

Paisley, 14th March 2018

Minutes of the meeting of **PAISLEY EAST & WHITEHAUGH COMMUNITY COUNCIL** held at Sherwood-Greenlaw Church, Paisley on Wednesday, 14th March 2018 at 7.00pm.

Present: Gaynor Corry; Helen Dykes; Elizabeth Logue; Robert Moore; Graham Paterson; Jean Ramsay; Catherine Scally; Diane Watt; Jhulia Watt

Attending Cllr Jim Sharkey; Cllr Neill Graham; Cllr Carolann Davidson [all Renfrewshire Council]
PC Hassan Bhatti & PC Bruce Heron [Police Scotland – until end of Item 2 only]
Brian McLaughlin and Amanda Ramsay (Renfrewshire Wardens Service- until end of Item 3 only)
John Bell; Wallace Burt & Anne Burt

Chair: Helen Dykes

1. The Chair welcomed those present and thanked everyone for attending.

Apologies for absence had been intimated by or on behalf of Andrew Ramsay; Craig Wilson and Pauline Wilson and Cllr Jennifer Adam-McGregor [Renfrewshire Council]

2. **POLICE SCOTLAND**

The Chair invited the officers present from the Community Policing Team to address the meeting

PC Bhatti briefly introduced himself and his colleague, PC Bruce Heron, who is one of the other Community Officers working in the local area.

Since the last meeting, in Whitehaugh there had been 27 crime reports raised. From those reports there has, so far, been a 40% detection rate.

In the Seedhill area there had been 46 crime reports raised. The detection rate from those reports is currently 43%

While no detailed breakdown of the statistics was available, PC Bhatti provided an overview explaining that in Whitehaugh, the incidents related to acts of vandalism, assaults and drug-related offences.

In Seedhill, the incidents reported included a murder, an assault, possession of drugs and road traffic offences

A discussion then took place regarding aspects arising from the officer's report and other local issues.

It was mentioned that recently there had been a complaint about local schoolchildren smoking cannabis or suchlike in a close in Cochran Street. This is not necessarily during designated breaks and can occur at various times during the day. It suggested that residents should call the Police non-emergency number '101' while this is ongoing as that might enable Police to apprehend those involved

There are also concerns over children loitering in the tenements in streets around Paisley Grammar; particularly Clarence Street and Dunn Street. This issue has already been raised with the school.

A question was raised about recent thefts of wheelie-bins in the Whitehaugh area. The officers said that they were not aware of this trend. although some of the youths congregating around the park, near to Dalmary Drive, had been setting recycling bins alight to use those as improvised braziers during the colder nights. It was mentioned that some households have taken to chaining their bins together so that might be a possible solution to prevent bins being stolen.

Following conclusion of the discussion, the Chair thanked the officers for their input and advice.

[PC Bhatti & PC Heron left the meeting at this point]

3. RENFREWSHIRE WARDENS SERVICE

The Chair invited the representatives from Renfrewshire Wardens Service to address the meeting.

Brian McLaughlin, who has attended a number of Community Council meetings in the past, introduced his colleague.

Mr McLaughlin reported briefly, updating members in relation to the *Team Up to Clean Up* campaign (<http://www.renfrewshire.gov.uk/teamuptocleanup>)

He then went on to explain that since January there had been 369 foot patrols conducted throughout the area and that the service has now started deploying Wardens on the streets in plain-clothes

There has also been a report of an abandoned vehicle dealt with by the Wardens and discovery of two untaxed vehicles, which in turn have been reported to the DVLA for action. (<http://www.renfrewshire.gov.uk/article/3363/Abandoned-vehicles>)

A report had also been attended to in relation to liquid waste in Williamsburgh Terrace, behind the shops there.

A brief discussion took place regarding the issues raised, following which the Chair thanked both Wardens for their input.

Before leaving, the Wardens left some booklets for distribution.

[Brian McLaughlin & Amanda Ramsay left the meeting at this point]

4. CO-OPTION OF MEMBER

The Secretary explained that following informal discussions with John Bell, he has kindly agreed to be co-opted as a member of the Community Council.

Accordingly, the Secretary moved that John Bell be formally co-opted to the Community Council

This was seconded by Graham Paterson and was agreed without dissent.

The Secretary confirmed that Mr Bell has been provided with a copy of the Code of Conduct and an appropriate Co-Option form will now be completed for submission to Anne McNaughton at Renfrewshire Council. This will be lodged at the earliest opportunity.

5. MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 14TH FEBRUARY 2018

It was pointed out that there had been a factual error contained within the narrative relating to the Police Report, where it had stated that "*PC Reid provided an overview explaining that there had been thefts of several motorcycle and scooters in the area.*" In response to a specific question in relation to this issue, the officer had actually reported that there had been no spate of thefts of motorcycle and scooters locally.

The Secretary explained that his notes on his point had not been as clear as they should have been and accordingly he was prepared to concede that correction.

The Secretary also explained that for the avoidance of any doubt in this regard, the heading of item 4 should read "*Business arising from minutes of meeting held on Wednesday 10th January 2018*" rather than as stated and apologised for the foregoing errors

Subject to incorporation of those amendments, the minutes of the previous meeting were proposed as accurate by Diane Watt and this was seconded by Catherine Scally and the record of the proceedings was approved without dissent.

6. **BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 14TH FEBRUARY 2018**

Makeshift Wooden Structure and Boundary Wall at 74 Arkleston Road/ 2 Avondale Drive, Paisley

John Bell explained that while he had contacted the Planning Officer for an update on the situation back in January, he has still received no response.

The Secretary confirmed that he had also contacted the Development Standards Manager at Renfrewshire Council, to ascertain the Department's intentions in view of the failure to comply with the earlier notice. Unfortunately, this approach has also failed to elicit a response.

Cllr Sharkey explained that having checked with the Planning Section, it seems that in conjunction with Legal Services they are preparing to move to the next formal stage of the enforcement process. The Councils legal team will work with Planning to ensure that the process is progressed in accordance with legislative provisions.

Given the stage that has been reached the officers concerned will likely feel it appropriate to reserve further comment to avoid any possible prejudice to the enforcement action.

This was noted pending further developments in relation to this matter.

HGV Strategy in Renfrewshire

The Secretary referred members to further e-mails received from Cllr Adam-McGregor regarding this issue.

These had included a forwarded e-mail from Drew McNab, Transportation Manager in the following terms: -

"...I can confirm that we commenced the traffic regulation order process to prohibit heavy goods vehicles from using Arkleston Road, Paisley. The first stage of the consultation involves statutory consultees. This order at this stage was not supported by the Police and therefore the order process could not progress as the Police would be the enforcing authority. The traffic order was abandoned.

With reference to a Renfrewshire wide HGV strategy, the Police advised that any further requests for HGV bans should be treated on their own merits.

Enforcement is an issue in general as HGVs need to service roads for deliveries and waste collection etc...."

The Secretary also referred members to a copy of an e-mail sent by Graham Paterson to Gavin Newlands MP to enable him to make enquiries at his meeting with Chief Superintendent Crossan.

It was noted that neither the Secretary nor Graham Paterson had received any feedback from Mr Newlands since that meeting.

A further brief discussion took place during which Cllr Sharkey explained that he has sought a meeting with Inspector McLaren to ascertain at what level the decision had been taken to advise the local authority that “*any further requests for HGV bans should be treated on their own merits.*”

It was agreed to continue this item pending further feedback from Cllr Sharkey in relation to this matter. In view of the Council’s ongoing aversion towards restricting HGV movements by way of prohibition, it was also agreed to continue consideration of what alternative measures the Community Council should be campaigning for in order to tackle the ongoing nuisance of HGVs using Arkleston Road, as well as other routes through residential areas across Renfrewshire

Renfrewshire Council Changes to Waste Management Strategy

The Secretary expressed dismay that while he had written on a third occasion to Shona MacDougall, Director of Environment & Communities, no response has yet been received.

Accordingly, clarification is still awaited in relation to how the proposed changes will affect those tenement properties, which, are not currently provided with a brown bin.

It is hoped that perhaps intervention by an elected member(s) might help elicit a response. Cllr Sharkey agreed to make enquiries with Environment and Communities on this issue.

It was agreed to continue this item pending further feedback.

NHS Greater Glasgow & Clyde Closure of Children’s Ward (15) at the Royal Alexandra Hospital

Further to previous discussions on this issue, Cllr Davidson recounted a recent experience of a teenager who on attending the Out-of-Hours Service at the Royal Alexandra Hospital had to be transferred to A&E for IV fluids to be administered before she could be conveyed by ambulance to the new Royal Hospital for Children in Govan.

Once an ambulance became available, due to a traffic jam on the motorway, it could not get through and thus had to leave the motorway to take the side roads. This took thirty minutes in the ambulance, even with its blue lights on. Even on arrival at the RHC, the child was taken to A&E rather than to a ward.

If Ward 15 had still been open the child could more appropriately have been treated there, thereby avoiding taking up a space in A&E for over three hours and the necessity of an ambulance to convey her to the RHC. Moreover, and as importantly, the child herself would have been spared undue distress.

