



MEETING OF	Ordinary Meeting of Broom, Kirkhill, & Mearnskirk, Community Council	
HELD ON	Tuesday 18 th April 2023 @ 7.30pm at Mearns Castle High School	
WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION	The Chairperson welcomed everyone to the meeting	
	<p>In attendance:</p> <p>William Maxwell (Chairperson), Jane Royston (Treasurer), Margaret Hinchliffe, Janet Olverman (Secretary), Doug Pitt, Asif Majid, Elnara Alderson, Susan Brodie</p> <p>Also in attendance:</p> <p>Sgt. Gordon Sweeney (Police Scotland), Peter Barry, Moira Whyte, David Buchanan, Ina Robertson, Ben Kilby & John Steven (RRT), James Sandeman</p>	
APOLOGIES	Cllr Paul Edlin, Anne Lithgow, Steve Rutherford	
ITEM DISCUSSED		Action Points
APPROVAL OF MINUTE OF MEETINGS	<p>Minute of Ordinary Meeting 7th March 2023</p> <p>The Chairperson proposed the minute as a true record of the meeting. This was seconded by Jane Royston and the minute approved by the Community Council.</p>	
MATTERS ARISING/	<p>Fencing, Mearnskirk</p> <p>Following complaints from Mearnskirk residents, the Chairperson and Janet wrote a letter to ERC Planning Department</p> <p>ERC responded saying that although the owner had moved their boundary fence without permission, ERC have no influence over the design of the fence.</p> <p>They acknowledged there was a fault and ERC are trying to resolve the matter of the moved fence boundary.</p> <p>Remodelling of Mearns Road past the Co-op at 421 Mearns Road</p> <p>The traffic calming chicane has proved unsatisfactory. Residents in the vicinity of this chicane have been disturbed by cars honking horns early in the morning, especially during rush hour. Several accidents have occurred.</p> <p>Although the Keep Clear sign entrance has helped with access to the Co-op car park, there are still motorists who do not comply.</p> <p>BKMCC wrote to ERC Roads Department and submitted a formal complaint. An acknowledgement of receipt has been received but no formal response.</p>	



	<p>Residents have suggested a widened pavement and a pavement on the other side of the road would assist with pedestrian safety.</p>	
<p>POLICE REPORT</p>	<p>Sgt Gordon Sweeney presented the monthly Police Report for the BKMCC area.</p> <p>There has been one house break-in in the Kirkhill area, where entry was gained via a window. Please remind neighbours to secure windows and doors at all times.</p> <p>There have been no reported vehicle thefts in the BKMCC area, although high value vehicles are being stolen countrywide using relay theft. Please remain alert.</p> <p>If you own a keyless entry car, please make sure you lock keys in a metal tin or Faraday pouch, this will prevent the thieves 'relaying' the key signal to your car and driving off.</p> <p>Frauds are still prevalent, mainly scams via emails and phishing scams.</p> <p>Please double check any email addresses, especially from people from whom you don't normally receive emails.</p> <p>The Police have a presentation that can be given to local groups to help provide awareness of the type of scams that are currently circulating.</p> <p>The Police are still providing a Bike marking scheme, they mark bikes with a unique QR code.</p> <p>BKMCC to organise a local bike-marking event.</p> <p>S6 Leavers</p> <p>Sgt Sweeney advised that the S6's are leaving school Wednesday and Thursday this week.</p> <p>The Police are taking a zero tolerance approach to underage drinking and antisocial behaviour.</p> <p>Sgt Sweeney asked everyone to inform any school leavers known to residents to be aware of this.</p> <p>Questions:</p> <p>Vaping – The BKMCC advised that whilst conducting our monthly litter picks, we always pick up numerous vapes from around the school grounds and in Broom Park. What can be done about schoolchildren vaping?</p> <p>Sgt Sweeney advised that the Campus cops deal with this kind of thing in schools.</p> <p>Scams</p> <p>Margaret asked what happens about the scam emails which are reported. Sgt Sweeney said in order for any action to be taken, members and residents must continue</p>	<p>JO to organise a bike-marking event.</p>



	<p>reporting scams.</p> <p>Nitrous Oxide</p> <p>BKMCC expressed concern about finding very large Nitrous Oxide containers in the Broom Park and asked if it is legal to possess or use such.</p> <p>Sgt. Sweeney advised that it is so far not illegal to possess Nitrous Oxide but it is illegal to sell it on.</p>	
<p>PARKING ON CYCLE LANES</p>	<p>Following concerns raised about cars parking in the Ayr Road Cycle Lane, the BKMCC wrote to Police Scotland about this matter and they stated:</p> <p>"With regard to the cycle lanes, this is an ongoing issue that we are having difficulties with....It's a long story but at the moment we are struggling in relation to specific legislation for the Ayr Road cycle Lane"</p> <p>The Chairperson advised that the Highway Code states:</p> <p>"Cycle lanes are shown by road markings and signs. You MUST NOT drive or park in a cycle lane marked by a solid white line during its times of operation. Do not drive or park in a cycle lane marked by a broken white line unless it is unavoidable"</p>	
<p>CORONATION TEA PARTY</p>	<p>Coronation Tea Party Broom Church</p> <p>This will be taking place on Sunday 7th May between 2 and 4pm</p> <p>Tickets are nearly all sold but some are still available from the Church office.</p> <p>£10 adults £5 for children</p> <p>Adults will receive a glass of bubbly with their tea and cakes.</p>	
<p>REDEVELOPMENT OF NEWTON MEARNS TOWN CENTRE</p>	<p>Ideas to redevelop Newton Mearns Town Centre.</p> <p>Sustrans have funded the proposals so far.</p> <p>A short public consultation was held at the Avenue, seeking the views of local people, on 23rd March 2023.</p> <p>The consultation was generally not well received. This was in part because only junior council employees who were unable to answer detailed questions were present. Many complaints about proposed restrictions were voiced, and concerns about removal of the Asda car park that will penalise disabled people.</p> <p>The idea behind this plan is to get us walking or wheeling instead of taking cars to the area of the Avenue.</p> <p>People are mainly ignorant of the actual plans and</p>	



