



<b>MEETING OF</b>	Ordinary Meeting of Broom, Kirkhill, & Mearnskirk, Community Council	
<b>HELD ON</b>	Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> December 2022 @ 7.30pm at Mearns Castle High School	
<b>WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION</b>	The Chairperson welcomed everyone to the meeting	
	<p>In attendance:</p> <p>William Maxwell (Chairperson), Jane Royston (Treasurer), Margaret Hinchliffe, Susan Brodie, Janet Olverman (Secretary), Doug Pitt</p> <p>Also in attendance: Cllr Andrew Anderson, Cllr Paul Edlin, Cllr Caroline Bamforth, Fiona Howarth, Elnara Alderson, Asif Majid, Constable Steven Wallace (Police Scotland)</p>	
<b>APOLOGIES</b>	Ron Gimby , Anne Lithgow, Steve Rutherford (Vice Chairperson)	
<b>ITEM DISCUSSED</b>		<b>Action Points</b>
<b>APPROVAL OF MINUTE OF MEETINGS</b>	<p><b>Minute of Ordinary Meeting 21<sup>st</sup> November 2022</b></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>	
<b>MATTERS ARISING/ ACTION POINTS</b>	<p>The Chairperson wrote to the Police enquiring about an event in Broom Car Park. A response was received saying it was a Nationwide exercise rather than a local event and thus did not fall within remit for crime reporting in our area.</p> <p>The Chairperson wrote to the Department of the Environment about the lack of litter bins in Maidenhill and has not yet received a response.</p> <p>Chairperson to write another letter to the Department of the Environment.</p>	
<b>POLICE REPORT</b>	<p>Constable Steven Wallace attended the meeting and presented the monthly Police report:</p> <p>Crime remains low in East Renfrewshire.</p> <p>Steven warned that housebreaking is a nationwide phenomenon at present. High value properties are being targeted in Newton Mearns.</p> <p>The modus operandi is similar with thieves gaining access to the rear garden, smashing a glass door and ransacking the house.</p> <p>Residents were asked to prioritise home security. Lock all doors, secure gates and install outside lights.</p> <p>Police are undertaking an active campaign – speaking to people about home and car security over the festive</p>	



	<p>period.</p> <p>Constable Wallace suggested that those with keyless entry cars should purchase a Faraday pouch to prevent thieves relaying the code and driving off with their car.</p> <p>Residents were reminded that if purchasing a 'too good to be true' bargain the goods are likely to have been stolen.</p> <p><b>Speeding</b></p> <p>Police have monitored 12 different locations for speeding and the data acquired will be fed back to the Roads Department for traffic calming consideration.</p> <p>Doug Pitt enquired if one of the checks was at the Waterfoot road cemetery.</p> <p>Steven advised this area can't be monitored because of the bend in the road, which does not allow for an accurate assessment of speed.</p> <p>The Chairperson advised that ERC have set aside £150K to install a cycle lane and widen the pavement along this stretch of Waterfoot Road.</p> <p>Margaret enquired if there had been any complaints about young people parking in the MCHS Car park at night and playing loud music that is audible in the flats nearby.</p> <p>Steven advised if the Police don't receive complaints of noise and there is no sign of criminality, underage drinking or drugs, there is not much they can do.</p> <p><b>Bike Marking scheme</b></p> <p>Steven advised that Giffnock Police are keen for local groups to organise bike marking events, which are offered free of charge.</p> <p>JO to consider organising a community bike marking event in the New Year.</p> <p>Steven to send contact details of the co-ordinator.</p> <p>The Chairperson and BKMCC members thanked Steven for his report and attendance at this meeting.</p>	
<p><b>DISCUSSION TO CHANGE MEETING DAY</b></p>	<p>In order to facilitate the regular attendance of a Police representative at our meetings, suggestion had been made to change the day of our monthly meeting.</p> <p>The Chairperson canvassed BKMCC members to establish availability.</p> <p>It was suggested moving our meeting day to the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of the Month.</p> <p>The Chairperson put forward the motion to change our meeting date to the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of the month. This was unanimously approved by the BKMCC members in</p>	<p>Will to write to ERC change date of lets.</p>

