

PAISLEY EAST & WHITEHAUGH COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES of a meeting of Paisley East & Whitehaugh Community Council that was held at Sherwood-Greenlaw Church on Wednesday, 6th September 2023 at 7pm	06/09/2023
<p>Present: Gaynor Corry; Margaret Cowie; Christine McLellan; Robert Moore; Andrew Ramsay; Jean Ramsay; Diane Watt</p> <p>Attending: Councillor Graeme Clark (Renfrewshire Council); PC Bruce Heron (Police Scotland – Item 2 only); Jean McLellan (Local Resident); Gillian Thomson (Paisley Grammar Parents Council)</p> <p>Apologies: John Bell; Graham Paterson; Jhulia Watt; Councillors Neill Graham; and John McNaughtan (Renfrewshire Council); Katy Clark MSP</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Chair: Andrew Ramsay</p>	Outcome/Action
<p>1. Chair’s Welcome & Opening Comments</p> <p>The Chair welcomed those present and thanked everyone for attending the first meeting the 2023/2024 session, which, pending the ongoing election will be the last of the Community Council in its current composition.</p>	
<p>2. Police Scotland</p> <p>The Chair invited PC Heron to address members.</p> <p>PC Heron briefly introduced himself and went on to outline the crime statistics since 7th June.</p> <p>Over the period in question there had been 119 crime reports raised. Those included:</p> <p>46 crimes of dishonesty – mainly shoplifting at Tesco and other retailers</p> <p>13 instances of vandalism</p> <p>8 complaints arising from Road Traffic issues.</p> <p>7 crimes regarded as “serious” although the nature of the individual circumstances had not been specified.</p> <p>15 assaults – some of which the perpetrators have been identified and others where enquiries have been ongoing.</p> <p>There also had been a number of incidents/disturbances at Barshaw Pak, particularly on weekends and some involving individual on quadbikes.</p> <p>Residents should remain alert to phone scams.</p> <p>Following the officer’s report, a brief discussion took place after which the Chair thanked PC Heron for his informative input.</p> <p>[PC Heron left the meeting at this point]</p>	<p>Noted</p>

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<p>3. Minutes of Meeting held on 7th June 2023</p> <p>The minutes of the previous meeting were proposed as an accurate record by Jean Ramsay and this was seconded by Gaynor Corry and those were formally approved without dissent.</p>	<p>Approved</p>
<p>4. Business arising from Minutes of Meeting held on 7th June 2023</p> <p><i>Speeding etc. Issues @ Arkleston Road.</i></p> <p>Following previous correspondence, further feedback has since been received from Stephen Heron, Assistant. Transportation and Development Manager, to some of the issues that were referred back to him. Specifically:</p> <p>Road Classifications <i>All-purpose roads in mainland Britain, excluding motorways - are divided into three classes. The first two types are referred to as classified roads.</i></p> <p><i>Class I roads are major through routes, forming the basic network of main roads and get numbers prefixed with an A.</i></p> <p><i>Class II roads serve smaller settlements or form connections between other roads and get numbers prefixed with a B. A Class II road that is expected to carry between 2.5 and 10 million standard axles (msa) over the next 20 years.</i></p> <p><i>The third type of road is unclassified. These are the minor roads that are left over - country lanes and city streets.</i></p> <p>Police Scotland - The Council's Police Scotland Traffic Liaison Officer had engaged with Local Policing teams in March 2023 with an extra attention request. Following that the officer has received a response in the following terms "I don't normally get any feedback from the Local Policing teams following an extra attention request, but I have sent them an email asking if they can share any results." and has assured that any further update will be passed on.</p> <p>An email was subsequently received by Stephen Heron at the end of June. That was from PC William Allan in the following terms "<i>Speed checks have been carried out on Arkleston Road. No offences detected however hopefully these high visibility pro- active patrols have provide some public reassurance in this area. Usually what we find when we carry out speed checks is that due to the officers wearing high visibility then drivers are warned of our presence and slow down accordingly.</i>"</p> <p>Speed tables on Arkleston Road – "<i>these are pretty much redundant. Our Roads Inspector is putting together a works instruction for our Minor Traffic Improvements Contractor to re-establish the speed tables on Arkleston Road. I have allocated Capital budget for works to take place by end of Financial Year End 23/24.</i>"</p>	<p>Noted pending further feedback.</p>

