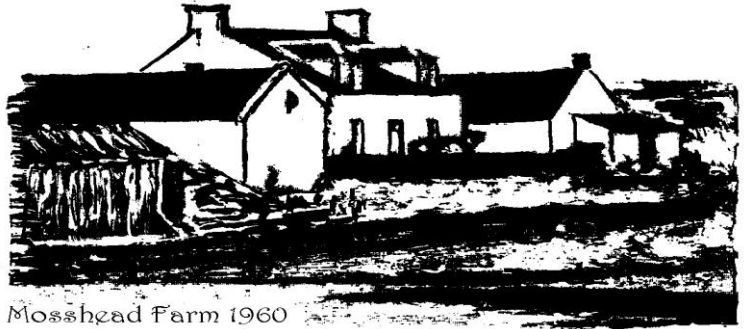


# Mosshad News Spring 2024



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## Local Development Plan 3 (LDP3)

LDP3 will form the development plan for East Dunbartonshire for a 10-year period; it is expected to start in early 2028. The current plan, LDP2, was adopted in November 2022. Readers may recall that thanks to the overwhelming response by residents in Mosshead and adjacent areas, a key feature of LDP 2 was retention of the green belt between Mosshead and Milngavie, despite heavy pressure from developers for construction of houses on this land.

The LDP3 process is now well underway. The first phase seeks input from local community groups regarding their objectives and proposals for their areas. Various organisations in Bearsden and Milngavie have formed a working group to feed into the planning process. Committee members from Mosshead Association form part of this working group.

As part of LDP 3 the Scottish Government will require EDC to choose land on which 2500 housing units will be built. Ideally, this should be brownfield land which is not on a floodplain, and which is within 20 minutes walking distance of public transport and other facilities. Clearly, with little or no land for development in East Dunbartonshire meeting these criteria, greenbelt sites could once again be at risk. Our Committee and Bearsden North Community Council are now communicating with our local MSPs in order jointly to approach the Scottish Government to see if that directive can be met without prejudicing the green belt. Further information will be available at the AGM.

## **AGM**

Unfortunately, late last year the Ski Club was badly damaged by fire. Because repairs are still incomplete, we will be unable to hold our AGM at this venue but hope to be able to reschedule it at an alternative venue during the summer.

## **Subscriptions**

All residences in the area have now either been called on by a Committee representative or received a subscription renewal notice for the current year. If you have overlooked supporting the Association for the current year and do not have a dark green membership card expiring on 30<sup>th</sup> September 2024, it is still not too late either to hand in £5 at the Co-op (in an envelope marked for our attention and with your address) or to pay by Bank Transfer to Account Name: Mosshead Association, Sort Code: 80-05-57, A/C No. 00147536. Give your house / flat no. as the reference. A card will then be delivered to your door.

Subscriptions are mainly spent on activities which ensure that residents know what is planned for Mosshead. They helped to generate the massive response which saved the green belt between Mosshead and Milngavie in LDP2. With LDP3 now on the way, we are likely to need further funds to help us pursue your objectives.

## **Planning Application – 17.5m Telecommunications Mast**

Installation of a 17.5m telecommunications mast and ancillary boxes on the grass at the entrance to Stockiemuir Av. car park and shops has been approved by EDC.

## **Mosshead Primary School – 50 years old**

August 2023 marked the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the opening of Mosshead Primary School. It was celebrated with children dressing up in clothing from across the decades from the 70s onwards to attend class parties and a special assembly. The school also marked the occasion with a beautiful mural on the back wall of the school facing the playing fields. The PTA held a huge family fun day in September which was a great success and raised much needed funds for the school. They are currently working towards arranging a **Spring Fair on the 18<sup>th</sup> of May, 12.00 noon – 3.00 pm**, which they warmly invite all local residents to attend.

Last year, the school was awarded their second Sport Scotland Gold Award in recognition of their achievements in putting sport at the heart of their schools planning and ethos. The primary 4s have been taking part in a bulb-growing competition and are hoping to retain an inter-school bulb growing trophy this year.