After a brief discussion, it was agreed to write again to Shona Robison, as the Cabinet Secretary for Health and Sport to express the Community Council's disappointment and displeasure at the decision to ratify the closure of Ward 15, as agreed at the meeting on 14th February, and to highlight the case in point to illustrate why paediatric services need to be accessible at a more local level.

Review of Car Parking Provision and Charges

In accordance with the decision reached at the last meeting, the Secretary referred members to a copy of representations that have been submitted to Shona MacDougall and copied to Councillor Cathy McEwan, as Convener, Infrastructure, Land and Environment Policy Board.

This was noted pending further developments.

Traffic/Safety Issues at Glasgow Road/Lacy Street/ Kelburne Oval

The Secretary referred members to a further e-mail received from Mairi Weatherill-Beers, Transportation Officer in Environment & Communities regarding the data gathered from the Driver Feedback Sign that had been installed outside 68 Kelburne Oval during November.

Both Northbound and Southbound speeds captured from the speed survey in November revealed an average speed of 15mph with an 85% percentile speed of 22mph.

The Secretary went on to explain that as promised at the last meeting. Cllr Adam-McGregor had also made enquiries in this connection and had forwarded to him an e-mail received from Mark Higginbotham, Development Manager in Environment and Communities. This echoed the information previously that has previously been provided to the Secretary but Mr Higginbotham had also added that the fastest vehicle during this survey was recorded as travelling at 32mph. He concluded by saying that the results do *"not give any cause for concern and would not justify any further action."*

A discussion then took place during which it was pointed out that while the data has indicated that the speed of vehicles approaching the junction is, on the whole, not excessive, there is a perception of danger on the part of pedestrians crossing Kelburne Oval there.

This junction is regarded as a difficult place to cross with vehicles trying to emerge from Kelburne Oval and others turning to enter from both the eastbound and westbound lanes of Glasgow Road

Clearly, this is a concern particularly for older and vulnerable pedestrians and it should also be borne in mind that this is on a route for pupils on their way on foot to the two local primary schools as well as Paisley Grammar.

Following conclusion of the discussion it was agreed to revert to the Council to highlight these concerns and request that an assessment be carried out with a view to installation of a crossing there possibly linked in with the other traffic signals at Glasgow Road and Lacy Street.

Glasgow Airport's Airspace/Noise Action Plan Consultation 2018

A brief discussion took place regarding the ongoing consultations, during which it was mentioned that Hawkhead and Lochfield Community Council is in the course of putting together a submission in relation to certain aspects arising from the proposed changes.

Following a brief discussion, it was agreed that Secretary should approach H&LCC to find out if they would be prepared to share their thoughts on the issues arising from the Consultation before reaching any final decision on whether to make any representations.

Road Markings at Kelburn Oval/Whitehaugh Avenue.

Cllr Sharkey confirmed that having made further enquiries, he has been informed that renewal of the lineage at the junction has been included in the programme of works to be carried out.

This was noted pending further feedback.

Speakers at Future Meetings

Further to the discussion at the previous meeting, Cllr Sharkey explained that he had followed up Children's Services at the Council to find out if someone from the Arkleston Residential Unit could come along to a meeting to explain the support that they provide for young people in their care. It has been suggested that instead of a speaker coming along to address a meeting, an invitation would be extended to members of the Community Council to attend a barbecue at the unit during the spring or summer where they could see the facility first-hand and find out more about the standard of care afforded to children residing there. To this end, Children's Services will contact the Secretary around the start of May, by which time the weather should, hopefully, be more clement

This was noted

7. 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:-

***McGills Bus Service Limited
Proposal to Curtail the No. 20 Route between Spateston and Gallowhill.***

Before moving on to deliver his report, the Secretary explained that Mr Burt and his mother, who were present this evening, had come along to express their concerns about the proposal by McGills Buses to curtail the current service 20 at Whitehaugh.

This change will mean that residents in the east end of the town will no longer have a direct bus route to Gallowhill nor, for that matter, will residents in Gallowhill have a direct route to the Royal Alexandra Hospital.

Anne Burt & Wallace Burt were invited to address members about their concerns regarding the proposal, which is, understandably, giving rise to concern to residents in both the Whitehaugh and Gallowhill communities and particularly the elderly and disabled, who rely on this service.

Seemingly, there are conflicting stories circulating regarding the rationale behind this curtailment – on one hand it has been stated that it is for reasons of economy and on the other it is to reduce the overall time to complete the route through from Spateston.