	<p>attendance.</p> <p>Chairperson to write to ERC to change the room lets, with the first meeting in 2023 rescheduled for Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> February at 7.30pm.</p>	
<b>RECRUITMENT OF NEW MEMBERS</b>	<p>If anyone present would like to join our number please let us know. Our membership has fallen to eight. There are currently 12 vacancies.</p> <p>Asif Majid and Elnara Alderson volunteered to join BKMCC – JO to forward the relevant papers for completion. They are both residents in Maidenhill.</p> <p>The inclusion of Maidenhill within the name of the Community Council was discussed.</p> <p>This would have to be approved by ERC.</p>	<p>Janet to forward membership application papers</p>
<b>LOCAL DEVELOPMENTS</b>		
<b>SPORTS FIELD BROOM PARK</b>	<p>The new Mearns Castle High School sports facilities are developing well and scheduled for completion in the New Year.</p>	
<b>BRIDGE AT BROOM BURN</b>	<p>The contractors are having difficulties with obtaining a supply of steel. They are hoping to commence repairs in January 2023 with a completion date of end January.</p> <p>The opening of the path from Maidenhill to Mearns Kirk has also been delayed because of the difficulty in procuring metal fencing.</p>	
<b>TRAFFIC SPEED ON WATERFOOT ROAD AND OTHERS</b>	<p>See Police report</p> <p>If accidents are not reported the Police cannot do anything.</p>	
<b>INTERACTION WITH OTHER COMMUNITY COUNCILS</b>	<p>The Chairperson proposed sharing our Minutes with CGMVCC.</p> <p>Reinstatement of joint Community Council meetings has been requested from Vincent McCulloch, ERC Community Council Liaison Officer.</p> <p>If this is not possible, the Chairperson offered to write to the Chairs of the other CC's to arrange a joint group meeting.</p>	
<b>ERC BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS</b>	<p>The Chairperson, Margaret Hinchliffe and Susan Brodie attended the first meeting at Woodfarm High School on 15<sup>th</sup> November and attended the second one on 29<sup>th</sup> November.</p> <p>Due to inflationary pressures ERC's expenditure will need</p>	



to be reduced by £30m (of a £339m total budget) spread over the next three years.

The attendees were split into two groups for discussion.

One to discuss Environment and the other for Business and Operational Partnerships. The organisers of the consultations will provide a full report to the Council.

Ultimately the decision will be taken by Councillors in March 2023.

It was hoped that the forthcoming Scottish Budget may provide more money for local councils.

### **Education**

The general consensus of opinion at this meeting was that Education cuts were disliked.

There was partial support for:

- Increase in class sizes
- Increase school meal cost

### **Environment**

Suggestions for savings:

- reduction in grass cutting
- frequency of bin collection
- increase price for brown bin collections
- increase price for special uplifts
- reduce road budget
- slow repair of roads
- reduce housing services
- reduce town centre regeneration
- reduce planning services
- review office accommodation

### **Business Operations and Partnerships**

Support for increased charges for Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme, Marriages, and Funerals. Implementation of Water Direct whereby Water Rates are paid direct to Scottish Water rather than as an addendum to the payment for Council Tax was supported.

