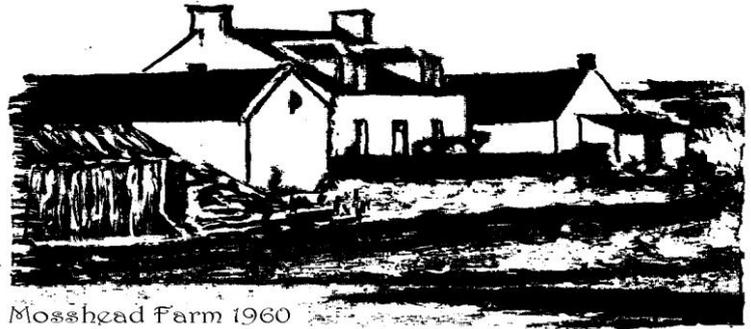


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Mosshhead Residents Association



Mosshhead Farm 1960

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Local Development Plan (LDP2) – latest

The consultation for the proposed local development plan 2 (LDP2) ended on 15th January 2021. Over 2,000 responses were received. Thanks are expressed to everyone who contributed to this overwhelming success. These responses are now being collated by EDC before the final plan is submitted to the Scottish Government. However, although most of the responses were supportive of the Council plan which protects the Green Belt, some may be from developers whose submissions were rejected. These submissions will be referred to the Reporter at the Scottish Office and are likely to lead to appeals by the various developers.

On the same day that consultations on LDP2 finally closed, 15th January 2021, EDC published a **Historic Environment Review** and asked the public for their comments. Reviews of this kind take place every few years to update information on conservation areas, townscape protection areas, locally important gardens and designed landscapes. They are to be welcomed because they improve our knowledge and understanding of the history and amenities of the area in which we live. The previous review was carried out in 2006. The current one was commissioned only in May, 2020. It gives detailed and fresh information about many of our areas of historic interest, such as Kilmardinny Park and the Bearsden Conservation Area. However, it also removes protected status from more than a third of the local garden and designed landscapes in East Dunbartonshire. In our area Westerton Garden Suburb and the Mains Estate in Milngavie lose their designation.

The Mains Estate includes part of the Craighdu Wedge in the Green Belt north of Mosshead. In the current version of LDP2 this area is protected from development as a historic designed landscape. Accordingly, applications to build houses there have been rejected. It is the Council's intention to incorporate the proposals of the Historic Environment Review into LDP2. It may then have to reconsider the applications to build houses in the Craighdu Wedge.

The three Bearsden Community Councils, together with Milngavie Community Council, have complained to EDC about the incorporation of the Historic Environment Review into LDP2 only after the lengthy consultation on the plan had been completed. They asked that the Review should be omitted from LDP2 and held over until a new plan (?LDP3) is in preparation. They pointed out that, *"In the worst case a developer could come forward to press for Planning Permission on a site which the local community believed was protected when consulted on LDP2 but which, almost as an afterthought, has now ceased to be so. Such a situation could seriously undermine community confidence in not only LDP2 but also the whole process of producing these plans."*

A particular weakness of the Review is that its authors failed to include the required local consultations, although they say that, *"The standard and criteria for designation are defined locally."* Consultation on the completed report is not really a substitute for seeking during its preparation the views of the local community for whom the Review was commissioned.

Full information about the Review and its contents are available on the EDC website www.eastdunbarton.gov.uk/jistoricenvironmentreview. Unfortunately, because of library closure, only those with an internet connection can access it. **The closing date for the consultation has now been extended to the 31st May 2021.** Comments should be sent either by email to development.plan@eastdunbarton.gov.uk or by mail to Planning Department, East Dunbartonshire Council, Southbank House, Strathkelvin Place, Kirkintilloch, G66 1XQ.

We urge you to submit your comments to the Council.

Kilmardinny Play Park

Concern has been expressed about the condition of Kilmardinny Play Park. The equipment is in a poor state of repair and our toddlers now paddle in mud. Thanks to the efforts of a local resident, who has carried out a survey on other local parks in comparison, a detailed document has now been submitted to EDC, with the support of Bearsden North Community Council. We hope that action to bring the park back to a usable state will be taken soon.

Heather Avenue and Baillie Drive Parks

Unfortunately, because of Covid, the improvements to Heather Ave park planned for 2020 did not take place. Currently we are asking EDC to continue to mow parts of this park this summer and in so doing improve pedestrian access to the various areas.

Concern has been expressed about the state of Baillie Drive Park adjacent to the new path and steps which had been installed at the North end. An assurance has been given that the contractor will be asked to rectify this problem.

Annual General Meeting

Unfortunately, the 2020 AGM was cancelled because of Covid but we are hopeful that we may be able to hold our 2021 AGM, albeit postponed until later in the year. In the meantime, the current committee members have agreed to continue in office, but if anyone would like to join us, we would be delighted to hear from you.

Membership

We are pleased to be able to inform you that the Committee has decided that no membership fees will be charged for the current year. In order that members will be able to continue to get discounts and make use of the other benefits of membership of the Association, we plan to replace the blue cards which have now expired with green ones valid until September 2022. There will be no charge.

Newcomers to Mosshead

Over the last year or so, many new residents have moved into the area. The Mosshead Association, your local residents' association, extends a warm welcome to you. For the coming year, membership will be available to you free of charge. If you would like to receive a membership card and some back issues of the Mosshead News, just send an email to chair@mosshead.org or leave a note at the Co-op marked for our attention.

Local Updates

- 38 Campsie Drive. After the property was demolished earlier this year, the contractor started on site on 8 March and have removed nearly all the trees. This is in breach of the granted planning permission. EDC are aware and have visited site and are considering what enforcement action to take. All work now seems to have stopped and the development still does not have a Building Warrant. The Committee are also aware of concerns raised regarding the pavements around the development which are a hazard to pedestrians. Contact will be made with EDC about these concerns.
- 33 Lovat Ave. Planning permission has been granted for the construction of two buildings each comprising two flats.
- Montrose Drive has been scheduled for resurfacing within the next few months.

Speeding and Parking of Stockiemuir Avenue

Concern has been expressed about vehicles speeding on Stockiemuir Ave., long-term parking of vehicles on this road and vehicles parking on yellow lines. The Committee will be looking into this.

Police and Security

Police officers Sgt. Steven McCooney, PC John Robertson and PC Andy Brand are our officers on the "Local Problem Solving Team for Bearsden North". They can be contacted on the email address below. However, this email is not monitored 24/7. If you see anything suspicious, dial 101. In an emergency of course never hesitate to dial 999.

It is also important to continue to be vigilant, especially concerning scam phone calls and scam calls at your door as we emerge from lockdown. Never give bank details over the phone, however convincing the caller may be, unless you are certain you know the party to whom you are talking to. Scam calls claiming to be from Amazon, the Inland Revenue, British Telecom and many other service providers are a regular occurrence.

"Report It"

If you have a local problem which is in the remit of EDC, try 'reporting it' on the EDC website. Whilst this does not always work, many problems are rectified, often within a few days. This procedure can be very effective!

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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 Local Problem Solving Team

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