

Paisley, 13th December 2017

Minutes of the meeting of **PAISLEY EAST & WHITEHAUGH COMMUNITY COUNCIL** held at Sherwood-Greenlaw Church, Paisley on Wednesday, 13th December 2017 at 7.00pm.

Present: Gaynor Corry; Helen Dykes Elizabeth Logue; Robert Moore Andrew Ramsay; Jean Ramsay; Catherine Scally; Jhulia Watt; Craig Wilson; Pauline Wilson

Attending Cllr Jim Sharkey [Renfrewshire Council];
PC Andrew Stewart [Police Scotland – until end of Item 2 only]

Chair: Helen Dykes

1. The Chair welcomed members to the last meeting of 2017 and thanked everyone for attending.

Apologies have been submitted by or on behalf of Graham Paterson; Diane Watt; Cllr Jeniffer Adam-McGregor and Cllr Carolann Davidson (both Renfrewshire Council).

2. **POLICE SCOTLAND**

The Chair invited PC Andrew Stewart from the Community Policing Team to address the meeting

PC Stewart briefly introduced himself as one of the local Community Officers covering the beat from Hawkhead across to Lacy Street, explaining that he had come along on behalf of his colleague, PC Stephen Reid who was unable to attend this evening.

Since the last meeting, in Whitehaugh there had been 10 crime reports raised. From those reports there have, so far, been 4 detections.

PC Stewart went on to provide an overview of the statistics for the Whitehaugh area, explaining that the detections had included three road traffic offences and a common assault. There had also been two other common assaults, which are currently under investigation. Enquiries are still ongoing in relation to two housebreakings with intent to steal; a car that was broken into at St. Mirin's Cathedral and the theft of a vehicle's number plates in Arkleston Road.

Unfortunately, in his colleague's absence, PC Stewart did not have to hand the statistics for the Seedhill area, so he indicated that he would have those collated and e-mailed to the Secretary. However, he reported that the CID are still looking into to an armed robbery, which took place at a shop in Clarence Street on 25th November

CID officers have been reviewing CCTV footage as well as carrying out door-to-door enquiries.

The officer also explained that he is organising Crime Prevention Surveys and anyone wishing advice on appropriate prevention measures can contact him on the non-emergency '101' number to arrange a visit.

A brief discussion took place following which the Chair thanked PC Stewart for his informative input.

[PC Stewart left the meeting at this point]

3. MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 8TH NOVEMBER 2017

The minutes of the previous meeting were proposed as accurate by Jean Ramsay and this was seconded by Pauline Wilson and the record of the proceedings was approved without dissent.

4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 8TH NOVEMBER 2017

CCTV Cameras at Avondale Drive.

Jean Ramsay explained that PC Reid had recently come back to her about the concerns expressed last month about the numerous CCTV cameras situated around the property at 2 Avondale Drive. After 3 or 4 visits, PC Reid had managed to speak with a female occupant who had explained that the cameras were installed following an attempted break-in to the property around a year ago. Having checked the positioning and the coverage of the respective cameras, PC Reid was satisfied that those did not give rise to any concerns over infringement of others' privacy

This was noted

Toilets at Hawkhead Cemetery

In the absence of his colleague, Cllr Sharkey reported that following the previous meeting he discussed this issue with Cllr Davidson as a result of which a motion has since been drafted for Council. While this will not make it to the agenda for the next full Council meeting next week it is hoped that it will be on the agenda for the following meeting.

This was noted pending further developments

Makeshift Wooden Structure and Boundary Wall at 74 Arkleston Road, Paisley

Before embarking on discussion in relation to this issue, Jean Ramsay explained that Mr Egan had hoped to come back along this evening but, unfortunately, he could not make it so had tendered his apologies.

The Secretary went on to explain that following the last meeting he had felt it appropriate to write to Fraser Carlin, as the Council's Head of Planning & Housing to put on the record that the Community Council has concerns over the unauthorised development of the site.

