

Mosshead News Autumn 2021

Mosshead Residents Association



Mosshead Farm 1960

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General Matters

The 2020 AGM was cancelled because of lockdown. The Committee hoped that as Autumn 2021 approached, whether it would be feasible to hold a 2021 AGM would become clear. With continued uncertainty, no decision has yet been made. In the meantime, the current committee will continue in office, but we need some new volunteers to take us forward. Anyone interested in joining the committee will be welcome aboard as a co-opted member. Despite all this, your Committee has had two or more busy years. We can certainly say that they have 'made a difference'.

Membership

Because of the continuing situation, there will be no charge for membership for the current year. Membership cards which expire in September 2022 will be distributed within a couple of weeks of circulation of this newsletter. If you do not receive a replacement card and would like one (e.g. for concessions such as at The Burnbrae or Purple Edge), please contact us (chair@mosshead.org or 07860149079). Newcomers to Mosshead who would like a membership card (free of charge) should also let us know.

Land Development Plan (LDP2): Update

The proposed plan was delivered to Scottish Ministers by EDC on 15th June 2021 for examination. Reporters have been appointed to examine the plan. A summary of key issues to be considered has also been provided. This process will commence not earlier than 27th October 2021. Copies of the plan are available at local libraries and on the EDC website. Everyone who submitted a representation on LDP2 should have received a communication from EDC containing more detailed information and explaining the procedure involved.

Greenspace Strategy Consultation

The Mosshead Association submitted a response to this process which closed at the end of September. The importance of retention of current green spaces was stressed, together with the need for provision of these in future developments.

Concern was expressed that in the report which formed part of the documentation for this process, the condition of the Kilmardinny - Mosshead play park was rated 'good', the same as other play parks in the area. It was however stressed that in comparison with other parks in the areas rated as 'good', the condition of our play park was 'poor'. with equipment damaged or broken and children frequently paddling in mud

Argyll Road Park

Earlier this year, the grass in Argyll Road Park suddenly turned from green to brown, having been sprayed with herbicide by EDC. On enquiring as to the reason for this, we were informed that it was to become a 'wildflower meadow'. Hardly had this information been received, when a tractor arrived and started to plough up the park. There was an uproar by local residents, who physically obstructed the contractor and eventually the work was terminated. EDC had made this decision without any prior local consultation. It has now been agreed that this will be suspended, and the park has been reseeded with grass.

We also learned that the grassy slope in Kilmardinny Park, including the sledging slope, had also been designated to become a wildflower meadow; this project has also now been suspended and hopefully now abandoned.

Heather Avenue Park

Heather Avenue Park continues to be a problem area. We welcome the development of the northern part, adjacent to the play park, for the encouragement and enhancement of wildlife has been welcomed. However, more than half of the park is unsightly and impenetrable. Some wildflowers were planted and recently the long grass has been cut and removed. Drainage continues to be a problem. So, what can be done? Provision of an outdoor gym? Planting of aquatic plants in the part which is continuously waterlogged? Would some trees help? Why not seed some small areas with wildflower seeds like those on some roundabouts? Comments and suggestions would be most welcome.

Kilmardinny - Mosshead Play Park

In the summer 2021 issue of the Newsletter, we erroneously reported that EDC had agreed to spend £70 – 100k on upgrading the park when in fact this was the sum required. This error arose from a communications breakdown in a zoom meeting followed by an email failure. We apologise. However, we are pleased to be able to report that work on improving the existing drainage has been carried out. We are also now pleased to be able to report that an additional main drain and side drains are shortly to be installed. Pressure must continue to be put onto EDC to continue the upgrade of this much used facility. (See also comments above).

Local Developments

38 Campsie Drive. The burning question in Mosshead is just what is happening here? The property was demolished in January of this year, and the trees then removed contrary to the planning permission. Construction started in February / March, but we understand that a building warrant was not issued until later. A local resident alerted EDC to the fact that the foundations were higher than on the plans, with the result that the building was higher than planned. Work continued for a few weeks thereafter but then stopped. Currently no further information is available.

33, Lovat Avenue. Despite objections, planning permission has been granted for two buildings on this site, each being a two storey two flatted development. Access to the upper flat in each is via a ramp. Concern has been expressed that the area enclosed by the developer includes a wooded strip of Kilmardinny Park, several metres wide. Trees within this strip are in danger of being felled.

The Association is concerned that planning permission is being granted to developers who buy family homes, with the purpose of demolition and over development for financial gain but are of no benefit to the community. Thanks to an unprecedented number of objections to similar plans for another house in Mosshead, the application was withdrawn.

The Co-op

Gary, the Manager, and his staff thank residents for their continued support over the last few months. The car wash in August raised over £700 for the Scottish Association for Mental Health so a massive 'thank you' for all those who attended. The Co-op looks forward to being of service to us in the coming months, especially during the festive season.

Users of the car park adjacent to the Co-op are delighted with the recent resurfacing. Thanks to all involved.

Glasgow Airport Flightpath

Some three years ago, there was extensive consultation about changing the flight path into Glasgow Airport in order to comply with new international regulations. With the steady resumption of flights over Mosshead, many of you may be wondering what is happening. Apparently, after the consultation, it was discovered that there was a mistake in the process and the procedure would have to start again. Then along came COVID, and that is where we understand the situation now lies.

Mavis Valley Waste Recycling Centre

An advance booking only system has recently been introduced at Mavis Valley household waste recycling centre. Entry is now by on-line appointment only on the EDC website or by calling the Customer Service team, Monday to Friday 9:00 am to 5:00 pm on 0300 1234510.

The vehicle registration number is required when making the booking and ID to prove East Dunbartonshire residence is required on arrival. Only one adult should unload the vehicle unless two are needed for heavy items; EDC staff will be unable to assist with this.

Local Police

PC Andy Brand is now our community police liaison officer and is happy to assist in local problems. However, if you wish to report an incident, call police Scotland on 101. Unfortunately, they may be slow to answer your call, but do hang on because despite the delay the incident you wish to report will still be logged.

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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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