

Meeting (no.450) of Broomhill Community Council

13th May 2026 19.00
Broomhill Primary School Library
57 Edgehill Road, G11 7HZ

Minute

1. Welcome

Committee members present were: Isobel Yates (IY, Secretary, VPAP), Abigail Harding (AH, Victoria Park Community Trust), Morag McKerrell (MMcK), Roy Hamdy (RH), Maire Moya McCann (MMcC)

IY welcomed everyone to the meeting which she advised she was chairing in the absence of the chair and vice chair.

2. Sederunt and Apologies

The attendee's sheets were completed prior to the start of the meeting.

Apologies were received from Barbara McTavish (BMcT, chair), Lorna McWilliams (LMcW, Vice Chair and Treasurer), Elaine Hindle (EH, Victoria Park Area Partnership (VPAP) and Friends of Naseby Park rep), Andy Gill (AG), Patricia Ferguson (PF MP), Cllr Lana Reid-McConnell (LRMcC), Cllr. Eunis Jassemi (EJ), and PC Andy McKay.

3. Previous Minute

The pervious minute was approved online, via Slack.

(a) Matters Arising

1. Randolph & Churchill Work clarified from previous minute, installation of safe crossing.
2. Bins at Randolph and Churchill: In absence of councillors there was no update. It was noted that there was a lot of broken glass round the bins. This item will roll over to next meeting.
3. Neighbourhood Clean Team fly tipping in Broomhill Drive: In absence of councillors there was no update. This item will roll over to next meeting.

During discussion a number of other items were noted:

- The large pavement pot hole in Marlborough Avenue has not been fixed.
- Broomhill Watch has raised issue of pot holes in Broomhill Lane. IY advised that the lane was private and the council was not responsible for its repair.
- The bin that went on fire at corner of Woodcroft and Edgehill has not been replaced.
- Broomhill Watch has advised residents that scam window cleaners are in the district. They are getting money to clean windows but not carrying out the work.

4. Police Report

As was previously noted there will no longer be any formal reports provided. Police participants will provide a verbal report if they attend. PC McKay was not in attendance. Email questions will be forwarded to him for a response. However, IY was able to pass on information she had received from PC McKay in respect of the broken down black Audi in Broomhill Drive. It has been scheduled for removal.

5. Councillor Reports

In absence of councillors there were no reports.

6. Office Bearer Reports

(a) Chair: In BMcT's absence, IY read out a written report. The main item about the black Audi had been actioned following the chair's communication.

(b) Secretary & Correspondence: IY reported on a number of matters that had been raised by email by residents and others:

- a. Tree management issue in area near Hyndland station: This has been raised with councillors. However, progress has been constrained by the presences of Japanese knotweed which is being eradicated. However this takes time. There is also now an issue with disease in the ash trees. It was agreed that this needed to be regularly raised with the council officers particularly as there is a fly tipping problem in that area.
- b. The issue of a cherry tree being removed in a private garden in Churchill Drive was raised with a query as to what is the status of tree preservation orders. It was noted this was on old tree and old cherry trees can be problematic. It is not an ideal tree to replant in all locations with fruit trees being a better option. The suggestion was made that the community council should have access to a stock of trees for replanting purposes. Action; AH.
- c. There is a problem at the allotments. Following the cutting back of shrubbery by the council there has been subsidence and one of the fences is broken. IY noted that during the area partnership walk round with NRS Representatives it was noted that there was additional planting available. The allotment area might be a good recommendation. MMcK suggested the triangle opposite the school might also benefit from planting. Action IY.
- d. The bin that went on fire was also subject to an email communication. This was covered under Item 3(a). Action IY.
- e. A complaint had been raised on the lack of consultation on the work at the junction above the tunnel.
- f. A survey is underway to ascertain if there is support for the Thornwood Community Green to become an asset transfer to the community.
- g. Victoria Park partnership is undertaking a survey into what additional facilities residents and park visitors want in the park.
- h. Multiple Commonwealth Games updates are on social media.
- i. Notification has been received on a number of training opportunities for Community Councillors, e.g. How to Chair Meetings, Managing Conflict etc.

