

Mosshad News Autumn 2019

Mosshad Residents Association



Mosshad Farm 1960

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Annual General Meeting

Our AGM was held Wednesday on 29th May 2019 in the Ski Club. About 70 members attended. Colin Froggat was re-elected Chairman, Michael Hitchman is our new Vice chairman, Josie Beeley continues as our Treasurer and acting Secretary and Phyllis Howe was re-elected to the Committee. We welcomed 7 new members to the Committee: Alan Follett, Gill Fraser, David Murray-Smith, Liz McLaren, Ken Muir, Kate O'Hagan and Ann Orr. Sue Scordia stepped down from the Committee at the meeting and was thanked for her services, as were the services over many years of Donald MacDonald who had been one of our longest standing and most reliable deliverers of our newsletters.

Membership and Subscriptions

By the time you receive this Newsletter one of our volunteers should have knocked on your door to ask if you wish to support the Association for the current year, or left a leaflet accordingly. If you are still not a member for the current year (i.e. do not have one of our blue plastic membership cards) all you need to do is to hand in your £5 sub at the Co-op together with a note of your address and a card will be delivered to your door. Benefits of membership not only include supporting the Association and voting rights at the AGM, but also discounts at the Burnbrae, Purple Edge, 55 Bar and Grill and the Ski Club.

Local Development Plan – Main Issues Report

At the turn of the year we were alerted to the early phase consultation of the Local Development Plan 2 which will determine development in Bearsden (and all of East Dunbartonshire) for the next 5 years at least.

Local concern was aroused around Christmas time when surveyors appeared on Craighdu Farm. Along with Mains Estate Milngavie Residents Association, we were able to jump into gear, inform you of the consultation process and give you information as to how to comment on the process and what future developments might be. There was an overwhelming response with some 1,400 representations, and a substantial proportion coming from Mosshead and Milngavie Mains Estate. Such a response was probably unique in local government history and so a big “Thank you” on behalf of the Association to the very many of you who responded in your own different ways. This was not quite what EDC expected!

At the same time, a Milngavie and Bearsden Greenbelt Action Group was formed, which includes representatives from Mosshead Residents, Milngavie Mains Estate Residents and other local groups. This group has been meeting regularly since the beginning of the year in preparation for production of the Main Issues Report (draft MIR) which is the next state in the consultation process. This report was approved by EDC Council on 26 September and is now open for consultation from 15 October to 10 December (<https://www.eastdunbarton.gov.uk/main-issues-report-consultation>). Copies are also available in the HUB Library. A drop in session will be held at the HUB on Tuesday 26th November 3pm – 7pm. It is very important that people respond to this second consultation to confirm what they want and don't want for Bearsden as this is the last public consultation stage of the LDP2 process prior to publication of the next Local Plan.

The good news so far is that the only scheduled developments planned for Bearsden are on brown field land. They are Nithsdale Crescent and the shop block areas on Milngavie Road at the end of Manse Road. Some brown field land near Halley's may also be included. The draft MIR proposes to retain the existing greenbelt around Bearsden, including the thick end of the Craighdu Wedge beside Mosshead. So EDC officers have listened to the electorate which is good news and we have won round one. The next stage however is consultation on this report (see above) and we will shortly be distributing guidance notes on how to comment and points you may wish to make. But the developers will also have the opportunity to respond and they are unlikely to be pleased with the current report!! So there is a lot more to come, including possible appeals. Your continued support is essential.

A key issue in opposing any further major development in Bearsden is the traffic and air pollution. We are fortunate in having Michael Hitchman on our Committee who is an expert on this and has made regular substantial informed objections to various local planning applications. His latest objection is to the proposed Early Learning Centre at the site of the Brookwood Library, and his concerns can be read at the following link:

<https://www.milngavieherald.co.uk/health/scientist-voices-pollution-fears-over-new-early-years-centre-at-bearsden-1-5014856>

Local Transport Strategy

The consultation period for the Draft Local Transport Strategy 2020-2025 is currently open until 12 November 2019. You can check out the Draft Strategy, background report, corresponding Environmental Report - and fill out an online survey - by visiting the consultation webpage www.eastdunbarton.gov.uk/draft-local-transport-strategy. Copies of the Strategy and paper response forms are available from Community Hubs.

No. 15 Bus

Mosshead residents are no doubt aware that, since 12th August, the No 15 bus service has been reinstated over its full route from Milngavie Railway Station to George Square in Glasgow via the Mains Estate, Baljaffray shopping centre, Bonnaughton, Bearsden Cross, Anniesland, Hyndland Road, University Avenue and Charing Cross. According to the information available at the Glasgow Citybus website (<https://westcoastmotors.co.uk/glasgow-citybus/>) this service will be operated between Milngavie and Anniesland on the basis of a two-year tender awarded by SPT. Citybus will operate the remainder of the route to the city centre on a commercial basis, so the future of this service will depend very clearly on the level of usage. For people living in Mosshead, the nearest bus stops are in Grampian Way and in Drymen Road. The service is on an hourly basis, which is far from ideal, but it is important that all of us living in this area give the service our full support. It is made very clear on the Citybus website that we must use it or risk losing it again. The timetable is shown on bus stops, is available in leaflets that can be picked up on the buses or can be found on the website: <https://westcoastmotors.co.uk/glasgow-citybus/>.

Now the bus is back, we must make use of it and hopefully we now have a case to get the path from Baillie Drive to Stockiemuir Road and those steps improved.

Heather Avenue Park

The Association received a large number of complaints about Heather Avenue Park not having been mown earlier this year. These came from a variety of users and made clear the importance this park plays in the quality of life for those in this area. An approach was made to EDC by your Committee and we were informed that this was because the Street Scene Team had decided that it should be allowed to 'grow naturally'. We are delighted to report that the park has now been mown and we thank Councillor Sheila Mechan for her assistance in this. Currently we have no further information about the proposal to convert Heather Avenue park into allotments or a community garden!

Local Planning Applications

- **38 Campsie Drive.**

A planning application for two semi-detached houses at 38 Campsie Drive has been finalised and permission been granted. This is an s75 agreement which will provide a financial contribution of £13,300 towards the provision of affordable housing and £8,718 towards the provision of education.

- **33 Lovatt Avenue.**

Planning permission was granted recently for the demolition of one bungalow on this site which was to be subdivided and replaced with two such structures. Very recently an application has been submitted to replace the proposed dwelling at the far end of the site with a block consisting of two flats. Objections have been submitted by this Association, Bearsden North Community Council and some residents based on overdevelopment of the area. Amended plans were then submitted and we were given some 8 days to respond. The outcome is still unknown.

Website.(www.mosshead.org)

Our website is now functional again. But we need your views, information and photos to put on it. We look forward to hearing from you.

And last, but not least –

Stockiemuir Avenue Co-op continues to give us excellent service. Keith Hutchison and his friendly and helpful staff are on hand with a warm welcome . And if you need a hand or perhaps cannot get out to the shops, they are ready to assist. Just ring them on 0141 942 7226. We welcome the improvements to the wall at the back of the car park, but those potholes are still there!

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Community Policing Team (covering Bearsden North)

All calls are now dealt with by dialling 101.

IN EMERGENCIES (or if in doubt) DIAL- 999

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