

Minutes of Meeting (no.438) of Broomhill Community Council

12th February 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), Elaine Hindle (EH), Abigail Harding (AH), Roy Hamdy (RH) and David Rennie (DR), Lorna McWilliams (LMcW, Vice Chair & Treasurer). Samuel Stair (SS) and Zoe Grainge (ZG) from New Practice, and local residents Alan Ramsay, and John Bradley. Apologies were received from: Isobel Yates, Cllr Eunis Jassemi (EJ) , PC Andy McKay (AMcK) from Police Scotland and Patricia Ferguson MP.
2. Minutes of Previous Meetings. Approved online via slack and on the website.
3. Matters Arising: Discussed the possibility of using AI for minute-taking. Agreed to trial AI minute taking if not then seeking for paid volunteers come forward through Broomhill Watch.
4. **Police Report** Police Scotland have notified they will no longer routinely attend community council meeting Andy McKay (AMcK) was unable to attend.
5. **Councillor reports** LLM reports issues with bins and drains from local residents, which has been brought to the attention of NRS. New bin put into bus terminus for number 4 bus at local resident request. Issue raised about bin disappearing in corner of Woodcroft and Churchill drive. Query was raised about the replacement of the post box on Crow Road, LLM to investigate. MMcK raised issue of carers and challenges in getting support. LLM raised new Carers champion at GCC level. VPAP also has health and social care rep who will be asked to report.
6. Office Bearers reports:
 - (a) **Chair** The chair thanked EJ for his help in publicise the work of the friends of Naseby Park which led to Pauline McNeil MSP lodging a motion in Holyrood congratulating the groups on their charitable work.
 - (b) **Vice-Chair** No News to report.
 - (c) **Secretary & Correspondence** HR reported on correspondence about the Local Place Plan. Correspondence about Marlborough oval and dog littering, and the lack of cleaning. It was suggested BCC would be willing to fund a new dog bag bin for the park, but it would be good to have support from local residents to further these goals. BCC is willing to help local residents establish a pressure group the Friends of Marlborough Oval.
 - (d) **Treasurer** £3901.72 .

7. **Broomhill Local Place Plan** SS and ZG outlines the LPP draft. There will be a 28 day statutory consultation on the LPP as the final end of the plan. The LPP report will be hosted on the BCC website. The LPP is centred around a number of future initiatives. A lot of the LPP is high level ambition, as the area is already developed. Future Narrative (FN) 1 deals with Green spaces in Broomhill, plan about using the vacant woodland near the railway for community wellbeing. Plan will seek to preserve green spaces in Broomhill to ensure no development can happen on them. FN2 deals with safe and accessible movement across Broomhill. This touches on safety for school children such as extending the school streets to Woodcroft during school pickup time, addressing flooding in the neighbourhood. Improving Broomhill lane and the path through the woodland for general safety and accessibility. Improving safe cycling routes. FN3 Community living and better dwelling, ambitions for community space to provide indoor and outdoor space. FN4 Managing the impact of major roads. For more details about the LPP the final consultation is available to comment until 17/03/25 here.

8. **Public Open Forum** Local Resident John Bradley raised concerns about the maintenance and graffiti in the underpasses in the area.

9. Updates
 - (a) **Victoria Park Area Partnership (VPAP) & Neighbourhood Infrastructure Investment Fund (NIIF)** £1m is held by VPAP for NIIF. £800k will be split between the community councils with the Broomhill share being circa £200k. LPP will inform how the money is spent. BCC had to decide what should be priced up by NRS with a view to being done. We are only allowed 3 guaranteed to be priced up, as such it was decided to price up underpasses being upgraded, flooding, as well as safety improvements.
 - (b) **VPCT** AH involved in leading an Arts strategy with the chair Steve Nelson. Engaging muralist to deliver art on the four underpasses servicing the park. Concept to work with illustrator producing a calendar (Damian Henry). Poetry path is being developed for VPCT, installing poems around the local area.
 - (c) **Friends of Naseby Park** Cherry Blossom festival to take place 26th of April. New event Picnic in the park to take place weather permitting 26th of July. Aim is to encourage park usage, but as a lower-key event than the festival. FoNP looking into history of the park with a view to making an installation. Plans for a new community newsletter with input from BCC, Church, Primary School, etc. A vote of thanks was made to the Volunteers who have tidied up the park and made it look fantastic. Some of the upkeep was done through community payback scheme Open Gates.
 - (d) **Planning** No planning applications
 - (e) **Broomhill Green Spaces** A discussion was held about supporting other green spaces in Broomhill to have their own ‘Friends of’ set up to effectively liaise with NRS and ensure resident concerns about their upkeep are met. Agreed to liaise with Friends of Naseby park to see if they could help facilitate the set up of these groups.

10. AOCB

Next Meeting 12th February, 2025. Meeting Closed at 20:25 with a vote of thanks to the chair.