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<p>It was suggested that, given previous complaints by residents in relation to noise and vibration issues arising from the redundant speed tables, the Council should perhaps look at designing and deploying calming devices of a different shape.</p> <p>Moreover, the Council might want to consider using its powers to designate Arkleston Road as a 20mph zone, which might go some way towards assuaging concerns over speed on the road and might possibly deter HGV drivers/operators from using this route.</p> <p>In relation to the suggestion put forward by the officer, he has been informed that, as agreed, that the Community Council would support any appropriate proposals for a crossing at the top section of Arkleston Road; especially given the forthcoming relocation of Paisley Grammar.</p> <p>On a separate but related issue, a response in the following terms has been received from Cllr Clark regarding the design for the junction of Glasgow Road, Hawkhead Road and Arkleston Road</p> <p>Members noted that <i>“There are no plans to take forward the work on the junction at this current time. There wasn’t overwhelming support for a particular option from the concept design by Sustrans so the Council is currently working across the city region looking at strategic corridors. The Glasgow Road/Paisley Road West corridor has been identified as a key corridor and work is being developed as part of that.</i></p> <p><i>This is a long-term project and as such I don’t have the detail to share with you at the current time.</i></p> <p><i>In the meantime, following my request, the Council will review the timings on the junction to try and maximise available time to ensure the junction is operating as effectively as possible.”</i></p> <p>Cllr Clark went on to explain that a site meeting had taken place at the location, during which the officer seemed amenable to resequencing the traffic lights there.</p> <p>It has also been suggested that appropriate filters on the lights there might make a difference and help resolve the problems at the location.</p> <p>It was pointed out that the Community Council has repeatedly called for the resequencing of the lights at the junction but to no apparent avail as yet.</p> <p><i>Renfrewshire Community Council Forum</i></p> <p>The minutes of the routine and special meetings that were held on 5th June, the latter of which was to approve the new constitution, were circulated for information.</p> <p>It was noted that the new ‘future-proofed’ constitution has been approved.</p>	<p>Noted</p>

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<p><i>Curtailment of McGills Service No 20</i></p> <p>Following the last meeting, responses were received from McGills and from Valerie Davidson, Chief Executive of SPT, following the representations that were made in relation to this issue.</p> <p>Copies of the detailed responses from Valerie Davidson, Chief Executive of SPT and Kathleen Gilluley, Customer Service Supervisor at McGills were circulated to members.</p> <p>A brief discussion took place during which Cllr Clark explained that an overhaul of bus service provision more generally will require intervention at Scottish Government level.</p> <p>The general consensus was that there was nothing more to be gained by making further representations on this issue as it is clear that McGills has no intention of restoring the No 20 service to serve Whitehaugh.</p> <p><i>Access to AEDs / Defibrillators in Paisley East & Whitehaugh</i></p> <p>As mentioned at the June meeting, enquiries have been made with the Scottish Ambulance service, and we have since been sent a list of Public Access Defibrillators within the PA1 post code. This was circulated in advance of the meeting. The postcode sector is of course wider than the Community Council's boundary so many of the locations are some distance from the immediate area.</p> <p>A discussion took place, during which it was pointed out that embarking on a project such as this involves not only the capital cost to purchase the device and the ongoing cost of supplies, such as pads and batteries but also routine maintenance, which is understood to be required every three months.</p> <p>It is hoped that Linda Murning, who had initially highlighted this issue and has also carried out some preliminary enquiries, will be able to come along to a meeting in the near future to discuss her own findings and thoughts</p> <p><i>Email from Cllr Clark</i> <i>Howard Street Regeneration</i></p> <p>At the end of June, Cllr Clark had sent a copy of a newsletter that the Council has recently delivered to residents in the Howard Street Housing Regeneration Area, as circulated previously and appended.</p> <p><i>Email from Cllr Clark</i> <i>Damage to Fence at Dog Exercise Area in Barshaw Park</i></p> <p>Cllr Clark has reported that the broken wooden chestnut pale fence to the rear of the dog exercise area in Barshaw Park was repaired on Saturday 1st July and was subsequently inspected to confirm that the rear fence line was repaired fully. However, during that it was discovered that a further</p>	<p>Noted</p> <p>Continued for further discussion.</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p>

