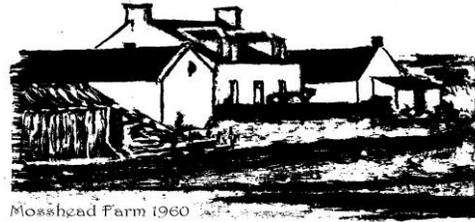


Mosshhead News

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Mosshhead Residents Association



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Historic Environment Review – Consultation

Every few years a review is carried out on our historic environment. This process is to be welcomed because it enables the historic aspects and features of the area to be reviewed and to be updated. The current review was delayed because of the covid pandemic and not published until January 15th 2021. An integral part of this review is communication by the consultants with local communities. Because of the covid situation, this was not possible. Accordingly, the review was essentially incomplete.

Whilst the review was comprehensive, concern has been expressed that the report recommends 10 of the 30 Local Gardens and Designed Landscapes (LGDL; 33% of the area in EDC) designated as of Historic Interest should lose this status. One such site is the Mains Estate in Milngavie; this also forms part of the Craighdu wedge (see map). This also includes land on which developers have applied to build houses on in LDP2 but which was declined by EDC. The current designation gives this green belt added protection against development, which is not covered by such as tree preservation orders, conservation areas etc.

The history of the Mains Estate dates back to 1373. Although much has changed since then, and it has become somewhat fragmented by more recent development, substantial areas of the designed landscape still remain. These include the Mains Plantation Woodland and Craighdu Woods together with trees of historic interest. There are also 2 Grade two listed buildings, the remains of the Castle and a Dovecote together with other buildings of historic interest. The Mains Estate Residents Association (MERA) has produced an extensive and comprehensive report in support of this area retaining its LDGL status.

Because there was no consultation with local community groups at the time of the review, nor was this information available to the reviewers at the time, it is deemed that the report is incomplete, it should be reconsidered and its current designation status retained. The national charity, Scotland's Garden and Landscape Heritage, has also recommended that none of the 10 sites across East Dunbartonshire should lose their LGDL status.

Accordingly, the Mosshead Association asked residents to support the MERA recommendations when submitting their comments. We are fortunate to have an area of such fascinating historic interest so close to Mosshead. We must do all we can to ensure that this is conserved for the future and not destroyed.

Full information about the Review and its contents are available on the EDC website www.eastdunbarton.gov.uk/historicenvironmentreview. **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.

AGM and Membership

As the covid situation gradually improves, and with life slowly returning to normal, the Association now hopes to be able to organise an AGM in the Autumn at the Ski club. It is hoped that further information about this will be available in the next issue of the Mosshead News.

Unfortunately, there has been a delay in the acquisition of updated membership cards which will expire in September 2022. We hope to be able to issue these shortly. Newcomers to Mosshead, or current residents who wish to become members of the Association should contact chair@mosshead.org. In the current year there will be no charge for Association membership.

Kilmardinny Play Park

The Committee is pleased to be able to inform you that EDC has agreed to spend £70K – 100K in upgrading the Kilmardinny Play park. Initially this will involve improvement of the drainage, followed by an upgrading of the equipment and facilities. It is anticipated that work will commence within the next six months but some preliminary studies have already been carried out. We thank EDC for this proposed investment and our Councillors for their support of our requests for this upgrade.

On behalf of the users and the local community, we wish to express a special 'Thank you' to the local resident who produced such a comprehensive report on the Kilmardinny Play Park in comparison with other play parks in the local area. Thanks also to two other local organisations and resident groups who supported this initiative.

Heather Avenue Park

Discussions are continuing between EDC and the Mosshead Association concerning the state and development of Heather Avenue Park. Last year, and again this coming year, EDC will be restricting mowing of the park to a 40metre square area and access routes which will enable users to walk across and around the park. Much of the park, however, will be allowed to grow naturally in order to encourage the growth of wild flowers. Users may have noticed that a range of wild flowers, such as cowslips, have recently been planted in some of these areas. As they grow, other wild flowers which have been planted will come into bloom. There is also a plan to enhance the wooded area at the North end of the park; this will include provision of nesting boxes for birds including owls.

Whilst we welcome this initiative from EDC, the Association has received continuing concerns about the limitation of the area to be mown and the appearance of some of the areas left to grow naturally. EDC however tell us that they have received many favorable comments about letting substantial areas grow naturally. We would welcome your views on this. Send them either to EDC and / or to the Mosshead Association. Your views as to how to optimise the development of this facility for the benefit of the community overall would be welcome.

The Co-op

As we head out of lockdown and into a more normal way of living, the Co-op would like to thank all the residents for their continued support. They ask that customers continue to follow the correct guidelines while using the store in order to help suppress the virus and protect staff and other customers.

The Co-op will shortly be holding a summer raffle, and also a charity car wash on the May Bank Holiday Monday and would ask for your support as they raise money for mental health charities. Gary and his team at Stockiemuir Co-op thank everyone for their support.

New Opening Hours for Mavis Valley Recycling Centre

Following on from the Scottish Governments further easing of travel restrictions, we can now confirm that from Monday 26th April 2021, the Mavis Valley Recycling Centre will move to the normal Summer operating hours.

Summer Opening Hours

Monday - Friday	0800 – 1930 hrs.
Saturday – Sunday	0900 – 1830 hrs.

Traffic Management will continue in place at this location in order to control traffic flow on the main Balmuildy Road. This will continue to be kept under regular review as the impact of the new opening hours settles in. The service is currently working with colleagues in other services to develop and introduce an online booking system. It is anticipated that this will allow better management of demands and control access to the Recycling centre going forward.

Walks Around Mosshead

Many of us regularly enjoy walking around our local beauty spot and nature reserve, Kilmardiny Loch, where we can enjoy the ever changing flora and fauna, as well see lighting effects on the loch itself.

For a longer walk, why not visit the historic Chestnut Lane which leads to the Plantation Woodland and Mains Estate in Milngavie? Leave Mosshead by the Craighdu path, turn left into the path towards Prestonfields before crossing Craighdu Burn. On reaching Craighdu Primary School follow the Burn towards Craighdu Road. Crossover the pedestrian crossing and head into Chestnut Lane. As you walk along this path towards the Mains Estate, you will be able to enjoy some beautiful woodland, the remains of the Castle and Dovecot and enjoy fantastic views towards the Campsie Hills.



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All calls are now dealt with by dialling 101.

IN EMERGENCIES (or if in doubt) DIAL- 999

Milngavie Police Office 0141-532-4018/4055.

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GreaterGlasgowLPSTMilngavie@Scotland.pnn.police.uk