

Mosshad News Autumn 2020

Mosshad Residents Association



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2020 A Year Challenged by Covid-19

Our Spring 2020 Newsletter informed us of our 2020 AGM in May and the various issues with which the Association was involved. We looked forward to an interesting and challenging year. Hardly had those leaflets been delivered than we were in lock down, the Ski Club was closed and of course our meeting was cancelled. Gradually things are returning to normal. But difficult times still lie ahead. Because of the cancellation of our AGM, the Committee has agreed to continue in office for the time being and we plan to hold our next AGM, covering two years of activity, in 2021. This is all we could do and we trust that this is acceptable to our members.

Membership

In the circumstances, the Committee has decided that we will not be collecting subscriptions for the current year. Membership fees paid in 2019 -2020 will be valid until June 2021. However, because membership cards entitle holders to local discounts, new cards will need to be issued. Your new card should be delivered to your door within a couple of weeks of receipt of this newsletter, but if that does not happen or you would like your new card before then, please leave your current card at the Co-op and a note of your address and we will rectify the matter.

New Members

Since the spring, we have welcomed many new residents to Mosshead and this will be your first communication from us. We are your local residents' association and are involved in a variety of topics of local interest and importance. Membership of the Association is £5. If you wish to join, please leave £5 at the Co-op, together with a note of your address and your membership card will be delivered to your home.

Concessions

Discounts are available at the Burnbrae, Purple Edge and the Ski Club on production of a valid membership card. We regret that we can no longer get a discount at the 55 Bar & Grill.

LDP2 – Main Issues Report

The response to the LDP2 Main issues Draft Report was overwhelming and we thank all of you who responded in various ways. The Main Issues Report was published in September. It contains some 3,000 words and copies are only just becoming available. There are no major changes from the draft report and there will be no development of the green belt. The report can now be accessed on the EDC website (www.eastdunbarton.gov.uk/LDP2). There are several sections. Owing to the restrictions in place because of the COVID-19 pandemic, a hard copy of the LDP2 and the other documents will also be available to borrow in the HUB library as part of the Connect and Collect service. Collection is by appointment only. For further information on this service please check the East Dunbartonshire Leisure & Culture Trust website <https://www.edlc.co.uk/libraries/connect-collect>, or telephone the library between 10am and 1pm : Bearsden Library, 69 Drymen Road, Bearsden G61 3QT. Telephone 0141-777- 3021.

The main item of interest is that nine additional developers submitted applications for land development after publication of the draft report. However, EDC has rejected all of them (see the section on Additional Site

Assessments, in the Main Issues Report). The consultation period for this report is open from October 19th 2020 and closes on Friday 15th January 2021. We will be giving you further information as to how to respond to the consultation together with guidelines as to what you may wish to include. We hope to have this available by mid November. Developers will almost certainly appeal against the report and it will then be referred to the Reporter at the Scottish Office for a decision. An important part of that process will be the volume of responses to the Main Issues Report and the views expressed. This will be the last chance for local residents to have input into the process.

There will also be some online information sessions; Bearsden will be covered on Tuesday 10th November from 10.00 – 10.45 am; to register for this session, email development.plan@eastdunbarton.gov.uk two working days beforehand. An email and telephone helpline (0300 123 4510) will also be available. The main conclusions of this report, together with guidance as to how to submit comments will be covered in a separate issue of the Mosshead News later in the year by which time more detailed information will be available. However, it is thanks to the overwhelming response to the Early Phase consultation and Main Issues Report Draft that we believe EDC has rejected other than minor developments in the Bearsden and Milngavie areas, and preserved all of our green belt land. We need to reinforce this at this next consultation as well.

Development Issues

Residents in Mosshead with large gardens have been targeted by developers with offers to buy their properties at above market value prices, with the aim of demolishing them and replacing them with flatted developments. These planning applications imply that the population is aging and the area becoming rundown and in need of development. The opposite is the case; property is selling well, and new residents are keen to come to this area. One such recent planning application attracted 45 objections, was withdrawn and resubmitted with a similar response from the area and was then withdrawn completely. Currently the only two derelict sites in Mosshead are both ones where developers purchased the property and sought planning application for flatted developments. It is unclear what the current situation is in either case.

Local Transport

The Association is joining with other groups in an attempt to improve public transport to the area; we advocate provision of a loop bus service, extra parking at rail stations and double tracking of the line to Westerton. Currently the platform at Milngavie station is being extended and this should improve the reliability of our train service.

Heather Avenue Park

Although EDC planned to upgrade Heather Avenue Park this year, in practice little has been done because of lock down. Some areas of grass have been mown but most of it was cut only very recently. We will be in touch with EDC to discuss plans for next year. Provision of steps from Baillie Drive to Stockiemuir Road was very welcome and we are informed that the adjacent areas will shortly be improved too. Concern has however been expressed about the state of the paths and roadside edges elsewhere in the estate.

The Co-op

We thank Gary Manson and his staff at the Co-op for the excellent service they gave us during lock down. The Co-op would like to thank everyone for their patience during these difficult times and also ask everyone when visiting the store to follow current government guidelines; they thank us for our continuing support. So please do try to support the Co-op whenever you can – how could we manage without them?

Covid Scams

Despite the real problems many people have faced during the present crisis, there are still those who are trying to capitalise on the misfortunes of others. The NHS never charges for Covid tests. Never give any personal information to that cold caller on the phone – just hang up – and if you need property repairs, ask a neighbour or consult the list of EDC or Which? Rated Traders. Your bank will never ask you for bank details or a password over the phone.

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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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