



Broom Kirkhill Mearns Kirk
Community Council

MEETING OF	Ordinary Meeting of Broom, Kirkhill, & Mearns Kirk, Community Council	
HELD ON	Monday 24 th October 2022 @ 7.30pm at Mearns Castle High School	
WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION	The Chairperson welcomed everyone to the meeting	
	In attendance: William Maxwell (Chairperson), Steve Rutherford (Vice Chairperson), Jane Royston (Treasurer), Margaret Hinchliffe, Anne Lithgow, Susan Brodie, Doug Pitt, Janet Olverman (Secretary) Also in attendance: Peter Barry, Fiona Howarth, Elnara Alderson	
APOLOGIES	Rob Jones. Cllr. Edlin, Ron Gimby	
ITEM DISCUSSED		Action Points
APPROVAL OF MINUTE OF MEETINGS	Minute of Ordinary Meeting 20th September 2022 The Chairperson proposed the minute as a true record of the meeting and was seconded by Jane Royston and approved by the Community Council.	
MATTERS ARISING	There were no matters arising	
POLICE REPORT	The Chairperson presented the Police Report: "This report covers progress we have made in dealing with your priorities for the Broom, Kirkhill & Mearns Kirk Community Council area for the period 22nd September 2022 to 22nd October 2022 . Details of the current policing plan, incorporating the policing priorities, are provided at the end of this report for your reference. This report aims to highlight emerging issues in your area, and to provide crime prevention advice and guidance to the members of the Community Council and to the residents that they represent. Police Scotland provides the report as a courtesy and is not a statutory requirement. We endeavour to provide a report to the Community Council in advance of each of their meetings. Community Police are increasing foot patrols in your local area given the increased footfall. We encourage constituents to speak with Police if seen in their local community. This document does not provide a comprehensive statistical breakdown of numbers of crimes reported as this does not provide any context for the reader. Neither does it aim to document every crime recorded in your community council area. Crime statistics are published quarterly on the Police Scotland website and can be found	



at:

<https://www.scotland.police.uk/about-us/our-performance/>

All recipients of this update must be aware that we cannot discuss, specific crimes or incidents where identification of an individual person could occur, or where the information would compromise an ongoing enquiry.

CRIMES OF NOTE & CRIME PREVENTION ADVICE

Crime levels in your community council area remain very low. Throughout the local authority, there has been a small number of thefts by housebreakings; additional advice on prevention may be found further in this report or from community officers at Giffnock Police station.

Home security

As it is getting darker earlier with each passing day it is asked that constituents are reminded of the importance of maintaining home and vehicle security. Crime prevention advice can be found on Police Scotland's webpage via the links below.

<https://www.scotland.police.uk/advice-and-information/your-home/your-house/>

<https://www.scotland.police.uk/advice-and-information/your-home/your-garden/>

Our officers would like to also highlight the importance of vehicle security. Some important advice is:

- Remove valuables from cars.
- Take time to ensure your car is locked.
- If you have keyless entry/start consider key security within your home or purchase a Faraday pouch to help prevent theft.

We would also like to highlight the importance of keeping keyless entry vehicle keys secure in a Faraday pouch to prevent the chance of relay vehicle theft.

Pedal Cycles

If any community group would be interested in organising a bike event for person's bikes to be securely marked free of charge, please highlight this to the chair who will contact Giffnock community policing.

Fraud

Instances of Fraud continue to be frequent both nationally and locally. Frequently victims, of all ages, may be scammed when they respond to unexpected text or telephone messages. Crime prevention messages are regularly provided via our social media accounts and



