of this route has retained whilst dropping the extreme ends of this service.

First Bus say they are unable to recruit drivers so do not have resource to restore services to pre-pandemic levels.

First Bus told Jackson that most residents in Newton Mearns own two cars so there is not a huge demand for their bus services.

It is thought that the Pandemic is being used as an excuse by transport providers to cut services.

There are no direct bus routes from Newton Mearns for residents travelling to the QE hospital or the Health Centre at Williamwood, and other important infrastructure.

One example of the poor 4A bus service to Eaglesham is where a resident missed a scheduled Hospital appointment because of a cancelled bus service. Then following their re-arranged appointment at the Victoria, they were left standing at the bus stop in Battlefield with no information.

### **Taxi Services Reduced**

During the Pandemic, there has been a reported reduction by 20% in the number of taxis operating into the ERC area. This makes it very difficult for people in the Glasgow city to get home late at night, especially when train services stop at 11pm. Taxis are reluctant to go into the city when there is plenty of work available locally.

Another blow for Taxi drivers is the increase in the price of fuel. Local taxis are not allowed to increase their mileage charge and therefore long journeys become unattractive.

The Chairperson offered to write formal letter to Jackson Carlaw MSP, providing examples of resident's difficulties travelling to hospital appointments, which will assist with his representations to transport providers.



	<p><b>Work Place Parking Charges</b></p> <p>Jackson advised that the Government imposed Work Place parking charges will affect many people.</p> <p>The Legislation has been passed and will be implemented on March 4<sup>th</sup>. The Scottish Government is passing the onus of setting the charges to Local Government.</p> <p>East Renfrewshire Council has decided not to enact it.</p> <p>Margaret mentioned concern about the safety of females travelling late at night after work, and having to wait lengthy periods for public transport.</p> <p><b>Active Travel</b></p> <p>Jackson has received many complaints about the wands defining cycle lanes in Ayr Road with them being a hazard to cyclists and motorists. He has recommended that they be removed.</p> <p>He is very much in favour of providing safe cycling, however, use of these wands have not proved to be a success.</p> <p>Jackson would like to see ERC providing resources for safer footpaths and cycle ways along local roads. For example, the Waterfoot Road between Mearns Castle and Glasgow Road, and along the Glasgow Road towards Williamwood High School. It is suggested that a safer wide footpath/cycleway could be created.</p> <p>The Chairperson thanked Jackson Carlaw MSP for his informative report and assistance in the matter of trying to gain better public transport provision in the BKMCC area.</p>	
<p><b>CORRESPONDENCE</b></p>	<p><b>Broom Parish Church and Jubilee event</b></p> <p>The Chairperson wrote to Broom Parish Church offering BKMCC's assistance with organising their Jubilee event, specifically offering to organise children's races as well as asking if we could set up a small stall to give away merchandise and promote the Community Council activities.</p> <p>Broom Church have agreed to our involvement with organising this event especially the children's races.</p> <p>Anne Lithgow attended a meeting with the organising committee. They are planning/have organised:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Afternoon tea in the Church Hall</li><li>• An entertainment section, including Stagecoach, Margaret Kilbride dance, The Broom Town Rats – band!</li><li>• A tree planting ceremony assisted by Caulders</li></ul>	



