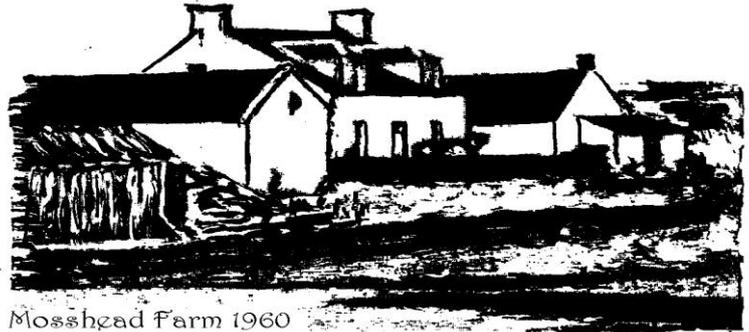


# Mosshad News Spring 2019

Mosshad Residents Association



Mosshad Farm 1960

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## **Annual General Meeting**

Our AGM will be held on **Wednesday 29 May 2019 at 7.30 pm in the Ski Club**. This will be your opportunity to meet your councillors, police officers, and neighbours. It will be followed by drinks and nibbles and a chance for informal discussion.

At the turn of the year we learned not only of the Local Development Plan 2 (see below) but also that surveyors were actively at work on Craigdhu Farm. Thanks to a dedicated small group of volunteers who have kept the Association going in recent years, we were able to jump into action at a few day's notice and inform all of our residents about the issue. And it is thanks to the efforts of this same small group that we had funds to cover the cost of these activities.

However, to enable the Association to continue, we do need some new volunteers to join the Committee; if you are able to assist we would be pleased to hear from you. We also envisage that we will need funds in order to respond to plans by developers and EDC in the near future. Accordingly, a proposal will be put to the AGM that the annual subscription is increased to £5 – still good value considering the discounts available to members!

***We look forward to welcoming you to our AGM in May.***

## **Local Development Plan (LDP 2) - Update**

The Local Development Plan 2 is the plan which will set the agenda for development in the EDC area. It will start in 2022 and last for about 10 years. The Early Engagement part of the consultation process is now complete and was an overwhelming success with over 800 responses. We understand that a significant number of these came from Mosshead and we thank all those who responded so promptly. Alongside this consultation there was a 'Call for Sites' by EDC which invited developers to submit their proposals. It was because of this that we became aware that surveyors were at work on the land currently designated green belt between Mosshead and Mains Estate Milngavie (Craigdhu Farm and adjacent land). The EDC Land Planning Policy Team will now consider all of these submissions and produce a Main Issues Report towards the end of this year. This will be our next opportunity for communities and stakeholders to provide comments to the Council. We do not know the time scale of this next consultation.

In preparation for this, several action groups in Bearsden and the surrounding area are actively gathering material in order to make an informed response. The Mosshead Association is represented on a group which includes Mains Estate Milngavie and adjacent residents' associations. There is liaison between these various groups. Please let us know if you are interested in participating in these groups or feel able to contribute.

Key issues of concern to all groups include the gross overdevelopment of Bearsden, air pollution, lack of school places, lack of GP services and traffic congestion. Most important of these is probably air pollution. A meeting between representatives of your Association and Gill Paterson MSP confirmed that air pollution will be a key issue in any development plan and that there is a statutory requirement on Local Authorities to reduce it. We are fortunate in that one of our members has very considerable expertise on pollution and we thank that member for the production of our recent Newsletter "A Breath of Toxic Air".

## **EDC Draft Food Growing Strategy 2019 - 2024 Consultation – (Allotments on Heather Avenue Park?)**

The Community Empowerment Act 2018 gives new rights for communities to have access to – and the right to lease – allotments. It is now the duty of each local authority to have an allotment waiting list and prepare a local food growing strategy for its area. This is to 'ensure that everyone in East Dunbartonshire has access to healthy nutritious food by having the opportunity to grow their own fruit, vegetables, herbs and flowers, thereby creating an increasingly healthy environment'. The draft policy document is available for consultation at the HUB at Bearsden Cross where comment forms are also available. They can also be downloaded from [www.eastdunbarton.gov.uk/draft-food-growing-strategy](http://www.eastdunbarton.gov.uk/draft-food-growing-strategy). The document designates Heather Avenue Park as an allotment area (Area 3) described elsewhere as a 'Community Garden'! It also designates the grassy slope in the park west of Kilmardenny Loch (Area 51) for allotments too. Comments can be submitted by email to [communitygrowing@eastdunbarton.gov.uk](mailto:communitygrowing@eastdunbarton.gov.uk) or by mail to Food Growing Policy Team, EDC, Southbank House, Strathkelvin Place, Kirkintilloch, G66 1XQ **not later than Sunday 9 June 2019**. There will also be a Drop in Session at the Fraser Institute, Milngavie from 3 – 7 pm on Thursday 27 May 2019. This is an important issue for residents in Mosshead (and Bearsden) where most houses already have gardens, so do please send in your comments before the deadline.

