

## Save Shawwood Greenspace

Posted by Ernhw Ltd - 16 Sep 2018 12:13

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**Please visit this group and show your support.**

Kirsti McGinlay

Admin · Yesterday at 13:08

Hey everyone, in light of the recent meeting at ERC Headquarters I feel it's time for newton Mearns residents to be heard. I will share articles from various sources and hopefully that will help you form your own opinion on the councils plans. Currently the swimming pool and theatre venue is at Eastwood. The council want us to believe that the best option is to move the site encroaching on our greenspace. After a neighbour attended the meeting on Wednesday he returned more convinced than ever that Shawwood is the preferred site. If you live in East Ren I have added you to the group. It's my hope that you will add anyone you know that lives in East Ren and would like to have an opinion. The Shawwood residents and residents of the surrounding streets had no idea of the political cogs that have been working behind our backs driving this plan. The recent consultation was farcical, all loaded towards moving site and was East Rens best kept secret. Circa 1800 people are reported to have responded and the council claim that the majority of residents voted for a new build facility on a new site. There are around 96,000 residents in East Ren so how can they use the word "majority"? Every person I have spoken to is vehemently opposed to taking any more of our greenspace to build upon and especially as there is a perfectly good current site which is easily accessible. I ask you this, how would a monstrous new development affect traffic flow on Mearns Rd? Would they use the entire green belt and open up a through road all the way through to Eaglesham Rd? I have no idea but the thought of any development there is giving me sleepless nights! The Shawwood Greenspace is used multiple times each and every day by my family and so many residents for miles around. Every day we are there we meet someone new, it's a jewel in our community that should be enjoyed by all our residents. I urge you to have your say and I plead with you to take a few minutes to add anyone you know to this page. We must stand united and be heard!

[Link to Facebook Group - Save Shawwood Park](#)

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## Re: Save Shawwood Greenspace

Posted by Tom - 24 Sep 2018 13:56

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Meetings do not take up elected members time that much, certainly not 9-5 Mon to Fri. Full Council meets about 4/5 times a year, committees usually meet about 3/4 times a year and all take no longer than one hour. Many elected members have full time day jobs, and dependent on their employers, are entitled to one days paid leave a week to undertake council business.

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## Re: Save Shawwood Greenspace

Posted by Tom - 24 Sep 2018 13:57

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This begs the question, are elected members 'public servants' I am aware many do not agree and many dislike the word 'servant'. At the last full council meeting Provost Fletcher said they were there to make decisions for the public, I would like to think that those decisions are based on what the public want, not what they think we should want.

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## Re: Save Shawwood Greenspace

Posted by Tom - 24 Sep 2018 13:58

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A public servant can be defined as a person who is elected or appointed by people or higher authorities in order to serve the general public. The term "public servant" is mostly used to refer to the politicians of a country's government. These public servants always aim to serve common people in different ways. Unlike a civil servant, a public servant does not require educational qualifications or any other experience. It can be said that anybody can become a public servant if they are interested in social service and welfare. Moreover, a public servant does not necessarily work for the government but they are able to work for the society voluntarily. A civil servant may have a set of duties and responsibilities imposed on him/her, but a public servant might not have a set of imposed duties. They can engage in many types of social activities which satisfy the needs of the general public.

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## Re: Save Shawwood Greenspace

Posted by Tom - 24 Sep 2018 14:01

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The above quotes are from Cllr Caroline Bamforths social media where she attempts to inform us that she earns her money, £20k plus £8 for being on NHS board.

Has undertaken a lot of training. (Perhaps due to her being a newby?)

How about a large round of applause for Caroline.....

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## Re: Save Shawwood Greenspace

Posted by Ernhw Ltd - 26 Sep 2018 14:12

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I understand that concerns have been raised with the Data Protection Commissioners Office that at the

time of the consultation and still today the council website continues to allegedly not comply with four specific sections of The Privacy and Electronic Communications Regulations (PECR), The Data Protection Act (DPA) and the General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR).

It must be born in mind that at this moment in time these are unproven allegations and it is unknown whether the commissioners office will consider investigating the allegations.

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## Re: Save Shawwood Greenspace

Posted by RM64 - 18 Oct 2018 11:58

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Published Eastwood Extra On Line -

By Dawn Renton Published: 11:00 Thursday 18 October 2018

Community comes together to fight for its green space

It was a case of dog owners unite as residents and the canine companions descended upon Shawwood Park on Friday, October 5.

More than a 100 people turned up to show their solidarity for each other and the future of the park depends on where the new leisure centre will be build.

East Renfrewshire Council has yet to make a decision on where the Leisure Centre will be.

However, following a Facebook post to the Save Shawwood Greenspace group, residents turned up to support the cause.

Kirsti McGinlay, founder of the group, explained: "A member of our facebook group Save Shawwood Greenspace – which now has in excess of 1600 members – mentioned on the page that the council were looking for pictures of people's pets on their website.

“We decide to post photos of our pets playing on Shawwood with the hashtag #Saveshawwoodgreenspace.

“Every post got a comment except the Shawwood photos.

“We decided to get together as a group on the field as a test to see how many people we could bring together at very short notice and put out a call for dog walkers who use the space to join us for a photo and a chat.”

Kirsti continued: “The invitation was posted at 10.30pm on the Thursday night and by 6pm on the Friday evening there were more than 50 people with their dogs.

A further 20 or so joined us after the photo was taken and everyone was united in their passion to Save Shawwood to remain just as it is.

” Shawwood Park is a much loved and well used area, filled with wildlife.

“Not one person I have ever come into contact with thinks that building on this green space right in the middle of residential Newton Mearns is a good idea,”

Kirsti said. “People are up in arms about it, and the community are coming together to fight to save our much loved and widely used green space.

“As well as providing a safe place for our families to play and explore together, it is also the natural habitat for so much wildlife.

“We have foxes, herons, bats, stoats, rabbits, badgers, hedgehogs, buzzards and songbirds, and that’s only what’s been spotted recently.

“It makes no sense to subject your tax paying residents to years of pollution for a facility that they do not want.

Shawwood is completely surrounded by homes and people from miles around would be affected with the disruption right in the heart of Newton Mearns.”

Kirsti continued: “We are all agreed that we do not want £40 million of our public money spent on any such facility when we can go out into our beautiful open space for free.

“Never have I felt such a sense of community as Shawwood evokes, this is a special place that brings people together and we will be working hard to ensure that remains the case into the future for many years to come.”

A community meeting is taking place at 171st Glasgow Scout Hall, Whitecraigs, at 3pm on Sunday, November 4.

At the meeting there will be the chance to sign a hard copy petition, access letter writing facilities to send the council your views and enter discussions on the future of the park.

For further information, search ‘Save Shawwood Greenspace’ on Facebook.

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