Members were referred to copies of e-mails circulated in advance of the meeting setting out the Department's position on this matter. The e-mail of 27th November from David Bryce, Development Standards Manager, was a direct response to the Secretary's e-mail to Fraser Carlin. The substantive content of that e-mail read as follows:-

"The above matter was brought to the attention of the Planning Authority in April 2017. Investigations at this time established that the building had been erected without the required planning permission. A retrospective application from the developer was sought, and a timetable for its submission had been agreed. However, no application was received within the agreed time period.

In order to seek resolution on this matter, the Council has today issued a Section 33A notice requiring the land owner to submit a retrospective planning application for the building. The serving of a Section 33A notice constitutes enforcement action, and a 28-day period is provided for compliance with the notice. Failure to comply with the notice may result in further enforcement action being taken. The requirement to submit of an application retrospectively should not be assumed as meaning that such an application would be considered favourably; however, when an application is submitted, the matter will be formally assessed and further representations can be made at that time."

An e-mail in similar but more detailed terms had been sent by Mr Bryce to Cllr Sharkey, who, in turn had forwarded a copy to the Secretary

A copy of various photographs of the development, kindly provided by John Bell, who had also come along to the previous meeting, had been circulated to provide members with some appreciation of the scale of the development and the issues surrounding it.

After discussion, it was agreed to note the current position pending further developments in relation to this matter.

HGV Strategy in Renfrewshire

In the absence of Cllr Adam-McGregor there was no further feedback regarding this issue.

This item was continued pending further feedback.

Boundary Commission for Scotland Proposals for new Parliamentary Constituencies

The Secretary referred members to the copy of the representation submitted to the Boundary Commission on behalf of the Community Council.

He went on to explain that following submission of the representation it had subsequently come to light that in excluding wards 6 & 7 from the proposed Paisley Burgh Constituency, those actually referred to the former Council wards rather than the revised wards in respect of which local Councillors had been elected back in May.

Essentially, while at the previous meeting, the Secretary had suggested that parts of Foxbar and Glenburn would be excluded from the proposed new Constituency, it is actually *Ward 6 - Paisley South West* and *Ward 7 - Johnstone South, Elderslie and Howwood*, both of which had been extant until May 2017, that the Commission propose should not be included.

The former Paisley South West Ward includes the whole of Foxbar, including Brediland and Lounsdale and this is the part of the town that they intend to exclude.

Accordingly, while the representation submitted is, unfortunately, to some extent flawed, the general principle that a new Paisley Burgh Constituency should at least encompass the whole of the town remains entirely valid.

The Secretary apologised for any confusion that his previous report might have caused

This was noted.

NHS Greater Glasgow & Clyde Proposed Closure of Children's Ward at the Royal Alexandra Hospital

The Secretary referred members to the copy of the further response received from Charlotte Jack of the Health Performance and Delivery Directorate on behalf of Shona Robison, Cabinet Secretary for Health and Sport.

In her response, Charlotte Jack advised that:

“Please be assured the Cabinet Secretary has noted your concerns. As you are aware the role of the Scottish Government is to provide policies, frameworks and resources to NHS Boards, in order that they can plan and deliver the services that meet the needs of their local population. The actual planning and provision of healthcare services is the responsibility of local Health Boards, taking into account national policies and frameworks, as well as local service needs and priorities for investment.

As previously mentioned, NHSGGC has now submitted its proposals to the Cabinet Secretary, as in all such cases, Ministers take full account of all the available information, including the report from the independent Scottish Health Council and representations made before coming to a final decision.

You may be interested to know that the Cabinet Secretary met with parents and local representatives in late May, and in addition Ms Robison also visited Ward 15 in early July and held a further meeting with local stakeholders to hear their views to help inform her decision-making. In late September Ms Robison also visited the new Royal Children’s Hospital in Glasgow.

