MINUTES of a meeting of Paisley East & Whitehaugh Community Council that was held at Sherwood-Greenlaw Church on Wednesday, 7 th June 2023 at 7pm	07/06/2023
Present: Gaynor Corry; Robert Moore; Andrew McGlynn; Andrew Ramsay; Jean Ramsay; Catherine Scally	
Attending: Councillor Graeme Clark (Renfrewshire Council) PC Cameron Gilchrist (Police Scotland – Item 2 only)	
Apologies: John Bell; Margaret Cowie; Christine McLellan; Graham Paterson; Diane Watt; Jhulia Watt; Councillors Neill Graham; Carolann Davidson and John McNaughtan (Renfrewshire Council); Derek Kennedy and Iain Risk (Circle/Renfrewshire HSCP)	
Chair: Andrew Ramsay	Outcome/Action
1. Chair's Welcome & Opening Comments	
The Chair welcomed those present and thanked everyone for attending the last meeting of the 2022/2023 session.	
2. Police Scotland	
The Chair invited PC Gilchrist to address members.	
The officer introduced himself briefly but, before delivering his report, PC Gilchrist apologised to members, explaining that he had been under the impression that he had been assigned to attend a meeting of Ralston Community Council. However, it has now occurred to him that was not the case so he did not have available crime figures for the local area.	
He went on to say that across the wider local area the main issues seem to be thefts and drugs-related incidents.	
In the absence of specific details relating to the Community Council area, a brief discussion took place regarding some local concerns.	
Specifically, it was mentioned that a female beggar is again frequenting and obstructing the footway outside Greggs in Glasgow Road. Apart from the immediate problems that this causes for passers-by, concern was again expressed that she might possibly be a victim of people-traffickers and therefore regarded as vulnerable. Mention was also made about the ongoing nuisance arising from beggars at the nearby Wallneuk Retail Park.	Noted
In relation to a separate issue, mention was made of the issue of pavement parking in Kelburne Oval and in Lacy Street, as alluded to at the last meeting.	
Following discussion of these issues, PC Gilchrist confirmed that he would pass members' concerns on to the team.	
The Chair thanked PC Gilchrist for his input.	
[PC Gilchrist left the meeting at this point]	

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3. Minutes of Meeting held on 10 th May 2023 It was pointed out that the heading of Item 3 should read "Business arising from Minutes of Meeting held on 19 th April 2023" rather than 8 th March, as had been inadvertently recorded in the minute. Subject to inclusion of that amendment, the minutes of the previous meeting were proposed as an accurate record by Gaynor Corry and this was seconded by Jean Ramsay and those were formally approved without	Approved subject to amendment
dissent. 4. Business arising from Minutes of Meeting held on 10 th May 2023	
Issues in Arkleston Road.	
Following the last meeting, a further reminder was sent to Gerry Hannah regarding the issues outstanding from the discussion with him on $8^{\rm th}$ March.	
A response has since been received from Stephen Heron, Assistant. Transportation and Development Manager, in the following terms:	
Speeding –The department has referred this issue to Police Scotland Traffic Liaison Officer for targeted enforcement.	
Manhole Covers and other iron work sunk at corner of Regent Street/Arkleston Road. Graeme McLaren (RC Statutory Supervisor who supports Public Utility companies) has been engaging with Scottish Gas Networks (Dougie Millard) to fix their ironworks. The civils contractor for SGN were due to start work on 29th May but this did not take place. We are waiting on a new start date and a member of Graeme's team will inspect works on-site.	Noted pending
Confirmation of classification of Arkleston Road. Class 2 road.	further feedback.
Damaged pedestrian guardrail up next to roundabouts at top end of Arkleston Road. That has been replaced.	
HGV Movements – they will include consideration of appropriate HGV routes in the formulation of the Local Transport Strategy.	
Speed tables on Arkleston Road – these are pretty much redundant. Can they review their effectiveness and consider if there is any alternative – There are two crossing points on Arkleston Road, the question was raised if they need to think of another. The average and 85th percentile speeds would not trigger any new traffic calming measures. The speed surveys conducted in 2022 were at the time when these speed tables were in place albeit the table heights to the original level of the road surface has changed from when they were originally installed. They had copied their Roads Inspector into the response to conduct an on-site survey of speed table heights when he returns from annual leave in mid-June. It is possible to "build up" the speed tables.	