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<p>smaller section of fence needs secured and this work was to be carried out before the end of week commencing 3rd July.</p> <p>Cllr Clark reported that outstanding job has since been duly completed.</p>	
<p>5. Secretary's Report</p> <p>The Secretary recapped on the various items of correspondence that had come in over the recess, the important more ones having been circulated again in advance of the meeting.</p> <p><i>Arrangements & publicity for forthcoming Community Council Election</i></p> <p>Following the publication of the timetable for Community Council elections, arrangements are well underway.</p> <p>The election period will run from Monday, 14th August until Friday, 15th September.</p> <p>Following agreement by a simple majority of members, via email, place an order with MuirMedia for 5000 leaflets at a cost of £301.50. While not the lowest quote, the difference was only £6.50 and having used this particular company before we at least had some experience of their reliability. Leaflets have since been printed and picked up by the Chair and delivered to Des Barr who has, as usual kindly, arranged distribution.</p> <p>On Sunday, 13th August, the A4 posters that Andrew (McGlynn) had kindly designed were dropped off at a number of shops in Glasgow Road and around the area. Some of the businesses have kindly displayed those, unfortunately, it seems some have not.</p> <p>As part of the "Election Pack" provided by Renfrewshire Council there were A3 posters which could be customised by individual Community Councils. Those were completed and then laminated with a poster on each side for display on three of the bus shelters on Glasgow Road. Unfortunately, after around 10 days or so those were taken down, possibly by the company who own the shelters.</p> <p>There is a folder displayed on the Community Council noticeboard at Tesco in which there are some nomination forms that people can simply take away to complete.</p> <p>As of now there have been some expressions of interest by email which have been replied to promptly with an introduction and a link to Renfrewshire Council's website, where a form can be downloaded and printed off for completion and submission to Anne McNaughton's office. An invitation has also been extended to them to attend this meeting, if they so wished.</p> <p>A full-page advert in Williamsburgh Housing Association's Summer newsletter was organised by Gaynor and the Church were intending to include a item in their New Life magazine, due to be published. The election has also been highlighted more than once on the Community Council Facebook page</p>	<p>Noted pending outcome of election.</p>

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out who they propose to engage with in the preparation of Local Development Plan 3 (LDP3) when they will engage with groups and individuals and how they will undertake this engagement.

Anyone with a vested interest in shaping Renfrewshire is encouraged to engage and get involved with the preparation of LDP3, including:

- Key Agencies
- Local Communities
- Community Groups
- Key Groups eg. Children and Young People, Gypsy Travellers
- Community Councils
- Local Businesses and Industries
- Land Owners and Developers
- Other Agencies/ Organisations and Infrastructure Suppliers
- Scottish Government

Extensive engagement will take place throughout the preparation of LDP3, starting from the Draft Development Plan Scheme, Participation Statement and Early Evidence Gathering stage and continuing all the way through to the Proposed Plan and Draft Delivery Programme Stage.

The Council aims to utilise a number of methods of engagement activities including 1 to 1 meetings, targeted consultations with key groups, stakeholder forums and workshops. Regular updates on the Council's progress during the LDP process, as well as information on how and when you can get involved, will be found on the Council's website, social media and through email. Published documents will be made available online and in libraries.

The full Draft Development Plan Scheme is available on the Council Website, or a copy can be requested by emailing localplanconsultation@renfrewshire.gov.uk.

After a brief discussion, during which it was suggested that as planning matters do depend largely on what is dictated by Local Development Plans, it would be useful for members of Community Councils, as laypeople, to know what input and influence they have in relation to the formulation of LDP3. To this end, it would be helpful if a planning officer could attend a meeting and address members accordingly. However, until the outcome of the election it would be appropriate to wait until that is known before approaching officers in this regard.

