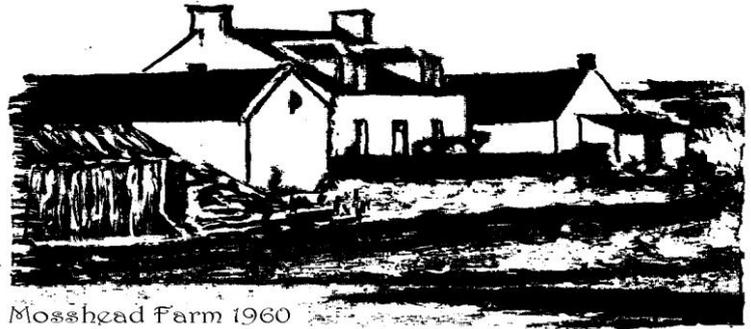


Mosshhead News Autumn 2022

Mosshhead Residents Association



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Update and AGM: Autumn 2022

After three extraordinary years, the Mosshead Association will be holding an **Annual General Meeting on Wednesday 26th October 2022 at 7.30 pm at the Ski Club**. We hope to conclude the business of the meeting by 9.00 pm to give members time for informal discussion and to socialise over light refreshments.

Although there has been no AGM for 3 years because of the Covid pandemic, these have been 3 busy years for the Association as you will see below in this Newsletter. Despite many ups and downs, during this time, the Mosshead Association has '*made a difference*' to life in Mosshead, as is evident from the items which follow in this Newsletter.

However, for this to continue, some new Committee members will be needed at the AGM as some committee members will be stepping down at that time. So please let us know (chair@mosshead.org) if you might be interested in joining us, the role is not too time consuming, and can be very rewarding. The Committee only meets 2 or 3 times a year and it is an excellent way of keeping abreast with local affairs. If the Association is to continue its effective work, we do need your help and support.

Subscriptions

Current membership cards expire at the end of September. Membership (£5) can be renewed at the AGM or when one of our representatives calls at your door. If you are not in, subscriptions can be paid at the Co-op and your card will be delivered to your door.

Successful operation requires financial support, and it is largely thanks to having adequate reserves that we were able to mount the response to the LDP2 consultation as we did. We therefore urge you to support the Association by taking out membership, so that we can continue to operate effectively in the future in what will be an even more challenging playing field. We will also be looking into how we can give our officers legal protection.

Welcome to our Councillors

At the local elections in May, we said farewell to Rosie O'Neill and Sheila Meechan, and thanked them for their services. Duncan Cumming was re-elected for Bearsden North, and we welcomed our new Councillors, Alan Reid, and Calum Smith. We look forward to working with all three of them over the next five years. Their contact details are at the end of this Newsletter; please do not hesitate to contact any of them if you think they can be of assistance.

Congratulations also to Duncan Cumming on being shortlisted for the 2021 Scottish Local Government Community Champion of the year award. At a ceremony at the Glasgow City Chambers in November, attended by civic dignitaries from all over Scotland, those present learned how Duncan, along with other finalists, had gone that extra mile in serving their communities, together with his many successes.

LDP2 – Local Development Plan 2

Following the early consultation phase in Spring 2019, the final version of the proposed plan was submitted to the Scottish Office in January 2021. The comments and revisions produced by the Reporter appeared in July 2022. The key item of concern to Mosshead was preservation of the green belt between Bearsden and Milngavie, especially the Craigdhu Wedge between Mosshead and Mains Estate where developers wanted to build several hundred houses. As part of the 'Save Our Green Belt Action Group', we worked in close collaboration with the Mains Estate Residents Association, and our submission was robust. Additionally, almost a thousand written representations were submitted by local residents at the early and main stage of formulating the plan by EDC. A response of this magnitude was unprecedented. EDC listened to us (we thank them for this) with the final submission including only minor developments in Milngavie and Bearsden.