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There are currently three signalised controlled crossing points and two uncontrolled crossing points on Arkleston Road. They would welcome thoughts from the Community Council as there is a possible requirement at the top section of Arkleston Road, especially with the new Paisley Grammar Campus opening in 2026.	
A discussion took place in relation to the responses received.	
In relation to the classification of Arkleston Road, members expressed some puzzlement about this as they are more familiar with "A" and "B" roads. The Secretary confirmed that he would query this with the officer for clarification.	
Regarding the response about crossing points, it was pointed out that one spot highlighted on the map is actually on Arkleston Drive. Again, members expressed some bewilderment as to what amounts to "uncontrolled crossing points", as surely any point where pedestrians cross outwith signalised controlled crossing points must be an "uncontrolled crossing". However, members agreed that the Community Council would support any appropriate proposals for a formal crossing at the top section of Arkleston Road; especially in anticipation of the forthcoming relocation of Paisley Grammar.	
Renfrewshire Community Council Forum	
Earlier in the month an email had been circulated to Forum representatives regarding the meeting that was due to take place on 5 th June. That advised that Gavin Hutton, Head of Operations & Infrastructure and Lyall Rennie, Operations Manager (both Environment, Housing & Infrastructure Services) were the guest speakers.	
At that point members were afforded an opportunity to submit any questions to be included in those to be put to the officers.	
A Special Meeting is also due to take place that same evening to formally approve the updated constitution. A copy of the proposed constitution is was circulated to members in advance of the meeting.	Noted.
Congratulations were extended to Gaynor on being elected to the RCCF Management Committee for another term until the AGM in November this year.	
Gaynor reported briefly on the special meeting at which some 16 Community Councils had been represented. At that meeting the updated constitution was formally approved.	
In relation to the earlier meeting with officers, the main point of concern seemed to be the permits that are being introduced for the Brown Bins.	

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Local Bus Services & Curtailment of McGills Services	
Further to the discussion at the last meeting, Grace Paterson had forwarded to the Secretary the correspondence she had with the bus operator, the Minister for Transport and MSP, George Adam.	
Following that, the Secretary formulated representations to George Adam MSP, SPT and the bus operator, copies of which are appended, the terms of which were agreed by the Chair and Treasurer before being sent.	
So far, only a response has been received from George Adam's caseworker, as circulated in advance of the meeting, though this only minimally addresses the points put to him. The response simply contains copies of the correspondence the MSP has had with SPT, McGills and the Minister for Transport, Kevin Stewart MSP.	Noted pending further feedback
It also points to a media release on Renfrewshire Council's website, a copy of which had also been circulated to members. Interestingly the limited response from George Adam MSP's office is silent on the point about any funding that might be available to already cash-strapped councils to launch their own bus services.	
Development on Grounds at Dykebar Hospital Grahamston Road Paisley PA2 7DE	
Further to the discussion at the last meeting, a reply was eventually received from Gerry Hannah about accessing a copy of the Construction Traffic Management Plan.	
The officer has responded to say that he has received a response from colleagues in Planning in the following terms:	Noted pending further feedback
'We would not usually publish information associated with the discharge of planning conditions. However, as the community council have made a specific request I do not see why we can't provide them with a copy. We need to confirm that a traffic management plan has been submitted as yet – once I find out where this is at I will let you know.'	
In terms of enforcement the Council's responsibility is not to micro-manage the delivery of planning permissions	
The Council has powers to enforce against development that does not comply with the terms of a permission, whether this comes to their attention through 3 rd parties or through their own due diligence.	
However there also needs to be a significant amount of trust in any such relationship between developer and planning authority."	

