

MEETING OF	Ordinary Meeting of Broom, Kirkhill, & Mearns Kirk, Community Council	
HELD ON	Tuesday 6 th June 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), Steve Rutherford (Vice Chairperson), Jane Royston (Treasurer), Janet Olverman (Secretary), Anne Lithgow, Doug Pitt, Elnara Alderson, Susan Brodie, David Buchanan</p> <p>Also in attendance: Cllr. Caroline Bamforth, Cllr Paul Edlin, Cllr Andrew Anderson, James Sandeman, Stuart Clark – Head Teacher, Mearns Castle High School, Hayley Russell, Bob Ho, Hasini Konduru, Hanshika Konduru – MCHS Eco Committee reps, Jim Swift, Cindy Berry – Chairwoman Giffnock CC, Sandy Sharp, Gordon Miller, Dale Wilson</p>	
APOLOGIES	Margaret Hinchliffe, Asif Majid	
ITEM DISCUSSED		Action Points
APPROVAL OF MINUTE OF MEETINGS	<p>Minute of Ordinary Meeting 9th May 2023</p> <p>Cllr. Bamforth and Cllr. Edlin requested corrections to the Minute (see matters arising). The Chairperson suggested approval should be deferred until CC members have read the corrections.</p>	
MATTERS ARISING/	<p>Review of Community Council Scheme of Establishment</p> <p>James Sandeman asked for paragraph 4 on page 3 under "Review of CC Scheme" to be clarified to read:</p> <p>"One of the appendices to this document (clause 4.2) is supposed to be a map detailing the boundaries of CC areas. This Appendix IV is not included, nor is Appendix V showing "neighbourhood boundaries" (clause 4.5). Both need to be included, and clearly legible."</p> <p>Vaping</p> <p>Section 'Proceedings of Full Council Meeting' Pages 4 and 5</p> <p>Cllr. Bamforth, although not present at the meeting on 9th May, asked for an addendum to clarify a comment made that there was no notice of the Motion about the banning of single use vapes prior to the Full Council meeting of 26th April 2023.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Under long standing Council rules ALL motions should be submitted 14 DAYS before full Council. This was done. 	



- 12 days before full Council the "blue papers" are issued to all Group Leaders. These are preliminary papers, and could be changed prior to council meeting, although rarely are. ALL Motions are published in the blue papers.
- 5 days before full Council the full papers are emailed to all Cllrs and are also published on the Council website.

These rules were ALL complied with on the vaping Motion. Therefore ALL Councillors would have been aware of the Motion for between 5 and 12 days before full council. There was sufficient time for the Motion to be considered."

The Standard procedure for motions was followed but was defeated and the amendment was carried.

As a result, the motion "Disposable Vapes" tabled by Councillor David Macdonald and Councillor Annette Ireland was defeated. Therefore, ERC does not have the authority to ban vapes. Viewing of the You Tube Full Council Meeting 26th April 2023 shows that Cllr Edlin proposed an Amendment. However, the Amendment had not been circulated before the meeting, nonetheless it was carried.

Housing

Cllr. Bamforth advised that the 2500 houses mentioned in the minute on page 4 include current construction underway in Maidenhill (circa 1000), Barrhead and 2 further sites already identified in Barrhead and Neilston. LDP3 may identify further sites.

Vandalism at Maidenhill

The police advised that a couple of arrests have been made in connection with local vandalism.

A Maidenhill resident advised three fires had been set over the weekend at Maidenhill Primary, Fairweather park and Mearns Primary.

Some of the children involved are local – the police advise it is not just youths from outside Newton Mearns.

Cllr. Edlin advised – youths access Maidenhill via the bridle path from Mearns Kirk.

An autistic child and his dog, were threatened by a man in his 30's.

Because of the Law of Trespass in Scotland, the Police are unable to respond unless property has been damaged.

A week ago, a youth was apprehended by residents. Police were called, picked up the child and took him home to his parents.

The BKMCC note with concern that this vandalism occurred



	<p>and will again ask the Police to advise what steps they are taking to address this issue.</p> <p>Trees near Broom Burn Bridge</p> <p>Scottish Water are going to cut down two mature trees in Broom Park to facilitate installation of their new water main.</p> <p>The Chairperson received a response from ERC and Scottish Water, who advised they are going to replace trees with two new ones. However, ERC have given the impression there is something else they can do to prevent removal of these trees but haven't explained what is planned.</p> <p>Change of BKMCC name to Mearns East</p> <p>The Secretary and Chairperson wrote to Vincent McCulloch at ERC to advise the BKMCC members had unanimously agreed to change the name to Mearns East Community Council.</p> <p>Vincent advised that the change of name would only need to be approved by our members and Councillors, rather than be approved at a full council meeting.</p>	
<p>POLICE REPORT</p>	<p>The Police were unable to be present but provided a written monthly report; an extract is shown below:</p> <p>This report covers progress we have made in dealing with your priorities for the Broom, Kirkhill & Mearnskirk Community Council area for the period 9th May 2023 to 5th June 2023.</p> <p>Community Police are increasing foot patrols in your local area given the increased footfall as weather improves. We encourage constituents to speak with Police if seen in their local community.</p> <p>CRIMES OF NOTE & CRIME PREVENTION ADVICE</p> <p>Crime levels in your community council area remain very low.</p> <p>There was one instance reported of theft from a motor vehicle.</p> <p>There was one person reported for careless driving under the road traffic act.</p> <p>Home security</p> <p>Police asked that constituents are reminded of the importance of maintaining home and vehicle security.</p> <p>Crime prevention advice can be found on Police Scotland's webpage via the links below.</p> <p>https://www.scotland.police.uk/advice-and-</p>	



[information/your-home/your-house/](#)

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

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.

LOCAL ISSUES & PARTNERSHIP WORKING

Community Police Officers have been undertaking high visibility patrols tackling road traffic offending and speeding within the council area. Static speed checks and mobile vehicle patrols have been utilised to detect criminality.

Our community policing team is aware that youth disorder is of a high priority to the public, these matters are a priority for us. There have been reports of issues with youths in the area throughout the last month and police are aware.

As the weather improves we anticipate a greater number of persons utilising open spaces and would urge constituents to contact Police if any criminality is taking place using the following methods:

999 – Emergency

101 – Non emergency

Visit <https://www.scotland.police.uk/contact-us/>

0800 555 111 - Crimestoppers

Please follow the Police on these social media platforms:

Twitter - @policescotland

Twitter - @GreaterGlasgPol

Twitter - @EastRenPolice

Facebook – Police Scotland

Facebook – Greater Glasgow Police Division

Web – www.scotland.police.uk

**MEARNS CASTLE
HIGH SCHOOL
ECO-COMMITTEE**

The Chairperson welcomed Mr Clark, Mearns Castle High School Head Teacher and representatives from the school Eco-Committee.



<p>PRESENTATION</p>	<p>Mr Clark said they understand that the school is responsible for much of the litter in the area and have adopted 'Prevent Littering' as one of the school values.</p> <p>MCHS appreciate the Community Council's activities in assisting clearing up litter in the area.</p> <p>Miss Russell explained they recognise the problem. There are 40 pupils involved with the ECO committee.</p> <p>They have conducted an environmental review and in addition to litter picking, the school strongly promotes recycling which is anticipated to have an impact on the amount of litter in the area.</p> <p>The ECO Committee also conduct a monthly litter pick on a Wednesday afternoon.</p> <p>The School is making a huge effort to improve the litter problem.</p> <p>The Chairperson displayed the BKMCC scheduled litter pick dates starting on 2nd September 2023. They are all held on the first Saturday of the month with the exception of January 2024.</p> <p>The BKMCC would appreciate assistance from school pupils on a Saturday to help clean up the area.</p> <p>Ms Russell explained that if school children were to help on a Saturday this would be considered a 'school trip' and a teacher would have to accompany them. They would require plenty of notice to arrange.</p> <p>Mr Clark offered to circulate details of our litter picks with his weekly parent update.</p> <p>JO to send details to MCHS</p>	<p>Janet to send litter pick dates to MCHS</p>
<p>MAIDENHILL BINS AND FOOTPATH</p>	<p>The only bin in Maidenhill, which was situated within the school grounds, was set on fire at the weekend. There are now no bins at all in the area. The school itself had taken responsibility for emptying this bin.</p> <p>Residents cannot understand why ERC and the developers cannot or will not provide litterbins.</p> <p>As a result, there is a serious litter problem causing potential public health issues.</p> <p>The BKMCC have written to ERC about this matter and have been advised that they will not provide bins until the estate has been adopted. This will not be until 1 year after completion of building on the estate.</p> <p>Cllr. Bamforth advised there are still another 200 houses to be built so it will be some time before this area is adopted.</p>	



	<p>Residents ask that ERC write to the developers, whose responsibility it is, to insist they install bins.</p> <p>Maidenhill Path to Langrig Lane and Mearns Kirk.</p> <p>BKMCC received a message from a concerned resident asking for assistance in resolving the atrocious condition of this footpath along with question about why the school bus has been cancelled when there is no safe public walking route along this path.</p> <p>The BKMCC consider that bins should be the responsibility of all the developers involved until the estate is adopted by ERC.</p> <p>Residents should contact their factor about this issue and ask for their assistance.</p> <p>The Chairperson proposed the resolution to write to the builders at Maidenhill and ask them to address these issues.</p>	<p>Will to write letter of complaint to the Maidenhill developers</p>
<p>GILLIAN HAMILTON, LIBRARY DEVELOPMENT OFFICER</p>	<p>The Chairperson welcome Gillian Hamilton, ERC’s Library Development Officer, to the meeting.</p> <p>ERC provides 10 libraries across the district.</p> <p>Mearns library is open Monday to Saturday and:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcomed 50,000+ visitors over the past year. • Holds 14,000 physical books • Issued 40,000 books • Provided 4,500 IT sessions <p>Libraries are now up to full recovery after Covid.</p> <p>They offer free reservations and no fines for late returns on any of their books.</p> <p>ERC Libraries offer residents:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A Heritage centre with maps, photos, objects and newspapers • Maps are available at Giffnock library along with daily newspapers • Ancestry tracing • Borrowbox – access to download audio books • Pressreader – to access UK papers and worldwide magazines • Britannica online – brilliant for homework studies • Free Wi-fi • Public access PC’s in all libraries 	



- Printing, scanning, faxing
- Community signposting and information finding
- IT classes to develop digital skills
- Home lending service – local volunteers deliver to residents' homes – helping with mobility issues.
- Macmillan Cancer information support based at Clarkston and Barrhead.
- Lots of clubs for families and children
- Book cafes for adults
- Local author visits
- Free hearing aid batteries
- Free period products

There is an Author visit on 28th June

More information can be found using the following contact details:

<https://www.ercultureandleisure.org/libraries/>

email: libraries@ercultureandleisure.org

Gillian.hamilton@ercultureandleisure.org

Questions:

Are numbers using libraries reduced because of the internet?

Library visits are about up to pre-Covid levels, these include a lot of online visits.

Engaging families is a priority to encourage children's participation.

Do you work in partnership with schools?

Yes – Libraries encourage school visits to use their resources.

Do schools borrow books to distribute to children?

No – Schools bring children into the library so they can select their own. However, libraries do provide topic boxes to schools for certain projects – on a long term loan.

Clr. Bamforth advised that Clarkston library is due to be piloting a door entry scheme so that people can have access to the library out of hours.

If you are a member of the library you can access Clarkston library using your card, when staff are not present. You will have access to the PC's and self-service machines to borrow books. The library is covered by CCTV to prevent theft.

	<p>Any library member can sign up to this.</p> <p>Gillian handed out some lovely tote bags and information leaflets for distribution.</p> <p>She also asked that we spread the word about the Home Lending Service.</p> <p>The Chairperson thanked Gillian for her interesting and informative presentation.</p>	
<p>DAVID BUCHANAN CO-OPTION</p>	<p>Following completion of his nomination papers David Buchanan's Co-option was proposed by William Maxwell and Seconded by Jane Royston and unanimously approved by the BKMCC members present.</p> <p>David Buchanan was welcomed as a Co-opted member of the BKMCC representing the Kirkhill area.</p>	
<p>PARLIAMENTARY CONSTITUENCIES CONSULTATION 2023</p>	<p>Constituency boundary review and the number of MP's</p> <p>The Chairperson invited Councillors to attend to discuss this important matter.</p> <p>Constituency boundaries are reviewed periodically to take account of changes in population.</p> <p>Changes are also required to reflect local government boundary changes so that administrative boundaries coincide as much as possible.</p> <p>The Boundary Commission is an Advisory Non-departmental Public Body sponsored and wholly funded by the Office of the Secretary of State for Scotland. They are Independent and non-political and used data from UK Population Data for the populations of Scotland. The population of Scotland has not grown as fast as the rest of UK.</p> <p>The work is led by the Deputy Chair who is a Court of Session judge appointed by the Lord President of the Court of Session. The Secretary of State for Scotland through a public appointments process appoints two other members.</p> <p>Chair is the Speaker of the House of Commons</p> <p>Deputy Chair: Responsible for boundary commission in Scotland is Honourable Lord Matthews, appointed 1st January 2016, reappointed until December 2021, and re-appointed until December 2024</p>	



Assisted by:

Commissioners

Ailsa Henderson, Professor of Political Science University of Edinburgh and Sue Walker, Board member Food Standards Scotland, Commissioner of Local Government Boundary Commission for Scotland, and for Scottish Water.

There are to be 650 MPs in Westminster.

Because the population of Scotland has not grown as fast as England, two constituencies are to be lost.

The proposal affecting us is to remove the Eastwood constituency by splitting it and merging with two others.

Two new constituencies will be created, the idea being to have 60 – 65,000 voters in each constituency:

Glasgow Priesthill & Giffnock

Contains: Newlands, Auldburn, Greater Pollok, and the areas from Eastwood - Giffnock; Thornliebank; Clarkston; Netherlee and Williamwood.

Renfrewshire South

Contains: Paisley South West, Johnston South and Elderslie, Johnston North, Kilbarchan and Howwood and the areas from East Renfrewshire: Barrhead, Liboside, Uplawmoor, Newton Mearns North and Neilston, Newton Mearns South and Eaglesham,

The Chairperson asked several questions:

1. ERC services, will they be affected?
2. Will access for Schools be maintained or affected?
3. Will access to Health Care be maintained?
4. Will the format of Council Elections be affected?
5. Can we exclude remodelling of ERC Council Boundaries?

Councillors stated that East Renfrewshire Services and access to services will not be affected.

Cllr. Bamforth stated that there would have to be some major event/change which would affect Council boundaries. But nothing like that is suggested here.

There has to be a suggestion of how to reorganise the numbers of constituencies.

All councillors present stated they are against the changes.

To complain about the changes, maintaining traditional boundaries will not be considered a legitimate argument.



Jim Swift expressed concern that splitting the Eastwood constituency will mean that families from Newton Mearns with children attending St. Ninians will be represented by two different MP's. The same applies to Jewish families with children at Calderwood Lodge.

The issue is representation of a whole community who have something in common.

Newton Mearns has very little in common with Paisley. As a citizen, it would be preferable to vote with communities who hold the same values.

Cllr. Edlin provided an example: Eastwood constituents are very passionate about Education and the elderly. Other areas have different values and priorities.

People want to live in Eastwood because of these values.

We should write as a community council to that effect.

Cindy Berry, Chair of Giffnock CC, expressed concern that Giffnock will be cut off from East Renfrewshire.

Cllr. Bamforth advised the UK and Scottish Government have to conduct this exercise every 10 – 12 years but it doesn't mean the proposals will be implemented.

Cllr. Edlin stated if this goes through there will be a long term concern for local Government in the future.

The reason for this current proposal is that Glasgow has a deficit of numbers in the electorate and needs to expand out. People are moving out of Glasgow.

The Secretary asked what the Eastwood numbers are currently compared to the suggested areas.

Could we suggest incorporating voters from other areas such as Jackton, Carmunock and Thorntonhall, with whom we have more in common, rather than Paisley and Johnstone?

With all the housebuilding in East Renfrewshire the demographic could look very different in a couple of years.

As it exists, the Eastwood constituency has an ethos that, if it is changed in the way suggested, will totally change the dynamic.

The Chairperson asked those who wish to contribute to this discussion to send him their comments as soon as possible.



	<p>Reasons for objection could include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Splitting Communities - Communications - Similar Ethos - Creation of friction in representation <p>The Councillors also asked those present to comment as individuals.</p> <p>The deadline for the consultation is 17th June.</p> <p>20 Minute Cities Cllr. Bamforth advised these are only about providing facilities for people to wheel, walk or cycle to city centres and will not be stopping people travelling between areas.</p>	
<p>NAME CHANGE FOR BKMCC TO MEARNS EAST</p>	<p>Final approval for this will be on the Agenda for the additional Zoom meeting on Tuesday 13th June.</p>	
<p>DATES FOR LITTER PICKS AND ORDINARY MEETINGS</p>	<p>Litter Pick dates:</p> <p>2nd September 2023 7th October 2023 4th November 2023 2nd December 2023 3rd February 2024 2nd March 2024 6th April 2024 4th May 2024 8th June 2024</p> <p>Ordinary meeting dates:</p> <p>5th September 2023 3rd October 2023 7th November 2023 5th December 2023 6th February 2024 5th March 2024 16th April 2024 14th May 2024 (AGM) 4th June 2024</p>	
<p>AOCB</p>	<p>To be discussed at our additional Zoom meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BKMCC Name change to Mearns East • MCHS Playing Field Broom Park • Footpath Maidenhill and Mearns Kirk • Formation of Sub-Committees: 	



Broom Kirkhill Mearnskirk
Community Council

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">a) Planningb) Publicity and Noticesc) WhatsAppd) ERC Council proceedings• Scottish Community Councils Conference• Tracey Scothern	
DATE OF NEXT MEETING	<p>An additional Zoom meeting will be held on Tuesday 13th June at 7.30pm to discuss topics not covered tonight. Link and Agenda to be issued in due course.</p> <p>The Community Council will resume face to face meetings on Tuesday 5th September 2023 at Mearns Castle High School</p>	
	<p>With there being no further business, the Chairperson thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting</p>	