



## **Spring Newsletter - April 2023**

Dear homeowner,

We would like to bring you up to date on what discussions and activities are being carried out by your owners' committee on your behalf such as:

### **Crime**

Several homes have recently been subject to forced entry, and this is of course most unwelcome and troubling. The police have become involved and it would appear that arrests have been made. Residents are encouraged to be vigilant and to take note of any obvious, suspicious behaviour. Discussions have also taken place with the Community Council on these issues, and it is hoped that the focus on these matters will be helpful to all who live in the estate.

### **Dundas Estates**

Dundas Estates is the developer of the proposed plan for 18 detached homes on the area of the old Mearnskirk House.

The proposal is still presently subject to the request for planning permission.

In general, it is common for a developer to enter negotiations with a Council to offer a contribution to offset any potential planning obstacles e.g. there may be a lack of social or affordable housing, or an impact on local education provision.

Such discussions are currently ongoing with East Renfrewshire Council. Dundas Estates have confirmed that their current proposal for 18 detached homes remains unchanged. Unfortunately, as matters currently stand, there is no sign of an approval in the immediate future.

Dundas Estates are also currently looking after the Peter Pan statue and are willing to find a solution to have it permanently located in Mearnskirk where it can be enjoyed by all residents. They have also shown a desire to extend the current protected tree line on Mearnskirk Road.

Details of their revised plan can be found in the latest news section of our website [here](#).

### **Entrance Pillars**

The pillars at the north and south entrances to the estate are clearly showing signs of wear and tear, and the free standing pillar at the south entrance now has barriers around it due to significant deterioration. East Renfrewshire Council has become involved in the issue and discussions appear to be ongoing between the Council and the lawyers representing the original builders. Residents will be made aware of any conclusions that result from these discussions.



### **Flooding on Mearns Road**

Serious flooding and ponding has occurred in two places on Mearns Road between the two entrances to the estate, and representation was made to East Renfrewshire Council Roads Department. Contractors were appointed and remedial work carried out to prevent such flooding in future.

### **Langrig Lane**

Despite best efforts, two years have elapsed since the lights were installed and still they have not been switched on. Efforts continue to be made, but legal issues still seem to remain. The lane has now been extended into Maidenhill, and since it will presumably be used more in future, it is to be hoped that the lights will be available in the near future.

In addition, a request has been made to East Renfrewshire Council to install a bollard on the lane, with the specific purpose of ensuring that no cars can pass between the lane and the estate, as this has happened on more than one occasion.

### **Scottish Water improvement works**

Work has commenced to replace and improve the water supply, and inevitable disruption will occur on Mearns Road between Broomvale Road and Mearnskirk over the period March 2023 to April 2024. In particular, the plan envisages significant work near the estate over the 2023 school summer holiday period. Residents are advised to take careful note of proposed traffic diversions and similar.

Details of the improvement works can be found in the latest news section of our website [here](#).

### **Our Mearnskirk**

Homeowners are encouraged to identify issues on which the association should focus, and in this respect, we encourage you to use the contact page on our website [here](#).

The committee is always keen to encourage homeowners to participate, and to bring new skills and points of view. We have very valued contributors who help us without being full time members of the committee.

Residents who wish to contact the committee can do so as follows:-

Website: <https://mearnskirk.org/>

or

Email: [secretary@mearnskirk.org](mailto:secretary@mearnskirk.org)

Thank you for your ongoing support,

**Mearnskirk Owners' Association Committee**