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Design for the Junction of Glasgow Road, Hawkhead Road and Arkleston Road	
Further to the discussion at the last meeting, a copy of the proposed design modifications is still awaited.	
Cllr Clark reported that he has received a rather convoluted response to his query which he would arrange to pass on to the Secretary at the earliest opportunity. However, it seems that there are no plans at the moment to progress this as the Glasgow Road/Paisley Road West corridor has been identified as a key corridor so any proposals for measures will have to be developed in that context.	Noted pending further feedback
Concern over RingGo App Charges	
Further to the report at the last meeting, a copy of the correspondence received from the relevant officer, Stephen Heron, had been circulated to members in advance of the meeting.	
This was by way of a response he had received from Parking Officer, Angela Sweenie, which had not reached us when sent towards the end of April.	
"I am afraid we have very little space on the machine to breakdown the prices RingGo charge for convenience fee and there is an additional optional SMS charge for customers who wish reminders that their parking time is running out.	Noted
In addition, where we have the "3 for free" parking initiative, there is 2 tariffs noted and it would be confusing if another tariff for cashless parking was introduced.	
Please find attached the RingGo sticker displayed on all our parking machines, which clearly states, additional charges will be incurred. One mandatory, one optional. There is contact details should the User wish to gain more information before downloading the App."	
A copy of this response has been sent on to the person who had initially highlighted this issue and they have confirmed that they are content to leave the matter at that.	
Renfrewshire Foodbank Appeal for Donations	
As agreed at the last meeting, the Treasurer has remitted the agreed donation to Renfrewshire Foodbank and this will be reflected in her report later in the meeting.	Noted
No acknowledgement has been received from Renfrewshire Foodbank as yet.	1.0.00
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5. Secretary's Report	
Access to AEDs / Defibrillators in Paisley East & Whitehaugh	
Further to the discussion at the last meeting, an approach has been made to the Scottish Ambulance Service for a list of all registered defibrillators in the area. A response is awaited.	
At this stage, per <u>Defib finder – find the defibrillators nearest you.</u> It seems that the local devices are located at:	
Williamsburgh Primary School (on railings outside to accessible)	
Tesco (Inside so not readily accessible to the public)	
 Sherwood-Greenlaw Church (Inside so not readily accessible to the public) 	
 Williamsburgh HA offices (Inside so not readily accessible to the public) Kelburne Cricket Club (precise location not clear so might be accessible by the public) 	Noted pending further feedbac
 Lagoon Leisure Centre (Inside so not readily accessible to the public) Paisley Town Hall, Abbey Close, Paisley, PA1 1JF (In view of ongoing works not currently accessible to the public) 	
St John Ogilvie Primary School (on railings outside to accessible)	
98 Arkleston Road (listed as accessible.	
Further information is awaited from the Scottish Ambulance Service so other locations might yet be identified.	
It was agreed that this matter would be continued until the next session for further consideration once members have an opportunity to discuss with Linda Murning her own ideas for further provision of devices locally.	
Planning Application re 27 Glasgow Road	
Following the discussion at the last meeting an email was forwarded by Cllr Neill Graham with an "update" on the application in the following terms:	
"Planning permission was granted for a change of use from Class 2 offices to two residential flats at 27 Glasgow Road, Paisley on 29 July 2021 (Planning Application Ref:21/1251/PP).	
A new planning application has been submitted seeking consent to amend the approved development. The applicant seeks consent to change the use of one of the approved flats that are currently offices to 3 short term let serviced apartments (Planning Application Ref: 23/0171/PP).	Noted pending further feedbac
Planning Application Ref: 23/0171/PP is still under consideration and the plans can be viewed by clicking on the link below:	
23/0171/PP Change of use of offices to 3 short term let serviced apartments 27 Glasgow Road Paisley PA1 3PA (renfrewshire.gov.uk)	
Comments have been received that as a result of the number of bank holidays in	

