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Community Support Officers



Amongst the Council's budget cuts is a proposal to cut the total number of Community Support Officers from 11 to 3. Bearsden and Milngavie are covered by 2 CSOs, Allan Band and Michelle Nisbet. You will be aware of them appearing around our precincts, on foot, on bicycle, or in a patrol car. Their regular visits to day centres and care homes have offered residents welcome reassurance of their safety. Patrols round residential areas and liaison with local youngsters has also reassured residents of regular attention to such matters as dog fouling, litter, anti social behaviour, as well as a deterrent to those who would raise concerns if allowed to gather in large groups in the streets. Unfortunately we will lose this valuable asset should the cuts go ahead. Only 3 CSOs to cover the whole of East Dunbartonshire, and probably only within schools, will leave the more aged population without the reassurance they have come to rely on.

Contact the Council direct and let them know what you think.



Kilmardinny Loch

The area has now officially been recognised as a Local Nature Reserve.

The Kilmardinny PALs have seen the completion of Phase I of the playpark between Stockiemuir Avenue and Mosshead Road, and they have the funds in place to undertake Phase II which should finalise the whole project. A new bird feeding area is also to be created at the Thomson Drive end of the Loch.

These improvements should make the whole area more attractive to everyone from mothers with toddlers to tourists and other visitors to the area.



Street Trader

Residents will be aware a Street Trader was granted a 6 month licence to operate on Stockiemuir Avenue, five days a week, from 12.30 until 2 p.m. There were 54 objections to the application, and 13 residents attended the Hearing. The 6 Councillors on the Board voted 4 for the Street Trader, and 2 against. Of the 6 councillors only 1 represented Bearsden, the others were from Bishopbriggs and Kirkintilloch. The Trader wished to know why there had been no objections beforehand, and we pointed out that the old Bearsden Academy, in Morven Road, was not within the boundaries of Mosshead, it was in Gartconnel. Any issues arising from the granting of this licence should be addressed to Mr A Crighton, Legal Department, EDC at Tom Johnston House, Kirkintilloch before the end of July.



Good news at Heather Avenue Play Area.

Two park benches replaced the remains of the ant-infested wooden benches earlier this year. Resting on sturdy metal frames the benches are of recycled material and, it is claimed, they are both vandal and graffiti proof. We have to thank Bearsden North Community Council for providing the funds for the Council to purchase and install these.



Water Pressure

Some areas of Mosshead suffered a drop in water pressure following the repair of leaks during the very cold spell last winter. In response to a query addressed through our Councillors to Scottish Water about what had been happening and the life expectancy of the pipes we have been advised of the following.

The water pressure in Mosshead is managed by use of a pressure reducing valve. The valve is designed to adjust to reflect the demand on the supply. Bursts cause increased demand and the valve to open to increase the pressure so a reduction in pressure may be noticed when a leak is fixed. In addition to the bursts the valve stuck during February, causing problems for some properties. It was repaired on 22 February and the pressure should have returned to that pre December.

The life expectancy of the pipes is in excess of 30 years but sometime in the next 5 years there will be some upgrading of the pipes to improve the water quality. Scottish Water will contact residents prior to the work to let them know what is happening.

If you are still experiencing low pressure you can contact Scottish Water on 0845 601 8855 so that it can be properly and fully investigated.

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Annual General Meeting



We have booked The West of Scotland Snowsports Centre yet again for our Annual General Meeting. This will be on Monday 24th May 2010, at 7.30 pm. Our local councillors, and perhaps a speaker will be invited. The evening will end with a drink of wine (or juice) and nibbles.

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Gritting



A contentious issue at the best of times BUT, did you see the photographic evidence in an issue of Milngavie and Bearsden Herald where a view of three new executive homes built on the vacated sports area of the old Bearsden Academy sported a yellow Council grit bin outside EACH house? Does the value and size of your home have a bearing on the number of grit bins the Council allocates in your area? A good question to ask those seeking your votes in the various forthcoming elections.

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Public Conveniences

Another budget cut proposed by the Council is to shut the public conveniences in Bearsden and Milngavie (apparently the only two remaining public conveniences in the whole of East Dunbartonshire!). Given the number of right of way pathways between the two areas, public conveniences would appear to be a necessity for those who would benefit from the open air and green space. Particularly those heading for the West Highland Way in Milngavie. Advising the public to use toilets in local libraries, shops, cafes, supermarkets, and the like, may not always be welcomed by the general public having to contend with muddy boots and backpacks in the limited confines of toilet accommodation.

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Police—IN EMERGENCIES ONLY - 999 otherwise 0141 532 4000
Community Police, Milngavie, 0141 532 4018 (leave a message if the answering machine is on, they will get back to you in due course)

Crimestoppers 0800 555 1111 (anonymous freephone)

Community Support Officers 0800 013 1209 (freephone)

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