	<p>further advice is available at -</p> <p>https://www.scotland.police.uk/advice-and-information/scams-and-frauds/</p> <p>We 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.</p> <p>Bogus Works</p> <p>Further information regarding developing crime trends may be found by logging on to the Police Scotland website and social media accounts of Police Scotland, Trading Standards and East Renfrewshire Council.</p> <p>https://www.renfrewshire.gov.uk/trustedtraders</p> <p>Comments:</p> <p>Various BKMCC members provided warnings about recent scams for BT, NHS, HMRC, and Energy rebates.</p> <p>These can be either via text, email or phone call. Be aware of hacked email accounts sending attachments containing viruses. If you suspect your email account has been hacked change your password immediately. Also if you receive unusual messages from a person you know, please inform them.</p> <p>Peter Barry commented the official crime statistics for Police Scotland (available online) state there have been 0 serious crimes in East Renfrewshire for August 2022.</p> <p>This cannot be correct and ought to be queried. Are crimes not being recorded?</p>	
<p>RECRUITMENT OF NEW MEMBERS</p>	<p>The Chairperson advised that Rob Jones has submitted his resignation that has been accepted with regret.</p> <p>Fiona Howarth and Elnara Alderson, Maidenhill residents, were in attendance and are very keen to encourage interaction between local groups to form a strong community in Maidenhill.</p> <p>They are keen to improve access and transport links. Public transport is non-existent and travel is difficult without a car.</p>	<p>Will write to Rob Jones Janet write to Vincent</p>
<p>BUS/PUBLIC TRANSPORT</p>	<p>Bus Services from Maidenhill</p> <p>The Chairperson advised that First Bus will not provide a service until the building site (Maidenhill Development) is complete.</p> <p>Fiona advised that the developers provided a fund to be used for subsidising public transport. A tender has gone out and it is proposed that a service should be starting next spring, running buses from Maidenhill to Patterton</p>	



	<p>Station and then onto Silverburn.</p> <p>Peter stated there should be an increased demand on trains and buses once the emissions charge for Glasgow comes into force.</p> <p>Margaret Hinchliffe advised there is a need for a bus from the Newton Mearns area to the Queen Elizabeth Hospital. The lack of public transport makes attending appointments and visiting friends/relatives in hospital difficult and expensive. You either have to travel by car or taxi.</p> <p>Many older people have to attend appointments at this hospital and find travelling there very stressful.</p> <p>Margaret advised the Scottish Community Council newsletter mentioned that Ferintosh CC have acquired a bus for their community use.</p> <p>Stagecoach and the Highland Council got together with the CC and they agreed an arrangement to run a service during the day and then used trained volunteers to run it at night for a nominal fare. Local residents phone and request the bus. The service will drop them at the most convenient connection to a regular bus or train service.</p> <p>Anne asked if we could use windfarm money to fund a local service - Could we put this suggestion to the Council?</p> <p>Fiona said residents at Maidenhill have to pay for a private coach service to take their children to Mearns Castle – Maidenhill lies just inside the Scottish Government school bus guidelines of 3 miles from the High school. They either have to pay for this service or drive their children to school.</p> <p>BKMCC to write to First Bus asking them to extend bus route 4 to include Maidenhill.</p> <p>Fiona mentioned this would actually be difficult at the moment until the loop road is finished as there is nowhere for a bus to turn inside the estate.</p>	
<p>BUDGET BRIEFING 2023-2026</p>	<p>Budget Briefing 2023-2026 7th October</p> <p>The Chairperson reported on the ERC Budget Briefing fronted by the Chair of Cabinet, Cllr O'Donnell and published on the 4th October 2022.</p> <p>Total budget is £339m per year, of which:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 55% (£188.2m) is provided by the Scottish Government.• £62.2m from Council Tax• £38.3m from Government Grants• £35.7m other income fees and charges	



The Budget will have to be trimmed by approx. £30m

ERC have ring-fenced Education.

ERC say have been upgrading health facilities and Bonnyton Care Home. But the healthcare provision in our CC area remains very poor.

Major projects include:

- £25m New primary school in Neilston
- £55m New Eastwood leisure centre
- £2.5m City deal project for Dams
- £6m Extra on road repairs
- £1.9m new sports facility at MCHS
- 200 new council houses at 7 sites across East Renfrewshire

The Chairperson advised ERC are going to carry out a budget consultation during November and December to see how they can trim the budget to save the £30m. There are two consultations scheduled for 15th and 29th November. Following consideration of the consultations ERC will set the budget on March 1st 2023.

You can register your attendance for one of these consultations:

<https://www.eastrenfrewshire.gov.uk/article/5420/Budget-Briefing-2023-2026-Shaping-our-Future>

Local facility upgrading funding

Money has been provided by Central Government for the upgrading of local facilities in CC areas. The total amount available within East Renfrewshire is £551,100 spread over 5 years.

Allocated already approved:

- Replace and renew stage lighting in Clarkston Hall £77,000
- Refurbishment of Cowan Park Bandstand £100,000
- Replace litter bins in Neilston, Thornliebank and Barrhead Main Streets £15,000
- Busby park upgrade £15k
- Install digital community notice boards in Barrhead, Giffnock, Clarkston and Eaglesham £61,291
- Installation of Digital Signs at the Avenue to provide updates about retailers at the avenue £139,000 and Mearns Workshop.