Reluctant agreement for reductions in Community Safety and Learning

Support for Increase in Council Tax by more than 3% - possibly by 5-7%

### **East Renfrewshire Health and Social Care**

	<p><b>Partnership</b></p> <p>A separate consultation will be undertaken.</p> <p><b>East Renfrewshire Culture and Leisure</b></p> <p>Operates with a fixed reserve of £250k</p> <p>The meeting supported raising charges for services and membership etc.</p> <p><b>Support Services</b></p> <p>Accountancy, Legal, Audit, Procurement, Property, Health and Safety.</p> <p>Due to present workload and small numbers of staff, there is an unwillingness to support further staffing cuts.</p> <p>There may be 400 redundancies = 10% of staff spread over the next three years. This number will need to be increased if the required savings cannot be achieved.</p> <p>Cllr Anderson advised that if planning services are reduced developers applying for road closures etc. will be delayed and developments take longer.</p> <p>Cllrs were asked if the Council Tax from Maidenhill had been included in this calculation. Cllrs confirmed it has and will be offset against new public services in this area.</p> <p>Margaret enquired if some of our Council Tax goes to other not so well-off councils - do we contribute to a regional fund?</p> <p>Cllrs offered to investigate if this is true and provide some details.</p> <p><b>Suggestions from BKMCC members</b></p> <p>Cllr Edlin asked if BKMCC could suggest items they can recommend for safeguarding.</p> <p>Chairperson to ask BKMCC members to email suggestions for forwarding to Cllrs.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• BKMCC are 100% against dramatic cuts in education</li> <li>• Increase revenue by increasing School meal costs</li> <li>• Cutting waste</li> </ul> <p>The Chairperson to circulate the Consultation document.</p>	<p>Will to circulate Consultation document</p> <p>BKMCC members to provide suggestions for savings.</p>
<p><b>LITTER PICKS</b></p>	<p>4<sup>th</sup> February 2023 – venue to be advised nearer the time and weather permitting.</p> <p><b>Litter bins Maidenhill</b></p> <p>Maidenhill have no litter bins or dog mess bins.</p> <p>The Chairperson wrote to the Department of the Environment about this matter and has received no</p>	

	response.	
<b>FUTURE MEETING DATES</b>	<p>Future meeting dates are proposed to be changed to the first Tuesday in the month.</p> <p>Once confirmed by ERC the new dates for 2023 will be issued.</p>	
<b>AOCB</b>	<p><b>There will be a Special Full Council meeting on 14<sup>th</sup> December.</b></p> <p>Item 3 on the Agenda is:</p> <p>Review of Community Council Scheme of Establishment – Report by Director of Business Operations and Partnerships.</p> <p>The purpose of the report is to seek approval to commence a review of part of the Community Council Scheme of Establishment relating to the complaints procedure and Code of Conduct.</p> <p>Here follows a quote from the papers for the above meeting: “Having regard to changing circumstances and to any representations made to them, East Renfrewshire Council shall from time to time review this Scheme and, where they consider that the Scheme ought to be amended (for example, to revise the boundaries of a community council area), they shall give public notice of the proposal to amend the Scheme, and invite representations on the proposed amendment(s) from any affected community councils and the public.”</p> <p>Any decision to review the Scheme must be made by a resolution of the Council, passed by not less than two-thirds of the elected members voting, at a meeting specially convened for the purpose of deciding if the Scheme should be opened for review.</p> <p>Public notice of the proposed amendments to the Scheme will be given and members of the public given the opportunity to comment.</p> <p>Copies of the revised Scheme will also be provided to community councils.</p> <p><b>Planning applications</b></p> <p>Outline planning permission has been deferred for the houses at Hazeldean Riding Stables. The Planning Applications Committee Consultation states that there is non-availability of Educational Provision to satisfy this housing development and the application should therefore not be recommended.</p> <p>The vacant unit next to the Mearns Kirk Co-op has been granted approval for a ‘Class 2’ development (professional</p>	



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	<p>services). In this case, the applicant is seeking to locate a medical clinic therein.</p> <p>The Lygate building in Ayr Road is also being converted into a medical facility.</p>	
<b>DATE OF NEXT MEETING</b>	Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> February 2023 at 7.30pm in Mearns Castle High School – to be confirmed	
	With there being no further business, the Chairperson thanked everyone for attending and asked them to join us afterwards for a Christmas mince pie.	