	<p>Garden Centre</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sponsorship from ASDA</li> </ul> <p>Unfortunately, they have not received permission to close Broom Road East from ERC. This will restrict the amount of stalls and activities available.</p> <p>The Broom Church Committee asked if we could help with marshalling on the day.</p> <p>More information will be forthcoming after Easter as some organisations are still to respond.</p> <p>Space is at a premium and the Broom Church organisers are concerned about inclement weather. They will need to source gazebos for any outdoor stalls.</p> <p><b>PAN 2022/0046/Mearns Kirk House</b></p> <p>The Chairperson wrote to Gillian Carney, at ERC Planning Department, to enquire about their attitude to this development. She responded saying they cannot have any input at this time until a formal planning application has been submitted.</p> <p><b>Hypostyle Architects: Mearns Kirk House</b></p> <p>The Chairman also submitted the same letter outlining the concerns of BKMCC to Hypostyle Architects.</p> <p>We received a fairly positive response from Hypostyle (see report below)</p> <p><b>Purchase of Litter Pickers</b></p> <p>The Chairperson enquired if ERC will still provide sacks and collect the rubbish, if we purchase our own pickers. We received a very positive response. ERC confirmed they will collect filled sacks providing we complete a form with dates and information about the proposed litter picking event.</p> <p>Jane Royston suggested purchasing litter pickers for regular BKMCC member litter pickers and we will need to purchase an extra 10 additional pickers for other volunteers.</p> <p>Jane to email examples and prices for us to order our own pickers if we wish, then submit receipts for reimbursement.</p>	<p>Jane to email examples of litter pickers to BKMCC members.</p>
<p><b>PUBLIC ON-LINE CONSULTATION HYPOSTYLE ARCHITECTS 09/03/2022</b></p>	<p>On 9<sup>th</sup> March 2022, the Chairperson attended a Public online consultation about the proposed Mearns Kirk House development, hosted by Hypostyle Architects. He voiced concerns about the overall design, which is not in keeping with the existing Mearns Kirk development, and the loss of mature trees around the perimeter of the Mearns Kirk House site.</p>	



	<p>Mike Andrews, Land and Development Manager at Dundas Estates, said he was surprised about the scale of response and noted concern about design was the main worry.</p> <p>He acknowledged that the area containing trees has, in part, a tree preservation order and lies within protected urban greenspace, the green network and a local biodiversity site. He also agreed that the proposed location of bin stores along the front of the development and the high quantity of car parking the council are insisting upon should be redesigned.</p> <p>Mr Andrews intimated that he will send new plans to BKMCC for review before the final planning application is submitted to ERC. Hypostyle are also open to conducting a second public consultation.</p> <p>The Mearns Kirk Owners Association thanked BKMCC for all our assistance in sharing the PAN documents – they were surprised at the level of response.</p> <p>The BKMCC will continue to work with the MOA to scrutinise this proposal.</p> <p>Comments on the proposal can still be made by completing one of the 'Feedback' forms that are available on Dundas Estates web site.</p> <p><a href="https://www.mearnskirkroad.info/get-in-touch">https://www.mearnskirkroad.info/get-in-touch</a></p> <p>Alternatively, you can send your comments by post to:</p> <p>Hypostyle Architects 49 St Vincent Crescent Glasgow G3 8NG</p> <p><b>The final date for submitting comments is 8th April 2022.</b></p> <p>All comments received will be included in a pre-planning application consultation report that will be sent to East Renfrewshire Council with the planning application.</p>	
<p><b>REPORT ERC BUDGET 2022/23</b></p>	<p>The Chairperson presented a report about the ERC Budget 2022/23 that was approved at a full Council Meeting on 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2022.</p> <p><b>REVENUE</b></p> <p>Overall Revenue has increased from £196,076,000 to £207,696,000. This does not include Scottish Government funding specifically to address COVID pressures.</p> <p><b>NET EXPENDITURE</b></p> <p>The resulting revenue estimates for 2022/23 provide for net expenditure of £275,181,000.</p>	



