

# PAISLEY EAST & WHITEHAUGH COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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| <p>Present: Gaynor Corry; Robert Moore; Andrew Ramsay; Jean Ramsay; Moira Treanor; Diane Watt</p> <p>Attending: Nicola Green; Liz Begg (Local Residents); Councillors Graeme Clark and John McNaughtan (Renfrewshire Council); Chris Don (Renfrewshire Wardens Service – Item 3 only)</p> <p>Apologies: William Burns; Thomas Higgins; Luke Humberstone; Kirsty Lowe; Christine McLellan; Linda Murning; Diane Watt; Julia Watt; Councillor Neill Graham (Renfrewshire Council); Lorraine Hannah (Wise Group)</p> <p>Chair: Andrew Ramsay</p>   |                  |
| <p><b>1. Chair's Welcome &amp; Opening Comments</b></p> <p>The Chair welcomed those present and thanked everyone for attending the November meeting.</p> <p>Unfortunately, due to illness, the scheduled speaker, Lorraine Hannah from the Wise Group, is unable to come along this evening so the Secretary will likely try to reorganise this for January.</p> <p>The Chair explained that as all Community Policing Team officers are being deployed to police the football match at SMiSA Stadium, we have been advised that there will be no-one available to attend the meeting. Hopefully there will be an officer(s) available for the December meeting.</p>  |                  |
| <p><b>2. Renfrewshire Wardens Service</b></p> <p>The Chair invited the representative from the Wardens Service to address members.</p> <p>Chris Don briefly introduced himself before giving an overview of activity in recent months.</p> <p>Since 1<sup>st</sup> September there had been three instances of anti-social behaviour in the area. The service has arranged a leaflet drop focusing on this issue.</p> <p>Apart from six dog-fouling complaints there had been two incidents in relation to control of dogs.</p> <p>Separately, there has been three complaints in relation to bonfires; two hypodermic needle incidents; one issue relating to an abandoned vehicle and also a business parking their vehicle in a designated disabled space.</p> <p>A discussion then took place regarding some local concerns.</p> <p>Particular concern was expressed about the number of fireworks being set off before, during and after 5<sup>th</sup> November. Mr Don explained that this is presently a matter for the Police, although there is legislative change due to</p> | Noted            |

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| <p>be enacted that will confer responsibility for the control of fireworks to local authorities.</p> <p>The problems caused by pavement parking was also mentioned. This is due to be addressed by implementation of the relevant provisions of the Transport (Scotland) Act 2019, which will ban pavement parking, double parking and parking at dropped kerbs with certain exemptions. The criteria that will be applied to determine which locations should be exempt is not yet clear. Cllr Clark explained that Renfrewshire Council has already commissioned consultants to look at locations where exemptions might be appropriate.</p> <p>It was also highlighted that there has been a lot of concern from parents and teachers at Paisley Grammar School regarding local premises selling vapes and associated equipment to under 18s. The Parents Council at the school have been in touch with Trading Standards who say they are aware of the issue and which premises are involved but it doesn't look like there will be an easy resolution from their point of view. It is understood that Cllr Mylet has also been in touch with Trading Standards about this issue. This problem will be compounded as a new vape shop is about to open on Glasgow Road and there is frustration regarding further shops selling vapes in close proximity to a secondary school. The school is arranging sessions to discuss the health/addiction risks of vapes but with that will have limited success when under 18s can easily buy vapes from premises next to school. The Warden explained that he was not aware of this issue but will certainly feed it back to colleagues at the Community Safety Hub to see what can be done to mitigate the possibility of vapes being sold to under 18s.</p> |  |
| <p><b>3. Minutes of Meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> October 2023</b></p> <p>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 dissent.</p> <p>A copy of the AGM minutes received from Renfrewshire Council had also been appended for information though those will be tabled for formal approval until AGM in October 2024.</p>  | <p>Approved</p>                                    |
| <p><b>4. Business arising from Minutes of Meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> October 2023</b></p> <p><i>Co-option of Catherine Scally</i></p> <p>As agreed at the last meeting, formal consideration is to be given to the proposal to co-opt Catherine Scally as her nomination form had not reached Renfrewshire House during the election period.</p> <p>Due notice having been given, it was formally moved by Robert Moore and seconded by Jean Ramsay that Catherine Scally be co-opted as a member of the Community Council until the next election. This was agreed without dissent.</p> <p>As Catherine has intimated that as she is working this evening she is unable to attend the meeting in person and has tendered her apologies.</p>   | <p>Co-option of Catherine Scally duly approved</p> |