Local people can be assured that the Cabinet Secretary will carefully consider all the evidence and representations before coming to a final decision. Ms Robison will listen not just to the views of the Health Board; but to those of parents, patients and other stakeholders. This will ensure that a decision is made, rightly and properly, based on what is in the best interests of patients.”

The Secretary reported that while the Community Council’s representations had also been copied to the First Minister, no response had been received.

This was noted.

Review of Car Parking Provision and Charges

Following the discussion at the previous meeting, the Chair reported that since the previous meeting she has met with Councillor Jeniffer Adam-McGregor to discuss concerns over the proposal to introduce charges for Residents’ Parking Permits, which is currently subject to review. She went on to explain that this meeting had been organised by her in an entirely personal capacity, given her previous involvement in the campaign surrounding parking issues in the East End prior to the introduction of the Zone 3 Scheme.

A brief discussion took place during which it was explained that a well-attended Public Meeting had recently taken place in Johnstone, organised by the local Community Council and Johnstone Business Consortium, to discuss the roll-out of

parking charges to outlying towns such as Johnstone and Renfrew. Businesses and residents are understandably opposed to the imposition of charges with little support being expressed in favour of the proposal.

Moreover, during this discourse, concern was expressed that if the current administration, after conducting the review, do decide to introduce an annual charge for the issue of residents' permits then this would afford the Council an opportunity to increase the charges year on year

This was noted pending further feedback.

Administration Allowance for 2017/2018

Further to the report at the last meeting, the Secretary confirmed that the replacement cheque for the Administration Allowance had subsequently arrived and had been duly passed to the Treasurer to be lodged in the Community Council's bank account.

This was noted.

Road Markings at Kelburn Oval/Whitehaugh Avenue.

At the previous meeting it had been observed that the road markings, specifically the give way lines at the junction of Kelburn Oval and Whitehaugh Avenue, are in need of renewal.

Cllr Sharkey confirmed that this issue had been reported to Community Resources and Drew McNab has confirmed that the matter would receive attention.

This was noted

Former Whitehaugh Barracks/ Paisley: The Secret Collection

Cllr Sharkey reported that Renfrewshire Leisure are currently in the course of completing the process of moving artefacts to the new museum storage facility at 7-11 High Street in Paisley,

Once the transfer is complete early in the New Year, the Secret Collection, will be open for free public and school tours by appointment

<https://www.renfrewshireleisure.com/theseecretcollection/>

This was noted.

5. SECRETARY'S REPORT

The Secretary then went on to report in relation to the following items; a copy of the relevant documents having been circulated to members in advance of the meeting: -

***E-mails from Anne McNaughton
Renfrewshire Council
Renfrewshire Community Council Forum (RCCF)***

The Secretary referred members to e-mails received from Anne McNaughton following the Annual General Meeting and the subsequent routine quarterly business meeting of the Forum, both of which took place on 27th November.

Members were referred to a copy of the minutes of the respective meetings, which had been circulated in advance of the meeting.

Members were pleased to note that following the nomination agreed at the previous meeting, which had been duly conveyed to Anne, Gaynor Corry had been re-elected to the Forum's Management Committee for 2017/2108. On behalf of the Community Council, the Secretary conveyed congratulations to Gaynor on her re-election.

One of the e-mail messages had included a copy of the slides from the presentation delivered by Brian McClean, Group Head of Communications and Ross Nimmo, Head of Planning and Development of Glasgow Airport Limited, at the business meeting.

Also included were the following links to video presentations, which could not be shown on the evening of the Forum meeting:

Glasgow Airport Investment Area
<http://www.renfrewshire.gov.uk/gaia>

Glasgow Airport Access Project
<http://www.renfrewshire.gov.uk/aap>

Members were referred to specific points that Anne had highlighted in her e-mails, as follows:

- *It is hoped that Community Councils will participate in the forthcoming consultation on Glasgow Airport Airspace Programme - to be launched in January 2018.*
- *Future meetings of Renfrewshire Community Council Forum will be held on Tuesday rather than Monday evenings on the following dates - 27/02/18, 29/05/18, 28/08/18 and 29/11/18;*

- *Kam Kaur, Economic Development Officer (Renfrewshire Council) will be the guest speaker at the next Forum meeting in February to discuss external funding opportunities;*
- *Community Councils should advise marymcelhinney57@gmail.com as soon as possible of their nominations for three best Council services and three worst Council services.*

The contents of the respective minutes were noted.