## Heather Avenue Park

Heather Avenue Park has been designated as one of eleven areas in EDC for biodiversity restoration funded by the Scottish Government Nature Restorations Fund. In accordance with this, the Committee has been waiting for almost a year for EDC to submit a mini-management plan. We are now pleased to be able to inform you that this will be held on **Tuesday 28 May, 3.00 - 8:00 pm, in kilmardinny House**, Room 2 (2nd floor). All residents are encouraged to participate in this consultation or by making their views known to EDC or the Committee.

With additional ring-fenced funding for improvements to the park, we do not yet know what they propose. However, more importantly we understand we now have an opportunity to contribute locally driven ideas of what we would like to happen where practically feasible.

Previously, we have suggested more mown spaces that are maintained as an area for public recreation, additional path access to ecologically biodiverse areas and information on this, appropriate tree planting, pond / aquatic features, outdoor gym facilities, etc. Most importantly, this park is for the health and recreation of the community as a whole. Budget constraints and feasibility will dictate the final plan.

## Mosshead Mum Rows Across the Atlantic Single-handed.

Congratulations to Leanne Maden, the Bearsden mum featured recently in the news, having just rowed solo across the Atlantic, and who lives here in Mosshead. She left La Gomera on 13<sup>th</sup> December and after 66 days at sea, with some 3,000 nautical miles behind her, she arrived in Antigua where she was greeted by her husband and two sons.

You may have noticed an unusual boat going in and out of Mosshead last summer. That was Leanne training on Loch Lomond in preparation for one of the world's toughest rows solo. Originally, she planned to make the trip with a colleague, but when her sailing partner dropped out, she decided to go it alone. Well done Leanne. What an achievement.

## Stockiemuir Avenue Co-op

The Co-op would like to thank local school children for their fantastic artwork during the last three months over Halloween, Christmas, Mother's Day and Valentine's Day. They have helped to brighten the store up. The wider Co-op community has loved seeing it.

A new on-line service *Just Eat* delivers local Co-op groceries straight to your door.

<https://www.just-eat.co.uk/takeaway/brands/co-op/glasgow>

Choose from our range of quick and easy dinner ideas, everyday essentials and perhaps a treat or two for a cosy night in. Why not give it a go on those rainy nights? Sign up too to our exciting new membership card to help the Co-op movement become stronger and help us get the prices down even more. Enquire in store.

## Milngavie Police Station

A recent proposal by Police Scotland, including a recommendation that the police station in Milngavie be closed, was open for consultation earlier in the year. The response of the Association was that, while we support closure of the existing Milngavie Police Station which is over-large, some kind of Police Office in Bearsden and Milngavie is necessary for effective policing of the area which contains just under 40% of the entire EDC population. This office must be up and running before the existing station is closed. It would be unsatisfactory for officers to be based only in Kirkintilloch, a minimum of 20 minutes' drive away from Bearsden and Milngavie.

## Bearsden HUB

The EDC HUB at Bearsden Cross was closed in October when reinforced autoclave aerated concrete (RAAC) was located in the roof at the rear of the building. It will remain closed indefinitely until repairs have been carried out; this is unlikely to be before the end of this year. In the meantime, public toilets will be available in St Andrews Church Hall from 11.00 am – 5.00 pm Mon. – Fri. and 11.00 am – 4.00 pm on Saturdays. Council staff can be consulted by appointment at the Milngavie Enterprise Centre on Wednesday and Friday afternoons. Interim arrangements have been made for the registration of births and deaths. Library hours at Westerton and Milngavie have been extended.

## Contacts

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Website <https://www.eastdunbarton.gov.uk/>

Tel. 0300 123 4510

**Report A Problem:** If you are looking for help from EDC with roads, lighting, bins etc., a good place to start is

<https://www.eastdunbarton.gov.uk/residents/report-problem>

For Parks, Roads, etc. contact Thomas McMenamin, Neighbourhood Relations Officer

[Thomas.McMenamin@eastdunbarton.gov.uk](mailto:Thomas.McMenamin@eastdunbarton.gov.uk)

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**Community Policing Team** (covering Bearsden North) Dial 101

In Emergencies dial 999

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