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| <p>The Secretary confirmed that he will arrange to forward the relevant co-option form to Renfrewshire Council for approval.</p> <p><i><b>Consultation re Local Plan Formulation – Visit by Planning Officer</b></i></p> <p>Kevin Dalrymple, Development Plans &amp; Housing Strategy Team Leader has advised that he is able to come along to address members at the meeting on 13th December.</p> <p><i><b>Email from Lorraine Hannah<br/>Partnership Executive<br/>Wise Group<br/>New Scottish Government Funded Service for Renfrewshire</b></i></p> <p>As it has been arranged for a speaker from Renfrewshire Council to attend the December meeting, Lorraine had agreed to come along to the meeting this evening. However, as announced at the start of the meeting, due to illness, she has been unable to attend. The Secretary confirmed that he would liaise with Lorraine to confirm her availability for the January meeting.</p> <p>Meanwhile, a copy of the latest weekly Wise Group Newsletters had been circulated in advance of the meeting.</p> <p><i><b>Applications For Short-Term Letting Licences Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982</b></i></p> <p>As discussed at the last meeting, the relevant objections have been duly lodged and since acknowledged by the Licensing Section</p> <p>The objections in standard format were along the lines discussed previously and the specific wording was agreed following a consultation with members via email.</p> <p>In that email, notification was included regarding a further application for a provisional license received following the meeting by Mohammed Asif Khan in relation to a property at Flat 1/2, 8 Clarence Street Paisley PA1 1PT.</p> <p>The closing date for objections in relation thereto was before the November meeting.</p> <p>It had been suggested by the Secretary in the email circulated that in the interests of consistency and fairness to all applicants for these licences, members take a similar stance on this one and object on the same grounds.</p> <p>As there was no dissent expressed to proceeding along those lines, an objection in the same terms was lodged together with the others.</p> <p>After discussion it was agreed that as a matter of policy that the Community Council object to the grant of all similar license applications on the same basis. Moreover, it was agreed also authorise the Secretary to submit representations to the Licensing Sections in the same terms as those objections recently submitted.</p> | <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted pending rescheduling of speaker.</p> <p>Policy agreed to object re Short-Term Letting licences. on same standard terms</p> |

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| <p><b>5. Secretary's Report</b></p> <p>The Secretary recapped on the various items of substantive correspondence that had been received since the previous meeting.</p> <p><i>Retirement of Anne McNaughton, Community Council Liaison Officer</i></p> <p>Members were advised that next Tuesday, 14<sup>th</sup> November, Anne is due to retire from her role at Renfrewshire Council. In her valedictory email, Anne has conveyed her sincere thanks to "every single thoughtful, kind and hard-working Community Council member for their support over the last 15 years."</p> <p>The Secretary and Treasurer advised that they have both sent personal messages of thanks to Anne and it was agreed to formally record in the minute the Community Council's appreciation for her unstinting support and guidance since assuming her role in 2008.</p> <p><i>Donation to Sherwood Greenlaw Church re use of accommodation for meetings</i></p> <p>Members were reminded that while the Community Council uses the church's facilities to meet ten times a year, no formal rent is charged for this but, instead, we customarily make a donation. Given this is the start of a new session it was recommended that we agree to a donation at this meeting.</p> <p>After discussion, it was moved by Jean Ramsay and seconded by Moira Treanor that the Community Council donate the sum of £300 to Sherwood-Greenlaw Church. No dissent having been expressed; this was duly agreed so the Treasurer confirmed that she would arrange for this to be paid</p> <p><i>New £1.5million fund opens for Community Groups in Renfrewshire</i></p> <p>Renfrewshire Council have established the Sustainable Communities Fund by bringing together the Community Empowerment Fund and Climate Change Action Fund, boosted by £650,000 from the UK Shared Prosperity Fund – Communities and Place, into one easy-to-access funding stream.</p> <p>Local community groups can now apply for a share of £1.5million for innovative, sustainable projects that will enhance where they live.</p> <p>It will support community collaboration with the aim of regenerating local spaces, tackling climate change, and reducing inequalities, such as isolation, food insecurity, healthy eating, health inequalities and fuel poverty.</p> <p>Constituted community groups can apply for up to £10,000, £10-25,000 or up to £100,000 in either capital or revenue funding for their project depending on its size and scale which will allow both small- and large-scale projects to be considered, and council officers are available to provide advice and support to all applicants.</p> <p>The fund is now welcoming applications from local community groups for potential projects such as:</p> | <p>Noted</p> <p>Agreed donation to church in lieu of rent for use of premises.</p> <p>Noted</p> |