The report of the Scottish Office stated 'That the proposed Local Development Plan 2 meets the requirements of Scottish Planning Policy and the Strategic Development Plan (Clydeplan) with regards to housing land supply. As such the Reporter is content that an effective land supply can be maintained throughout the plan period and that no additional housing releases are required. It

should be noted however that a number of technical changes relating to the text accompanying the housing land supply requirements have been made'.

So, it would appear that the green belt is safe for the period of LDP2. Thanks to everyone who took time to submit individual representations throughout the period.

The plan also includes a protected site for a future Milngavie Health Centre adjacent to the Milngavie Clinic together with a rail halt at the Allander. Despite strenuous efforts by various groups, the Scottish Government has declined funding for our Health Centre on the grounds that we are not a deprived area. This is despite being the most ageing population in Scotland, and with no local transport, together with little if any parking at GP surgeries, access to healthcare in this community is difficult.

Planning Matters

The Committee continues to express concern about developers targeting good quality family homes in Mosshead (either by purchase or making offers to buy to individual householders) for demolition and replacement with high density flatted developments. The Committee has sent a representation to EDC Planning Board asking that in future, all planning applications of this kind are rejected as a matter of settled policy.

Thanks to an unprecedented number of objections by local residents, such an application for a house in Stockiemuir Ave. was eventually withdrawn; currently another home in this road is under threat. We should not have to rely on local initiative to prevent these developments which would slowly change the nature of this area to its detriment.

Argyll Road Park

Thanks to action by local residents, ploughing up this park by EDC to replace it with a 'wildflower meadow' (like the central area in Colquhoun Park) was halted. A similar plan to plough up the grassy slope in Kilmardinny Park was then abandoned. Unfortunately, EDC embarked on this project without any prior consultation. The park has now been reseeded. Venti draining has been carried out to improve the drainage, but how successful has this been? Comments on this park are welcome.

Heather Avenue Park

Comments about this park range from appreciation of the areas of wildflowers and natural vegetation at the north end to the problem of large area being inaccessible because the grass is now unmown and the danger of ticks and other undesirables in the long grass, Drainage remains a problem too. A proposal has been put to EDC for the provision of lights along the path at the north end, together with additional litter bins.

In the summer, a competition was organised at Mosshead Primary School in which the children submitted their designs as to what facilities they would like in the park. The submissions were really impressive, the children were very creative and gave consideration to all the various users of the park; everything from disabled facilities to dog-friendly areas. The Association continues to liaise with EDC on future plans for this park.

The Co-op

A massive thank you from the Co-op to all the Mosshead residents for their continued support over the last few months. Did you know that the Co-op can now deliver as they have recently partnered with Deliveroo and Uber Eats and can have your groceries delivered in under an hour? Parcel services have also been launched in our local store: Amazon Hub, John Lewis, and DPD drop off / pick up points, so Christmas orders can be delivered and collected here at a time convenient for you. For further information, please ask one of our colleagues in store.

As ever, please scan your membership card in store to help support all local causes. Coming soon - a Celebration Day as we pay out to our current awardees and welcome new causes to share the great work they do.

No 15 Bus

Thanks to efforts by Duncan Cumming, this service is now secure for another 3 years. The service still only operates hourly, from Milngavie via Baljaffray, departing Bearsden Cross at XX.01 hrs, then along Switchback Road, Anniesland, Gartnavel Hospital, University of Glasgow main entrance and on to North Hanover Street, returning from North Frederick Street at XX.15 hrs. Further information <https://www.spt.co.uk/media/xgppo4nd/july-2021-combined.pdf>

Lennox Court

The grounds adjacent to Lennox Court flats and the adjacent terrace houses are private gardens being the property of the owners of these homes. They are maintained at the homeowner's expense. They are always well kept and add to the amenity of the area. This is appreciated by so many of our local residents. Unfortunately, some residents outwith the development have been taking their dogs into this area and allowing them to foul in these gardens. We have been contacted by the residents' committee to ask that they refrain from this; co-operation in respecting these gardens would be appreciated.

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All calls are now dealt with by dialling 101.

IN EMERGENCIES (or if in doubt) DIAL- 999

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