It was agreed that a decision on whether or not to participate in the forthcoming consultation in relation to the *Glasgow Airport Airspace Programme* will be considered once that is launched.

In relation to the requested nominations for the three best Council services and three worst Council services, it was generally agreed that a reasoned explanation should be offered for any nominations that might be put forward. Accordingly, it was agreed to continue this item until the January meeting to enable members to consider possible nominees and their reason(s) therefor.

Renfrewshire Council Changes to Waste Management Strategy

The Secretary referred members to the report that was tabled at the last meeting of the Infrastructure, Land and Environment Board by Shona McDougall, Director of Environment & Communities.

It was mentioned that there appears to be some concern among residents over the proposed changes, such as the issue of a second recycling bin and reducing the frequency of collection of the residual waste (grey bin) to a three-weekly rather than fortnightly basis. This will affect some 60,000 households

Members were reminded that a previous initiative back in 2013, which had necessitated the issue of thousands of small green food waste bins, had been abandoned after only a few years.

The Chair highlighted an additional concern insofar as the report does not appear to take into account “hidden” capital costs of introducing such changes. From her own experience through working for another local authority, it seems that substantial costs have been incurred to upgrade the associated infrastructure to accommodate the new communal bins for flatted properties. By way of example, for just three blocks, including improving the paths for the bins has cost in the region of £25,000. Across an area the size of Renfrewshire, such measures could give rise to considerable expense.

A brief discussion ensued, following which it was agreed, without dissent that the Secretary should write to the Director of Environment & Communities to put on record the Community Council's concerns over these proposals.

Letter from Laura Anderson,

Renfrewshire Council

TRO337 The Renfrewshire Council (Disabled Persons' Parking Places) (Various Locations, Renfrewshire) Number Five Order 2018

Letter advising that Renfrewshire Council is undertaking consultations in advance of any publication of proposals in accordance with statutory requirements and procedures.

<https://www.tellmescotland.gov.uk/notices/renfrewshire/traffic/00000161305>

Closing date for submission of representations had been set at 7th December.

The Secretary reported that, following consultation with members, only one issue had been identified, specifically in relation to a disabled parking space at 9 Whitehaugh Drive which does not appear on the map. This was drawn to the attention of the relevant officer prior to the deadline but, so far, no response had been received.

During the ensuing discussion it came to light that the bay in question is delineated by white lines, indicating that it is an advisory/courtesy space rather than an enforceable Disabled Parking Place under the Traffic Regulation Order, which would be marked by yellow lines. It follows that only the enforceable yellow lined bays need to be identified in any proposed TRO.

This was noted.

6. TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer reported that no statement had been received from the bank in November as at the due date there had been no transactions since the statement issued on 22nd September 2017.

The cheque received from Renfrewshire Council, via the Secretary, in respect of the Administration Grant amounting to £845 was lodged in the account after the due statement date. Accordingly, the current balance at the bank will amount to £4,429.45 and this should be reflected on the December statement.

The Treasurer also advised that she had duly completed and returned the form issued by Renfrewshire Council so that in future years the Administration Allowance can be remitted directly to the account via BACS.

This was noted.

7. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Speed Advisory Sign in Arkleston Road

It was reported that after this issue been raised at a previous meeting, the malfunctioning sign had since been repaired.

This was noted

8. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Before closing the meeting, the Chair extended her compliments of the season and took the opportunity to remind everyone that the next meeting of the Community Council is due to take place on 10th January 2018.