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| <p>1. <i>Restoring or developing buildings</i></p> <p>2. <i>Bike repairs or tools for hire</i></p> <p>3. <i>Community kitchens</i></p> <p>4. <i>Planting projects</i></p> <p>5. <i>Growing grounds</i></p> <p>6. <i>Community gardens</i></p> <p>7. <i>Feasibility studies for community asset transfers</i></p> <p>8. <i>Upgrades to community spaces</i></p> <p>9. <i>Volunteering support</i></p> <p>There are so many more areas not listed that could be supported though so if any groups have a project in mind that they think could make a difference to where they live, then they are welcome to get touch with Renfrewshire Council.</p> <p>For more information and organisations to make an application, visit:<br/><a href="https://www.renfrewshire.gov.uk/article/13563/Sustainable-Communities-Fund">https://www.renfrewshire.gov.uk/article/13563/Sustainable-Communities-Fund</a></p> <p><b><i>Email from Anne McNaughton<br/>Renfrewshire Council<br/>Renfrewshire Licensing Board Statement of Licensing Policy 2023-2027</i></b></p> <p>Forwarded email from Douglas Campbell, Depute Clerk to the Licensing Board advising that the Statement of Licensing Policy was approved at the meeting of the Board on Monday 23 October 2023.</p> <p>The approved Statement of Licensing Policy has been published on the Council's community portal to download at Statement of Licensing Policy (Alcohol Licensing) - Renfrewshire Website and can also be obtained from the Licensing Section on request.</p> <p><a href="https://www.renfrewshire.gov.uk/article/3207/Statement-of-Licensing-Policy">https://www.renfrewshire.gov.uk/article/3207/Statement-of-Licensing-Policy</a></p> <p><b><i>Email from Kirsty Wright<br/>Environment, Housing and Infrastructure, Renfrewshire Council<br/>Pavement Parking Ban</i></b></p> <p>Email sent on behalf of Kenny Bonella, Active Travel Officer advising that as part of the Transport (Scotland) 2019 Act, pavement parking was banned. In order to bring in the ban, exemptions must be assessed and decided upon.</p> <p>This had been alluded to during the earlier discussion with the Warden.</p> <p>To recap, an external consultant has been engaged by Renfrewshire Council to assist with this process. Over the next 6 weeks (approximately, this is weather dependent) there will be staff on the streets at various times of the day and evening surveying those areas where there is potential for an exemption to the pavement parking ban. They are employed by Jacobs, are working on behalf of Renfrewshire Council and will identify themselves as such.</p> | <p>Noted.</p> <p>Noted</p> |