	<p>Education is the main expense totalling £155,362,000</p> <p>Other expenditure includes the New Leisure Centre in Eastwood Park and Repairs and Renewals to school premises.</p> <p>Only £500,000 is budgeted for road repairs with a contingency of £300,000 in case of a bad winter.</p> <p>It was interesting to note that the Cleansing budget has been cut from £219,000 to just £53,000.</p> <p>This is a worrying decrease considering there is a big litter problem in our area.</p> <p>Margaret voiced concern about the lack of provision for play parks.</p> <p>Comment was made that having to book a slot to take rubbish to the dump encourages people to throw small items by the roadside and fly tip.</p> <p>Why is it still necessary to book slots now that COVID is decreasing?</p> <p>BKMCC to write and ask if and when this booking system will cease.</p>	<p>BKMCC to write and ask if booking system for dump will cease</p>
<p><b>PLACE BASED INVESTMENT PROGRAMME</b></p>	<p>The Chairperson asked BKMCC members to put forward ideas for funding from the Place Based Investment Programme.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Small climbing wall</li> <li>• A Shelter for Broom Park</li> <li>• Public toilet Broom Park (will probably be excluded because funds would have to be found for cleaning)</li> <li>• The Basketball pitch at back of Mearns castle is very overgrown with vegetation. Could this be cleared to improve the area?</li> </ul> <p>The meeting was advised that Glasgow City Council provide pop up pods for litter pickers available in local churches or libraries, people can access them for their own litter picks.</p> <p>Chairperson to enquire if this is something ERC would consider.</p>	<p>Will to Enquire about Pop up pods for litter pickers</p>
<p><b>FENCED OFF AREA IN BROOM PARK</b></p>	<p>There is a small fenced off area in Broom park which has been like this for a long time. BKMCC would like to see the fencing removed or tidied up whilst the sports ground is being upgraded.</p>	



	 <p>Chairperson to write to ERC and enquire if this would be feasible.</p>	<p>Will write to ERC ask for removal of fencing</p>
<p><b>RESIGNATION OF RON GIMBY</b></p>	<p>Vincent McCulloch contacted the Chairperson to advise that although the BKMCC elected Ron Gimby as a Co-opted member, he may only be elected an Associate Member.</p> <p>The Chairperson proposed that Ron Gimby be elected as an Associate member, seconded by Jane Royston, and approved by the Community Council.</p>	
<p><b>LITTER PICK SATURDAY 2<sup>ND</sup> APRIL 2022</b></p>	<p>Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> April - Meet 11am in the Mearns Kirk Church car park to conduct a litter pick along the Mearns Road up to the new Co-op and along Eaglesham road towards ASDA.</p> <p>Our previous litter pick on 5<sup>th</sup> March was a tremendous success with a great turnout and kinder weather. We collected 23 black sacks full of rubbish from around the Mearns Castle High School area. Thank you to all who attended.</p>	<p>Janet to advertise on Facebook</p>
<p><b>AOCB</b></p>	<p><b>Traffic speeding &amp; bad driving Mearns Kirk area</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Janet to write to police Scotland about Mearns Road traffic issues at Mearns Kirk entrance</li> <li>• Fiona McFarlane wrote to ERC Planning Dept. and protested about pedestrian safety in this area. Nothing has been done.</li> <li>• Prior to the Co-op receiving planning approval, MOA wrote to ERC with concerns about pedestrian safety.</li> <li>• The Co-op development only provided two drop kerbs for crossing at the Mearns Kirk roundabout which is woefully deficient.</li> <li>• Traffic calming is required along this road.</li> <li>• The road surface is dreadful and desperately in need of complete resurfacing (not just the pothole craters!)</li> <li>• The narrow pavements ensure that pedestrians are soaked from cars driving through kerbside puddles because the road is too narrow to avoid them.</li> <li>• The BKMCC wrote to the Roads Department and asked for safer crossing (zebra or lights). Our request was refused.</li> </ul> <p>BKMCC receive numerous complaints from residents about pedestrian safety in this area.</p> <p>The Chairperson to write another letter to ERC Roads</p>	<p>Janet to write to police about Mearns Kirk traffic issues</p>



	<p>Department.</p> <p><b>Murdo Fraser MSP fly tipping consultation</b> – closing date 23<sup>rd</sup> May (see embedded document – double click to open)</p>  <p><b>Murdo Fraser Fly tipping Consultatio</b></p>	
<b>DATE OF NEXT MEETING</b>	Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> April 2022 at 7.30pm	
	With there being no further business the Chairperson thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting.	