***Email from Brendan McEleny
Partnership Executive - Wise Group
New Scottish Government Funded Service for Renfrewshire***

The Wise Group are embarking on a pioneering, fully funded Scottish Government Service that launched on 3rd July.

This service will involve working with customers and households across six Local Authority areas including Renfrewshire. Our aim is to work with

Continued to extend invitation to a Planning Officer to explain process.

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<p>vulnerable households either in or at risk of fuel poverty and will adopt a holistic approach to support families, ultimately lifting them out of poverty.</p> <p>The goal is to work face-to-face with service users within the local community, to understand their needs and develop an action plan, exploring the support we can provide. Our Relational Mentors will offer sustainable long-term support, tailored to the household's needs.</p> <p>This could be in one or more of several areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Employability• Addiction• Mental health and wellbeing• Self-confidence• General life skills <p>Brendan had indicated that he is willing to come along to a meeting to explain this in more detail and members might wish to consider extending an invitation later in the year. Accordingly, pending the outcome of the election it would be appropriate to wait until that is known before extending an invitation to come along.</p> <p><i>Email from Kevin Dalrymple Development Plans & Housing Strategy Team Leader Strategy & Place - Renfrewshire Council Draft Strategic Housing Investment Plan 2024 to 2029</i></p> <p>Email with a link to the draft Strategic Housing Investment Plan for Renfrewshire for the period 2024 to 2029.</p> <p><u>Draft Strategic Housing Investment Plan website link</u></p> <p>Renfrewshire Council is required to prepare a Strategic Housing Investment Plan for its area and to update this each year. The Strategic Housing Investment Plan sets out investment priorities for affordable housing which will help to achieve the outcomes set out in the Local Housing Strategy.</p> <p>This draft Strategic Housing Investment Plan 2024 to 2029 includes projects which are being taken forward over the next 5 years.</p> <p>We are inviting comments and feedback on the draft Strategic Housing Investment Plan by 25th September 2023. This will allow them to take account of feedback before submitting it to the Scottish Government in October 2023.</p> <p><i>Emails from Anne McNaughton & Cllr Neill Graham Renfrewshire Council Active Travel Transformation Fund 2023-24</i></p> <p>Forwarded email by Graeme Crawford on behalf of Gerry Hannah advising that the Council has been successful in receiving funding from Transport</p>	<p>Continued to extend invitation to their representative.</p> <p>Noted</p>

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<p>Manager regarding tree works taking place at the Gleniffer Braes.</p> <p>The disease 'Phytophthora Ramorum' has been aggressively spreading throughout the West Coast since it was first discovered in 2002, and Renfrewshire is part of the risk reduction zone.</p> <p>Scottish Forestry confirmed an outbreak of Phytophthora Ramorum within the Braes and we have been served with our third stage Statutory Plant Health Notice which requires the removal of all larch trees within a designated radius control zone.</p> <p>This will see approximately 3,500 trees removed within the control zones.</p> <p>A variety of species will be planted to replace the larch that are felled to minimise the impact of their loss in the landscape. We are committed to replacement planting (one for one basis) of the 3500 trees in suitable locations on the Braes or elsewhere in Renfrewshire.</p> <p>Works are due to run until the end of August and there will be disruption in the area, including at the Robertson, Sergeant Law and Neilston Sub Station car parks.</p> <p>Sergeantlaw Road and Gleniffer Road will also be periodically closed to allow the works to take place and vehicles to remove the timber from the site</p> <p>Anyone in the area during the period of works is advised to avoid accessing the woodlands.</p> <p><i>Email from Cllr Stephen Dornan Renfrewshire Council SPT Annual Report 2022/2023</i></p> <p>Email from the Chair of SPT, also forwarded by Anne McNaughton, with a link to SPT's Annual Report.</p> <p><i>'This year's report presents the huge range of activities and achievements made by SPT despite the many challenges transport continues to face. I am sure you will agree that the report reflects a significant amount of successful delivery, once again due in large part to the fantastic commitment from our staff to ensure that public transport continued to deliver.</i></p>	Noted
<p><i>As always, SPT continues to look for opportunities to invest and improve services for all those who rely on public transport to get around. We believe strongly that public transport is an enabler to a better, more enriched and safer society and as always, we could do much more with increased funding and more powers to make it better and more attractive to all.'</i></p> <p>Electronic version available at:</p> <p>https://www.spt.co.uk/media/w40lyhzp/spt_annual-report_2022-23.pdf</p>	Noted