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| <p><i>Email from Natalie Orr<br/>Environment, Housing and Infrastructure, Renfrewshire Council<br/>Bus Network Review</i></p> <p>Email sent on behalf of Gerard Hannah, Head of Climate, Public Protection &amp; Roads</p> <p>Renfrewshire Council is looking to gather people’s views on the bus network across Renfrewshire.</p> <p>They are looking to hear from people whether they use buses regularly, sometimes or not at all, with the feedback informing a review being carried out into public transport provision in Renfrewshire.</p> <p>This will help them to identify gaps in provision and the barriers to people using public transport so they can consider what they can do to address those.</p> <p>The Council is working with independent transport consultants SYSTRA who have developed an online survey to capture people’s views</p> <p>All responses are confidential and will remain anonymous.</p> <p><a href="http://www.renfrewshire.gov.uk/bus-survey">www.renfrewshire.gov.uk/bus-survey</a></p> <p>The survey is open until Friday 24 November 2023.</p> <p>If anyone is unable to complete the survey they can call the Council on 0300 300 0380 or email <a href="mailto:RenfrewshireBus@systra.com">RenfrewshireBus@systra.com</a> and they will arrange for a written copy to be shared for them to complete.</p> <p>Members were encouraged to participate in the survey.</p> <p>Details have also been posted on the Community Council’s Facebook Page</p> <p><i>Email from Erin Burke<br/>Scottish Civic Trust<br/>My Place Awards: Celebrating Placemaking efforts in Scotland</i></p> <p>Further email forwarded from Renfrewshire Council’s Community Council mailbox from the Scottish Civic Trust to raise awareness of our national My Place Awards, which celebrate projects and people that work to improve places and communities in Scotland.</p> <p>The Scottish Civic Trust My Place Awards celebrate projects and people that work to improve places and communities in Scotland. They have two categories:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Community-led Projects recognise recent community-led built environment projects, including new buildings, historic buildings or monuments that have been reused or refurbished, designed public realm schemes such as street-works or parks, and designed landscapes such as gardens or public green spaces.</li> </ol> | <p>Noted pending further developments</p> <p>Noted</p> |

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2. Community Champions: celebrates individuals in communities across Scotland who have made a significant contribution to their local area through achieving positive change in the built environment, whether through built heritage, public spaces or access to these by communities. Winners of the Awards are celebrated at a ceremony attended by major stakeholders in the built environment and heritage sectors, as well as representatives from local and national government.

The My Place Awards are a great opportunity to showcase a project's success to the community, stakeholders and funders by receiving much-deserved exposure and media attention, as well as thank community members for their hard work and dedication to their locality.

Information had previously been highlighted to members in September.

*Email from Graham Swankie*

*Technician*

*Environment, Housing and Infrastructure, Renfrewshire Council*

*Temporary Road Closure - Arkleston Road, Paisley (from Regent Street to Whitehaugh Avenue)*

Reason for Restriction: Reprofilng of speed tables. - Monday 13th November 2023 until Friday 17th November

Alternative Routes:

**North Bound Traffic:**

Glasgow Road, Incle Street, Weir Street, Abercorn Street, Niddry Street, Renfrew Road and Gallowhill Road.

**South Bound Traffic:**

Gallowhill Road, Renfrew Road, Incle Street and Glasgow Road.

Emergency and local access will be maintained.

The Chair spoke briefly regarding this work due to start next week, explaining that residents have been lettered to say that the work is being carried out by Finco on behalf of Renfrewshire Council and is hoped to be completed over three days.

Disappointment was expressed that speed tables are seen as the only possible traffic calming measure as the Community Council has been pressing the local authority to come up with alternatives, given the noise and vibration caused particularly by heavier vehicles, such as lorries carrying skips, when crossing the tables. While assurances were given that other measures would be considered and that the Community Council would be consulted throughout, this did not happen.