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May this has reduced the time available to make representation. The neighbour notification period has therefore been extended until 22 May 2023."	
Following the advice offered by Cllr Graham at the last meeting, the Secretary had gone back to ask him if the Planning Convener yet agreed to bring the application before the board rather than being decided by an officer under delegated authority. However, he had replied to say that as of 22^{nd} May he has not received any correspondence from anyone asking to put his name to a letter to the Convener. They may, however, have asked others on board.	
Email from Boundaries Scotland Scottish Parliament consultation on Provisional Proposals for Constituencies	
Email intimating commencement of the Scottish Parliament consultation on provisional proposals for constituencies,	
The consultation on constituencies runs from 17th May to 17th June 2023.	
A copy of the News release had been circulated together with an email from Graeme Crawford at Renfrewshire Council on behalf of Dave Low, Democratic Services Manager/Election Manager, outlining the implications of the proposals at local level, specifically:	Noted
Paisley and Renfrew (Burgh Constituency)	
 New name, new boundary Previously known as Paisley Constituency Increase in electorate from 55,866 to 63,856 Renfrew moves from the former Renfrewshire North and West Constituency 	
Email from Paul Shiach Renfrewshire Council Statutory Review of Polling Districts and Polling Places	
In accordance with Sections 18A to E and Section 31 of the Representation of the People Act 1983, as amended by the Electoral Registration and Administration Act 2013, Renfrewshire Council is undertaking a review of all polling districts and polling places in the Council Area. The review must be completed by the end of December 2024.	
The review will consider polling arrangements. The last comprehensive review of the current polling arrangements was completed in December 2019 at which time consultation with local elected members, Local Partnerships, MPs, MSPs, political parties and the local Disability Liaison Group on the polling districts and polling places took place.	Noted
Comments are invited in relation to the arrangements but must be received by us no later than Tuesday 1 August 2023. Participants are welcome to highlight any polling place or polling district boundary considered unsuitable and can suggest an alternative. Further details can be found	

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at 7pm Email from Ray Walkinshaw	
Housing Regeneration and Development Manager	
Environment, Housing and Infrastructure - Renfrewshire Council	
Neighbourhood Place Plan - Seedhill and Auchentorlie	
Following previous correspondence and a request for an update on the development of a local place plan, Ray Walkinshaw had responded to advise that they will shortly be convening the inaugural meetings of Neighbourhood Renewal Groups for Auchentorlie and the Howard Street Area and will be inviting stakeholders, including the affected tenants and residents, to those.	
As part of the process, they will be discussing the Place Plan that Jamie Mackie and his team have produced.	
It has since been announced that they are launching their Neighbourhood Renewal Groups at open events at The Cube, Abbey Mill Business Centre, at 5:00–7:00pm on Tuesday 27 June for Auchentorlie and 11 July for the Howard Street Area.	
They are inviting tenants and other residents through a newsletter – the events are "drop in" and people can come at any time from 5pm and stay for as little or long as they like until 7pm. Their partners from RIG Arts will be there and will be laying on activities for children. Local people are invited along to find out more about how we will be developing our plans and how you can be part of the process.	Noted
On the wider issues of Local Place plans, an email has also been received from Andrew Hannah at Renfrewshire Council advising that the Council is about to commence work on preparing a new Local Development Plan for Renfrewshire which will be shaped by the views of stakeholders and local communities across Renfrewshire. Once adopted this Local Development Plan will replace the Renfrewshire Local Development Plan 2021	
The Council are inviting community groups to create their own community-led Local Place Plans, which set out their proposals for development or the use of land in their area. Based on current timescales, Local Place Plans should be submitted to the Council by May 2025, so they can feed into the early stages of the new Local Development Plan.	
Local communities, residents and stakeholders will also have other opportunities to engage in the Local Development Plan preparation process as the Council moves forward in its preparation in 2023.	
Email from Graeme Crawford Renfrewshire Council Garden Waste Collection Service	
As part of measures to meet the financial challenges faced by the council, an annual charge of $\pounds40$ will be introduced from 10 July 2023 for the collection of garden waste from residents.	
The council is not legally required to collect garden waste, so the decision has	

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been taken to introduce this charge in line with two-thirds of other local authorities who offer a garden waste collection service in their areas.	
Residents should apply for their permit by 25 June 2023 to ensure it is in place when the new service begins on 10 July 2023. The permit should be reapplied for annually so it is in place for the start of each financial year on 1 April and, once purchased, it will be logged onto our system and a permit will be posted out for their brown bin.	
The permit should be attached to the front panel of the bin to ensure it is collected by our crews. Those with a permit should put food and garden waste into their brown bin for collection.	
Anyone who does not wish to participate can continue to present their brown bin as normal with food waste only, but if garden waste is placed into the bin without a permit, then it will not be collected until the garden waste is removed or a permit is purchased.	Noted
The permit applies to one bin only so a permit must be purchased for each brown bin they wish to be collected. A replacement can be provided should the resident move during the year to another address within Renfrewshire. Additional brown bins and permits can be purchased as required.	
Those who share a bin, such flats or tenement blocks, can share a permit and the cost, but they must coordinate this themselves and apply online for a permit/permits in the normal manner.	
An email has also been received from Cllr Graham and was previously circulated setting out information in relation to this scheme.	
Email from Lesley Drummond RIG Arts Seedhill's Strengths and Resources	
RIG Arts are currently in the process of identifying what resources are available in Seedhill and they want to ask locals what resources are important and what might be missing. The information from this will be used to co-create a Seedhill-based community resource map.	
They are organising workshops at the Seedhill Community Art Space, 56 Kilnside Road, PA1 1RN. The dates they have so far are:	
Monday 5th June 10.30-12noon Wednesday 7th June 10.30am-12noon Saturday 17th June 12-1.30pm	NT. 4. 3
Anyone interested in participating and wish take part on any of the dates above then just reply to this email.	Noted
If any members of the Community Council would like to get involved but the dates above aren't suitable, they are encouraged to get in touch	