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<p><i>Email from Emma Scott Events, Information and Communications Manager SURF - Scotland's Regeneration Forum</i></p> <p>The 2023 SURF Awards for Best Practice in Community Regeneration launched on 29th June at a special event marking the 25th Anniversary of the SURF Awards in the Pearce Institute in Govan. You can read the press release here:</p> <p>https://surf.scot/25th-anniversary-surf-awards-launched/</p> <p>The SURF Awards are delivered in partnership with the Scottish Government, with additional support from Creative Scotland, Highlands and Islands Enterprise, Scottish Procurement Alliance, Institute of Employability Professionals, Scotland's Towns Partnership and Architecture & Design Scotland.</p> <p>The purpose is to highlight, celebrate and share the achievements of initiatives that address physical, social and economic challenges in communities across Scotland. The deadline for applications is 5pm on Monday 4th September.</p> <p>The 5 categories this year are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community Led Regeneration • Creative Regeneration • Improving Scotland's Places • Removing Barriers to Employability (now open to all employability initiatives) • Housing and Regeneration <p><i>Email from Lucy Graham BBC Scotland Scotland's People</i></p> <p>BBC Scotland is seeking nominations for 'Scotland's People 2023' with Jackie Bird. Do you know an incredible person who's gone that extra mile to help others?</p> <p>Someone who has an inspirational story of kindness and caring? An unsung hero who deserves recognition and thanks for the amazing work they do?</p> <p>http://bbc.co.uk/scotlandpeople</p> <p>FB Video: https://fb.watch/mL1lvLWEkH/</p> <p>Following the earlier discussion regarding arrangements for the election, members discussed the possibility of individually nominating the local newsagent given his selfless dedication to the local community over the years as well as assisting the Community Council with distribution of leaflets at the this and several previous elections.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Noted</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Noted – members encouraged to consider making individual nominations.</p>

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<p><i>Emails from Graeme Crawford Renfrewshire Council Updates on progress of #YouDecide Successful Projects</i></p> <p>Emails with updates on the successful projects chosen.</p> <p><i>Email from Graeme Crawford Renfrewshire Council Spotless September – Get Involved</i></p> <p>The Council's Spotless September event is well underway again as we strive to make local neighbourhoods cleaner, more inviting places to live, work and visit</p> <p>The campaign aims to make people change their behaviours and asks everyone to take pride in where they live so let your friends, families, neighbours, and anyone else you can think of know about Spotless September - and the Team Up to Clean Up campaign.</p> <p>A key part of our Team Up to Clean Up campaign, the annual event has attracted thousands of volunteers to work closely with the council to improve their local area.</p> <p>What's happening throughout September?</p> <p>Here's a look at what council officers will be doing during the month of action:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- <i>Visiting primary and high schools across Renfrewshire to give presentations to pupils and teachers on the environment.</i>- <i>Take the Lead is back – our campaign to tackle dog fouling in Renfrewshire. This time, the mass dog walk will be in Robertson Park, Renfrew on Saturday 23 September from 10am. There's a Dog Companion Show on in the park afterwards with Crufts judge Debbie Fleming too. Think your dog could win best in show? Bring them along and take part</i>- <i>Our lunchtime litter pilot will move from Johnstone High to Gleniffer High and additional bins will be added to hotspot routes near schools.</i>- <i>Supporting schools with their litter picks</i>- <i>Our council teams of litter pickers, street cleaners, and gully cleaners will be out on their enhanced programme of cleaning.</i> <p>Those interested can join the online Facebook community which has almost 5,000 like-minded people who are posting their litter picks and making friends with fellow volunteers.</p> <p><i>Email from Louise Lee Scottish Gas Networks (SGN) Invitation: SGN Engage - Shaping Our Plans Together Tuesday 26th September 2023 09:30-11:30 on MS Teams</i></p> <p>Email sent on behalf of Joss Clarke, Head of Stakeholder Engagement & External Affairs.</p>	<p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p>