Noted pending further developments following completion of works

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| <p><b><i>Scottish Environmental Protection Agency (SEPA)</i></b><br/><b><i>Latest Updates</i></b></p> <p>Members' attention was directed to the following bulletins that had been circulated in advance of the meeting.</p> <p>Advice re preparing for Storm(s) <a href="#">Storm Babet brings unprecedented rain to parts of Scotland (mailchi.mp)</a></p> <p>Latest Update November 2023 <a href="#">SEPA Update - November 2023 (mailchi.mp)</a></p>   | <p>Noted</p>   |
| <p><b>6. Treasurer's Report</b></p> <p>The Treasurer explained that as per her report at the last meeting, the balance at the bank on 29<sup>th</sup> September remains at £2417.68. However, next month's report is likely to reflect receipt of the annual Administration Allowance from Renfrewshire Council amounting to £845 and payment of the agreed £300 donation to Sherwood-Greenlaw Church.</p>  | <p>Noted</p>   |
| <p><b>7. Any other Business</b></p> <p><b><i>HGVs using Arkleston Road</i></b></p> <p>The Chair highlighted that late on Friday, 27<sup>th</sup> October into Saturday, 27<sup>th</sup> October, skip lorries belonging to Thomsons and McCreadie were running full southbound along Arkleston Road and returning northbound empty. There were two lorries passing through at a time and this continued from 9.30pm until 1.30am on the Saturday morning.</p> <p>It is not clear where these vehicles were travelling to or from or what site they might have been servicing.</p> <p>It was agreed to monitor the situation to see if there is any recurrence. If so, it can be decided if it might be worthwhile writing to the operators to express concerns.</p> <p><b><i>Councillor Graeme Clark</i></b></p> <p>Cllr Clark took an opportunity to provide a brief report covering a range of issues.</p> <p>Firstly, at the Economy and Regeneration Policy Board this week, it was agreed to implement a new grant scheme designed to encourage new businesses to take up empty retail properties in Paisley, Renfrew and Johnstone Town Centres. This scheme will offer match funding of 50% up to a maximum £25,000 to support set-up costs or as working capital.</p> <p>At the Infrastructure, Land and Environment Policy Board today (8/11), proposals to change parking arrangements were agreed. This is in readiness for developing "a new parking strategy which manages the supply and demand for parking, supports economic regeneration....."</p> | <p>Noted pending further developments</p> <p>Noted</p> |



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| <p>The 'Three for Free' concession in Council owned car parks is being scrapped and replaced by a new scheme where motorists will get free parking for one hour in car parks and also on-street, However, the charges levied beyond that one hour will rise sharply from current levels.</p> <p>There will also be significantly increased fixed penalties for parking offences.</p> <p><u><a href="#">Report - Changes to Parking Arrangements</a></u></p> <p>On a separate issue, there is growing concern over an apparent rising tide of antisemitic abuse linked to the current Israel-Palestine conflict. A question was asked if there is much evidence of pro-Palestinian activity in the local area. It was pointed out that while there will be supporters of Palestine around Renfrewshire, the protest activity tends to be focused on cities, such as Glasgow.</p> <p>Locally, Friends of Barshaw Park are seeking to formalise its structure and register as a Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation (SCIO) with the OSCR, the Scottish Charity Regulator. They are also intending to submit a Community Asset Transfer Application to take on a leasing arrangement for the Peace Garden at Barshaw Park.</p> <p>Local residents are also being encouraged to engage with the activities organised by RIG Arts based in Kilnside Road. <a href="https://www.rigarts.org/for-all/">https://www.rigarts.org/for-all/</a></p> <p><u><a href="#">Speeding in Seedhill Road</a></u></p> <p>Concern was raised regarding vehicles speeding on Seedhill Road, particularly the long, straight stretch between Kilnside Road and Hawkhead Road</p> <p>It was agreed that the Secretary should write to Environment Housing and Infrastructure to find out if resources could perhaps be made available at the earliest opportunity to monitor driver behaviour at this location with a view possibly to putting calming measures in place.</p> | <p>Secretary to make enquiries with Renfrewshire Council about scope for measures.</p> |
| <p><b>8. Date of Next Meeting</b></p> <p>The next meeting is scheduled to take place on Wednesday, 13<sup>th</sup> December at 7.00pm</p>   |  |