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Email from Stuart Miller Williamsburgh Housing Association WHA Community Flat	
Offering free facilities at WHA Community Flat to community organisations wishing to host local activities.	Noted
Email from Laura Anderson Roads Technician Renfrewshire Council Sma' Shot Day Restrictions: Temporary Road Closure and Prohibition of Waiting & Loading	
Email circulated previously setting out the detailed traffic restrictions on Sma' Shot Day	Noted
Email from Graeme Crawford Renfrewshire Council Upgrades to Play Parks	
The <u>recent #YouDecide campaign</u> run by the Council saw local people put forward ideas for how to improve their area and upgrades to the play parks at South Candren Village Green and Jennyswell were voted for by local people as something they'd like to see.	Noted
They want the local community to be involved in every stage of the process so we're looking for views on the potential upgrades to the play park to ensure that the improvements are what is needed and will be the most beneficial to the local community.	Noted
This was tabled for information only as the designated play parks all fall out within the Community Council boundary.	
Email from Steven Thomson Outspoken Arts Art in the Windows/Ceramics, Pottery, Glass Homewares at The Art	
Department, Paisley / Call for Entries - Big Art Show 2023	
Emails, as previously circulated to members, with details of the various initiatives.	Noted
Emails from Scottish Environment Protection Agency SEPA News	
Updates from SEPA as follows:-	
• SEPA issues first Scottish penalty for greenhouse gas leak under F-gas regulations	Noted
 Scotland's summer starts with more bathing waters than ever before and a record-breaking number rated excellent. 	

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Email from Anne McNaughton	
Renfrewshire Council	
Webinars in June for Community Councils - Playlist for Life, Rural Child	
Poverty, Carbon Literacy Project	
Forwarded email from the Improvement Service with details of some Webinars that might be of interest to Community Councillors	Noted
Tuesday 13 th June at 6pm – Playlist for Life	
Tuesday 20th June at 3pm – Rural Child Poverty	
Friday 30 th June at 6pm – Carbon Literacy Project	
6. Treasurer's Report	
The Treasurer explained that as per her report at the last meeting, the balance	
at the bank currently stands at £2758.55, following payment of the agreed donation to Renfrewshire Foodbank.	Noted
7. Any other Business	
Damage of Fence at Dog Exercise Area in Barshaw Park	
Cllr Clark reported that he has requested a repair to the fence at the Dog Exercise area within the park.	Noted
Voter ID	
Cllr Clark mentioned that while it is being monitored, at this stage it is still too early to fully understand the impact on turnout following the introduction of Voter ID requirements, based on recent elections that have taken place down south.	Noted
Arrangements for forthcoming Community Council Elections	
While the timetable and arrangements for the forthcoming elections has yet to be announced, a brief discussion took place regarding the need to ensure that the election is well publicised locally in order to attract new members. The Chair confirmed that he would liaise with Des Barr, who has in the past kindly arranged for the distribution of leaflets locally.	Noted
The Secretary confirmed that once the election timetable is known, a draft of the proposed leaflet will be circulated to members for agreement and quotes will be obtained from local printers for the cost of producing those.	
While the Chair, Secretary and Treasurer will liaise during the recess, as required, members will be kept informed of developments.	

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8. Date of Next Meeting	
The next meeting, the last before the forthcoming election, is provisionally scheduled to take place on Wednesday, 6th September at 7pm. This will be confirmed nearer the time, subject to the arrangements in place for the election	