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<p>Interested stakeholders are invited to join SGN for an online workshop, to share their views and help us shape their next business plan.</p> <p>Since their last planning period, they have faced many challenges and dilemmas – most notably, the balance of maintaining a safe and reliable network now, working towards a net zero future, and keeping costs down for their customers (indications show that this winter, one in four households may be financially vulnerable).</p> <p>A fundamental part of this planning process is to listen to our customer and stakeholder views, use them to inform our plans and act on them where we can. This is the first in a series of collaborative planning events at which they aim to do just that.</p> <p><i>Email from Stephen Whitton Graduate/ Technician Environment, Housing & Infrastructure, Renfrewshire Council Consultation on the draft, proposed The Renfrewshire Council (Prohibition and Restriction of Waiting and Loading and Parking Places) (Consolidation) Order 202*.</i></p> <p>Email advising that Renfrewshire Council is undertaking consultations in accordance with statutory requirements and procedures.</p> <p>To this end, they have provided a weblink below, where documentation relating to the proposed order - The Renfrewshire Council (Prohibition and Restriction of Waiting and Loading and Parking Places) (Consolidation) Order 202*. can be viewed.</p> <p>https://www.tellmesotland.gov.uk/notices/renfrewshire/traffic</p> <p>The publication reference is TRO 1000.</p> <p>They would be pleased to hear from anyone wishing to make representations in relation to the proposals by Wednesday, 4 October 2023.</p> <p><i>Email from Cllr Graeme Clark Garthland Lane New Build Housing Proposals</i></p> <p>As part of the Garthland Lane new build housing proposals, site investigation works have commenced from Monday 5 September 2023 at the site for and will continue for a period of 4 weeks.</p> <p>The survey works, which will comprise of trial pits and boreholes, will provide vital information on ground conditions ahead of any proposed development works for the site.</p> <p>This is being carried out under licence from Renfrewshire Council by Aitken Laboratories on behalf of Environment, Housing and Infrastructure. Upon completion of the site investigation work, the ground will be reinstated by the contractor.</p>	<p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p>

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<p>Please note, the works were originally scheduled to commence on Monday 11 September, however due to resourcing issues and the recent good weather, they have commenced earlier than scheduled.</p> <p>A brief discussion took place regarding this development by Loretto and an update on development is waited in due course.</p> <p><i>Accounts Commission Newsletter</i></p> <p>The July edition of the Accounts Commission Newsletter can be accessed here</p> <p><i>Friends of Clyde Muirshiel Regional Park Summer Newsletter</i></p> <p>The Summer Edition of their Newsletter can be accessed here</p> <p><i>Email from Anne McNaughton Scottish Community Council Newsletter</i></p> <p>The August Edition of the Newsletter can be found here .</p>	<p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p>
<p>6. Treasurer’s Report</p> <p>The Treasurer explained that as per her report at the last meeting, the balance at the bank currently stands at £2452.68, following payment of the agreed charges of £301.50 to MuirMedia for production of the election publicity leaflets.</p>	<p>Noted</p>
<p>7. Any other Business</p> <p>There were no other matters arising.</p>	
<p>8. Date of Next Meeting</p> <p>The next meeting, the last before the forthcoming election, is provisionally scheduled to take place on Wednesday, 11th October at 7pm. This will be confirmed nearer the time, subject to the arrangements in place for the election.</p> <p>Gratitude was expressed for the commitment shown over the years by John Bell and Graham Paterson, both of whom have already intimated that they do not intend to seek re-election at this time. However, John has kindly agreed to continue hosting and maintaining the Community Council website.</p>	