- j. A City Community Benefits Hub has been set up. Applications can be made to get financial or manpower support for community groups. Brian McLellan can be contacted for the list of opportunities.
- k. Nothing further has been received from on the parking services in relation to the RPZ since the February meeting.

(c) Vice Chair and Treasurer: In LMcW's absence IY advised that there was £1,774 in the ordinary administrative fund and £40 in the sponsorship fund.

7. Public Open Forum

There was a wide ranging discussion on a number of items raised which the following points summarise:

- a. Nothing has been done in Marshal Park in respect of the trees. The branches are down to shoulder height. It was noted that Cllr EJ was dealing with this.
- b. It was noted that Feargal Dalton was a shared councillor with Victoria Park. However, he can only be contacted via email.
- c. Concern was raised about the number of bins outside the KOI restaurant. Cllr LRMcC to be asked for the rules governing numbers and locations of bins for business premises. It was also noted that the outdoor seating set up during Covid had become a permanent feature. Some people are for and some against. Action: IY.
- d. There is concern that it is not clear what the situation is about large communal bins being sited within the conservation area. Cllr LRMcC to be asked what the rules and plans are for the area. Action: IY.
- e. MMcM advised that she has a new, large picnic bench which is available. It still needs to be built. It was noted that the council need to approve any such deployment. AH said she would find a location for it.
- f. IY raised the suggestion at the previous meeting for a community chat meeting day. It was thought once pre year would be appropriate. It was agreed that a small group would come back to the June meeting with a proposal. MMcK to organise a small group.
- g. MMcK suggested that the Community Council should consider objecting to the renewal of the nursery lease so that the building could become a community centre. It is a ten year lease. IY advised that the nursery was part of the area's educational provision plan.

8. Updates

- (a) Victoria Park Area Partnership: IY advised that at the four Community Councils' meeting on 13th April, chaired by LRMcC. The NIIF funding was discussed. A number of projects were approved. The Randolph Road/ Clarence Drive work had been done as had the Beechwood Lane guard rail. Naseby Park lights and path and facilities for Broomhill Community Park are on the list. Other items are being considered. There are two further meeting this year, in September and November.
- (b) Victoria Park Community Trust: AH advised that the Trust was trying to engage the community in events and a survey on what is wanted is currently underway. The Spring Fayre was well attended with EJ and PF in attendance. The Fossil Grove has re-opened. However, it is only open once a month due to lack of volunteers. New volunteers are requested.

- (c) Friends of Naseby Park: In EH's absence it was noted that the Cherry Blossom Festival had gone well and was attended by a large number of people.
- (d) Messaging: Nothing to report.
- (e) Planning: IY advised on two matters:
 - a. The licensing Board is undertaking a Pre-consultation survey on the current regulations for the sale of alcohol and the number of establishments. It is not a Broomhill issue but there does appear to be a problem in Whiteinch.
 - b. A planning application has been submitted for a 30M (90ft) Virgin 5G mast to be sited in Victoria Park. IY read out the BCC response to the application which is to support ongoing investment in digital infrastructure but to oppose the proposed location as inappropriate as it is incompatible with the character and function of the park. Members were also referred to the Facebook site which covers this response. IY noted that the other relevant Community Councils were also objecting. Responses to the application close on 19th May.

9. A.O.C.B.

The following items of business were raised:

- (a) It was noted that following the sale of the bowling green no planning application had yet been submitted.
- (b) IY advised that the RPZ legal opinion work was progressing and she thanked residents for their submissions of FOI requests and responses.
- (c) MMcK suggested that the Community Council should consider another Broomhill Award. This had been done in the past in respect of the area planters. MMcK proposed that an award should be given to relevant residents involved in the Naseby Park gardening work. The suggestion was for 4 plants, one for each season. It was agreed that MMcK would liaise with EH and come back to the next meeting with a proposal. Action: MMcK.
- (d) It was noted that two new people had been appointed to be the Community Council support liaison for the Council. These people are unknown to the Community Councils. It was proposed that these people be asked to come and make themselves known at a Community Council meeting. LRMcM to be asked to find out if this is possible. Action: IY.

IY thanked the residents for coming.

Date of the next meeting is Wednesday 10th June 2026

The meeting closed at 8.15pm