## Transport Strategy Options Report Consultation

This consultation also had a huge response, with over 200 submissions. Key items of interest to Mosshead are an Allander Rail Halt, double tracking of the rail line to Westerton, and a loop bus service to our area. Our meeting with Gill Paterson made clear that the first two are the remit of Network Rail and we now plan to pursue this with them. Any bus service must be financially viable and a case for this, despite our aging population, is not easy to make. And now the No 15 bus has been reduced to one bus per hour. It runs only in the daytime.

A report on this consultation will be produced 'which will lead to a series of actions and interventions to enhance travel and transport in East Dunbartonshire'. However, EDC currently has no transport action plan for Bearsden and it is the view of your Association and others that there should be no major development in Bearsden north of Canniesburn until there is a traffic management plan in place which has proven to be successful.

### Footgolf at Hilton Park Golf Club

Hilton Park Golf Club, Stockiemuir Road, now offer Footgolf, a combination of football and golf suitable for all ages and ideal for a fun, family activity amid stunning scenery. Footgolf is like target football – the aim is to kick a football from a set position (tee) to a 2 foot-wide Footgolf hole with a flagpole, some 100 + yards away, in as few kicks as possible. No football or golf experience is needed to play and balls are provided. The players get a scorecard for recording their own score. A Footgolf family round takes about 2 hours and the club offers meals and snacks before or after the round.

To try a Footgolf round or for more details contact the Professional Shop on [proshop@hiltonpark.co.uk](mailto:proshop@hiltonpark.co.uk) or 0141-956-5125 or refer to the website [www.hiltonpark.net](http://www.hiltonpark.net) An introductory 10% discount is offered to Mosshead residents on production of your membership card.

### Car Parking

With more and more cars in the area, parking of vehicles adjacent to your property can be difficult. Your Committee receives many complaints about problems caused by parked vehicles. Please try not to obstruct the driveways of your neighbours. Please also avoid parking adjacent to the broken white lines approaching junctions. (According to the Highway Code – do not park opposite or within 10 metres (32 feet) of a junction!)

### Local Issues

- **The path from Baillie Drive to Stockiemuir Road.** This matter is still being pursued and we are assured that something will be done soon!
- **"Report It"**. If you have local problems, such as blocked drains, faulty lighting or potholes, the first line of action is to "Report It" on the EDC website – it often works quite well, but not always – but do give it a try!

### Website.([www.mosshead.org](http://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

## Crime and Security

Crime levels in Mosshead are still quite low – the main problem is youth disorder in and around Stockiemuir Avenue and Mosshead Primary School. The other main problem is vehicle thefts resulting from theft of keys from houses. Keep car keys out of sight from front doors where they can easily be taken and even fished through letter boxes!

Milngavie Police office is no longer manned 24/7 and our two community police officers have been transferred to other duties. So please report any suspicious persons or vehicles via 101 or 999 or by contacting the Milngavie Local Problem Solving Team on [GreaterGlasgowLPSTMilngavie@Scotland.pnn.police.uk](mailto:GreaterGlasgowLPSTMilngavie@Scotland.pnn.police.uk).

## Scam Watch

The crimes to which most of us are likely to fall victim are scams, coming both as phone calls or emails. Current bogus phone calls include BT claiming to be about to disconnect your services, a reminder that your TV licence is about to expire, HMRC threatening imprisonment for non-payment of income tax, 'too good to be true' investment offers, companies 'working in your area', as well as the usual 'computer 'services''. Even more prolific are scam emails. Your bank account has been fraudulently accessed, HMRC either informing you of a tax refund or demanding tax payment, a 'friend' in need of urgent funds, emails appearing to be from a colleague / workmate you know well requesting speedy payment of a specified sum, bogus speeding and parking fines, a summons for a court appearance, fake invoices, prepayment for delivery of a parcel you are not expecting, etc. Do not open such emails – just delete them. All these communications have one thing in common – they want your bank details to enable the 'problem' to be resolved. Never give bank account information to anyone you do not know and trust. Never give your password to anyone. Reputable organisations will never ask for this information. And if you are caught out, contact your bank and the police.

***We look forward to welcoming you to our AGM in May***

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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**

Milngavie Police Office 0141-532-4018/4055.

**Milngavie Local Problem Solving Team**

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