	<p>implications and need to be better informed.</p> <p>The BKMCC has received a proposal to get all Community councils together for a meeting with ERC councillors and decision makers present to find out exactly what the plan is.</p> <p>Question:</p> <p>Have ERC taken professional advice on this matter?</p> <p>BKMCC proposed to write to Sustrans and ask for more detailed information about this plan and ask them to attend the combined meeting.</p> <p>You can find out more about Sustrans using the link below:</p> <p>https://www.sustrans.org.uk/about-us/</p>	
<p>OVERVIEW GIFFNOCK CC MEETING</p>	<p>Members of the BKMCC attended the Giffnock CC meeting on 17th April.</p> <p>Matters discussed included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work in Huntly Park • Lack of disabled parking • ERC Consultation re Mearns Masterplan in Cities 	
<p>DISCUSSION OF PROPOSAL TO CHANGE NAME OF BKMCC</p>	<p>Janet contacted Vincent McCulloch for advice.</p> <p>Vincent confirmed we should agree amongst ourselves the new name, minute the change, and then draft an appropriate email requesting ERC to agree to the change in name.</p> <p>The Chairperson conducted some research to see if an appropriate shorter name would be appropriate and suggested:</p> <p>“East Mearns Community Council”, being the area East of the Ayr Road.</p> <p>Rather than “Newton Mearns South”, which is too broad and could be confused with Ward 5 Newton Mearns South that includes Westacres and Eaglesham.</p> <p>If we agree to change our name to East Mearns Community Council, the Chairperson will place an item on Agenda for approval at our next meeting.</p>	<p>Members to email Will comments about change of name</p>
<p>LITTER PICKS</p>	<p>Saturday May 13th Ben Kilby, Regional Team Leader of the Rapid Relief Team, attended the meeting. Rapid Relief Team are a charitable organisation who work</p>	<p>JO to co-ordinate with RRT</p>



	<p>proactively with charities at fundraising events providing catering services for volunteers. They also work with Blue Light services offering catering support.</p> <p>They kindly offered to provide a BBQ for our litter pickers, to encourage more support – either Bacon Rolls or Burgers depending on the time of day.</p> <p>JO to arrange with the RRT.</p> <p>2nd Mearns Brownies has approached BKMCC for help with a litter pick on a Thursday evening 6-7pm for their members to gain their Environment badge.</p> <p>Janet to arrange a suitable date (late May/June) and encourage members to assist.</p>	<p>JO to contact Brownies</p>
<p>AOCB</p>	<p>Broom Park proposed tree felling</p> <p>The Chairperson received notification that some trees in Broom Park will be felled by Scottish Water when laying their renewed water main. He submitted a complaint. ERC are taking this matter up with Scottish Water.</p> <p>Access to medical practices in Newton Mearns</p> <p>BKMCC received a message from a resident about the difficulties accessing NHS Medical facilities in Newton Mearns.</p> <p>The Chairperson displayed a list of GP practices in East Renfrewshire obtained from the NHS.</p> <p>The Mearns Medical Centre has the largest number of patients registered with 14,438 with only 7 GP's (two of whom are part time) showing an average of 2,062.57 patients per GP.</p> <p>The average number of patients per GP across the UK is 1,700.</p> <p>The data shows that our medical practices are oversubscribed compared to the National average</p> <p>There are four different practices contained within the new Medical Centre at Williamwood. This is difficult to access by public transport from Newton Mearns because there is no direct bus route available and the service is infrequent and unreliable.</p> <p>If you experience difficulty registering with a local GP because they are oversubscribed you can get in touch with Registration Teams National Services Scotland using the link below:</p> <p>https://www.nss.nhs.scot/medical-services/patient-</p>	



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	<u>registration-and-medical-records/get-in-touch-with-our-registration-teams/</u>	
DATE OF NEXT MEETING	<p>AGM Tuesday 9th May at 7.30pm in Mearns Castle High School</p> <p>The Chairperson reminded the Treasurer and Secretary to prepare their annual reports in readiness for this meeting.</p>	
	<p>With there being no further business, the Chairperson thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting</p>	