There are no litter bins in Maidenhill – maybe allocate the

Will to write and ask if Avenue signs are for community use.



	<p>old bins from Neilston to them?</p> <p>The BKMCC expressed surprise that funding to upgrade local facilities in CC areas had been given to the Avenue for upgrading the advertising boards for businesses.</p> <p>Will to write and ask if we can advertise our meetings on this.</p> <p>Will asked BKMCC members to think of ideas we could put forward for next year.</p>	
CORONATION COMMITTEE	<p>Jane suggested setting up a sub-committee to discuss plans for celebrating King Charles III's coronation in May next year. Any CC member interested please contact Jane Royston.</p> <p>Will to ask contact at Broom Church if they are organising anything.</p>	
LOCAL DEVELOPMENTS		
MEARNSKIRK HOUSE DEVELOPMENT	<p>Mearns Kirk House Development.</p> <p>The planning application (2022/0466/TP) has been submitted. The BKMCC has written in support of this application.</p> <p>Janet to forward the planning link to Peterjamesbarry@yahoo.co.uk</p>	JO to forward link to Peter
SPORTS FIELD BROOM PARK	<p>The new Mearns Castle High School sports facilities are developing well and scheduled to be completed before Christmas.</p>	
BRIDGE AT BROOM BURN	<p>There has been no progress – the contractor has experienced difficulty obtaining materials. It is hoped to be repaired sometime in November.</p>	
TRAFFIC SIGNAGE ON MEARNSKIRK ROAD	<p>Janet asked our Police contact if there had been any accidents in this area – he advised none had been reported to the police. Although we know of two head-on collisions which have occurred in the new 'traffic calming' section.</p> <p>The Chairperson wrote to the Police and asked about accidents and speeding on this road. He received a response saying there have been no reported accidents or speeding.</p> <p>Will also wrote to ERC Roads Department about the wires across Waterfoot Road but received no response. It was suggested that Will should rewrite our query to Roads at East Renfrewshire.</p>	Will to rewrite Roads letter



	It was suggested that a petition signed by many residents might help encourage Roads Department to do something about speeding in Waterfoot Road.	
DOG FOULING IN MEARNS CEMETERY	There has been no further information or interaction with complainers. Signs saying "Dogs must be kept on a lead" could be erected.	
INTERACTION WITH OTHER COMMUNITY COUNCILS	The Chairperson wrote to the secretary of all ERC Community Councils and has received a response from Giffnock, Clarkston CC and Crookfur, Greenfarm & Mearns Village CC. Jane met with Abu Assif the Treasurer of CGMVCC and provided him with advice on setting up the Treasurers position.	
LITTER PICKS	Saturday 5 th November – Broom Park 11am 5 th November. Meeting at the car park behind Broom shops.	
FUTURE MEETING DATES	Monday evenings at 7.30pm in Mearns Castle High School November 21 st , 2022 December 12 th , 2022 January 16 th , 2023 February 20 th , 2023 March 20 th , 2023 April 17 th , 2023 (Easter is 9 th April) May 22 nd , 2023 (AGM) June 12 th , 2023	
AOCB	The Chairperson advised: There is a Zoom meeting set up on 28 th October for the SPT Transport consultation. NHS Scotland initiative – SHARE www.registerforshare.org The cycle way past Malletsheugh is now opened. Balgray connections consultation ERC are seeking views on the early-stage plans for the project. If interested there are two opportunities for viewing the plans on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 27th October 11am to 3pm at the Avenue near 	



	<p>Costa.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 2nd November 3 to 7pm in the foundry Barrhead on <p>NHS provision in BKMCC area (lack of)</p> <p>Peter asked BKMCC for assistance in contacting the NHS to campaign for better Healthcare provision in our area.</p> <p>Many residents in the Newton Mearns Area are not well served by GP's. Waiting times for appointments are too long, it is difficult to obtain an appointment by phone, and access to the Williamwood Health Centre from Newton Mearns by public transport is difficult, with no direct bus service. No additional Healthcare provision has been provided for the new residents in Maidenhill.</p> <p>Janet to forward Peter's letter to Will.</p> <p>Road resurfacing schedule</p> <p>This is available on ERC's website.</p>	<p>Janet to forward Peter's letter to Will</p> <p>Will to forward copy to CC members</p>
DATE OF NEXT MEETING	Monday 21 st November 2022 at 7.30pm in Mearns Castle High School	
	With there being no further business, the Chairperson thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting	