

Minutes of Meeting (no.440) of Broomhill Community Council

9th April 2025, 19:00-21:00.
Broomhill Primary School Library, 57 Edgehill Rd, G11 7HZ

Minutes

1. Committee Members Present were: Barbara McTavish(BMcT,chair), Morag McKerrell(MMcK), Hector Rufrancos (HR, Secretary), Lorna McWilliams (LMcW, Vice Chair & Treasurer), Elaine Hindle (EH), Roy Hamdy (RH) and David Rennie (DR). Local residents Alan Ramsay (AR), Danny McKay (DMcK), Joanne Laird (JL), Robert Burns (RB) from First Bus and Patricia Fergusson MP (PFMP).

Apologies were received from: Community Councillor Abigail Harding (AH), City Councillor Lana Reid-McConnell and City Councillor Eunis Jassemi.

2. Minutes of Previous Meetings. Approved online via slack and on the website.
3. **Police Report** Police Scotland have notified they will no longer routinely attend community council meeting Andy McKay (AMcK) sent apologies.
4. **Councillor reports** PFMP talked about her role as our local MP and signposted her surgeries. Her office is in Drumchapel and is fully staffed. Concerns about bins, buses, health, assisted dying, have been coming into the office and PFMP is very happy to hear from constituents about any issues.
5. Office Bearers reports:
 - (a) **Chair** No News to report.
 - (b) **Vice-Chair** No News to report.
 - (c) **Secretary & Correspondence** Correspondence from Councillors was discussed including updates on issues raised by community council re: lining on Beechwood avenue (issue ongoing), progress of the missing postbox on Crow Road (no update), drains on Woodcroft and Randolph Road being investigated, living rent asking BCC to sign a petition on the tourist tax (to be considered), issues around the Marlborough oval with NRS indicating any dog fouling issues are reported to the council as this will help make the case for further action at the site, the oval is due to get maintenance and the trees knocked down by the storm will be uplifted in due course, NRS ensures that the missing hedges will be replaced in due course and existing hedges to be trimmed. A bin at this site to reduce littering was deemed impractical by NRS. The RPZ consultation has been delayed due to staffing issues at the council. At present NRS is hiring a large number of positions and when filled the project and the deadlines will be recast and communicated to us.
 - (d) **Treasurer** Nothing changed in accounts.

6. **Public Open Forum** RB from First Bus was invited to come to the open forum. He updated on the timetable changes effective 20th April for all buses out of the Caledonia depot. A number of changes due to busy roads, traffic congestion, etc. New timetables are introduced to recast with current conditions and they are envisaged they will help improve punctuality. Artificial Intelligence is being utilised to help improve the predictive time of buses for the app, as well as feed into future timetable issues. A similar package of changes is being worked on for June to update all the Scotstoun depot routes (2, 3, 16, etc). MMcK raised concerns of wide spanning journeys being less practical and whether shorter routes to link to city centre would be more practical. Bus driver shortages remain a major bottleneck to the punctuality to the buses. The shifts have become more flexible due to driver demands in the hopes that the shorter shift times improve retention and recruitment which is considerable. At present First bus has 10% agency workers underscoring the issues in recruitment. DMcK raised concerns about the length of the bus stop on Crow road, this is something that is on the community council radar and it is hoped that this will be rectified in the RPZ. Bus reform was raised and First bus have been in discussions about bus improvement partnerships, or franchising, as allowed by the Transport 2019 bill. First Bus is not against franchising operating such services in Rochdale and London. They will support local changes on the matter. MMcK asked about electronic bus time boards but this infrastructure is maintained by Strathclyde Partnership for Transport (SPT), this is RH asked about bus route planning and stop locations, this is something that is an SPT decision. EH asked about the app and ghost buses on the app and lack of reliability of the buses, and it is hoped these will improve with the new timetable. DMcK raised issues on littering, potholes and leaves not being picked up.

7. Updates

- (a) **Victoria Park Area Partnership (VPAP) & Neighbourhood Infrastructure Investment Fund (NIIF)** DR updated on VPAP meeting on 16/04 with NIIF fund costing requests from all community councils within VPAP. Interested readers are suggested to consult previous minutes for the development of NIIF proposals. The NIIF balance is £856k, with Broomhill sharing one quarter of the remainder, minus whatever will be spent on the overarching/common items. This amount has yet to be finalised. However, for any work to be done the costings from NRS must be made and it is predicted this will be a bottleneck, as 28 other Area Partnerships are also in the process of obtaining costings.
- (b) **VPCT** A letter was requested to support a funding bid made to the National Lottery Heritage fund to pay for an extensive tree survey of the park. BCC has committed to support this activity.
- (c) **Friends of Naseby Park (FoNP)** Thanks for donations via Area Partnership for new tree planting including some new cherry trees. An arborist has been to inspect the trees in the park, and they have been assessed as being beyond their natural life span, and will need to be felled in the future, the VPAP money will be there to do a like-for-like replacement. Looking at getting Clarence Court involved in new planters, and looking to see if the school or other community groups to adopt these. The 29th of April is the Cherry Blossom Festival and BCC will have a table and participate to encourage people to attend. Grass cutting and hedges to be cut for the event. The volunteer work of the FoNP members who have made the park a delight. In taking out dead bushes a rat's nest has been uncovered and this has now been fenced off and is being managed. Dog owners are being requested to keep their dogs on a lead.
- (d) **Planning** No planning applications
- (e) **BCC bank accounts** Metro bank won't open an account without visiting a branch, unfortunately they have no branches in Scotland. We will next try Nationwide.

- (f) **Associate Membership** DR will be resigning as a community councillor to enjoy his retirement. BCC has agreed to retain DRs support as an associate member supporting the VPAP work of our new lead EH but no longer attending meetings.

Next Meeting 14th May, 2025. Meeting Closed at 20:50 with a vote of thanks to the chair.