During the ensuing discussion, it was also pointed out that under the current arrangement, drivers who complete the route early can wait at Netherhill Road until they are due to depart again. There are no similar spots in Whitehaugh to enable them to do so once the curtailment comes into effect

It was also pointed out that the government is always keen for people to use public transport more regularly, clearly they will not be persuaded to do so if the routes that are available do not meet their needs.

It was agreed that the Secretary should make representations to Ralph Roberts, as the Managing Director of McGills Bus Service Limited to ascertain if there is any scope for the proposed curtailment to be reversed. It was agreed also to copy those representations to the Scottish Government Minister for Transport and the Islands.

The Secretary confirmed that he would proceed accordingly and report back once a response is received.

The Chair thanked Anne Burt & Wallace Burt for coming along and their input on this issue

[Anne Burt & Wallace Burt left the meeting at this point

**Letter from Councillor Iain Nicolson
Leader of Renfrewshire Council
Council Budget 2018-2019**

Letter from Councillor Nicolson setting out the highlights of the budget recently agreed by Councillors for 1st April 2018 until 31st March 2019.

In his letter, Councillor Nicolson explains that Councillors had met the previous week to set the Budget, which determines how funds are allocated for the financial year ahead and goes on to explain that:-

".....Our Council vision is 'working together for a thriving connected Renfrewshire, creating opportunities for all'. Bidding for the recent UK City of Culture showed that we have much to offer right across Renfrewshire, transforming perceptions of our place and of our people and revitalising a new-found confidence in our communities.

We want to build on that journey and work with our Partners and our Communities to ensure that everyone can thrive and take advantage of opportunities which will help them make the most of their potential. We want to make Renfrewshire an attractive place to live, work and do business and the budget agreed on Friday provides a good foundation to do that.

A Budget for the year ahead has now been agreed of £391million to deliver our services which includes investment in roads, employment and training and initiatives to tackle poverty and inequality.

As part of our spending plans, we have also allocated £1.5million for green spaces and playparks, £370,000 for a Villages Investment Fund to support community-led projects and attract match funding and £1.5million for a Community Empowerment Fund to support asset transfers by providing up-front investment.

The identification of £10million in efficiencies mean we are in a strong financial position this year, however there will be difficult decisions in the years ahead. Councillors have also voted to increase Council tax by 3%, which will provide an additional £2.1million in the coming year for public services."

The Secretary also directed members to an e-mail that Cllr Adam-McGregor had sent by way of a report when submitting her apologies for her absence this evening. This provides some further detail regarding a number of the budget measures, including:-

- *A record investment of 4 million in roads. This additional investment will be focused on those key routes that keep the Renfrewshire economy moving and lifts planned capital investment in 2018/19 to £7.239 the biggest ever single year investment in roads, cycling and pathways across Renfrewshire and is in addition to the strategic transport infrastructure investment that will be delivered as part of the city deal projects.*

- *A £2 million commitment to support digital infrastructure.*
- *Commit £810,000 to assist in managing the impact of welfare reforms.*
- *Commit £200,000 to increase music participation, tuition and free instrument provision.*
- *An increase to lift the school clothing grant from £55 to £70.*
- *£50,000 to support sportingly gifted schoolchildren from lower income households*
- *£100,000 to establish support for the provision of sign language and Braille training to parents and siblings of deaf & blind children across Renfrewshire.*
- *£40,000 to support the year of the Young People.*

This was noted

***E-mail from Anne McNaughton
External Funding Sessions April – September 2018***

Following discussions at the recent meeting of Renfrewshire Community Council Forum, Anne has circulated details of upcoming funding sessions provided by Kam Kaur of the Community Economic Development Team

A series of monthly Big Lottery; Awards for All and Foundation Scotland (Express Grants) Funding Sessions will be taking place at *InCube* (Ground floor), 27 High Street, Paisley, PA1 2AF, 11am to 1pm. Each session will provide an overview of both External grant programmes along with an opportunity to have a one to one with a friendly and informative Funding Officer to discuss specific questions / queries.

Dates for the forthcoming sessions are detailed below:

- **Thursday 26th April 2018**
- **Thursday 24th May 2018**
- **Thursday 21st June 2018**
- **Thursday 23rd August 2018**
- **Thursday 20th September 2018**

These informal sessions will provide participants with advice, information and tips to help organisations complete their applications and advise how best to pitch those to succeed.

Organisations wishing to send along a representative should contact condev.community@renfrewshire.gov.uk to book a place. There are only six spaces per session available. Those successful in securing a place will be notified, if not they will be made aware of other available dates. Due to the popularity of these sessions/...

there is a waiting list in place and those wishing to attend should book early to avoid disappointment.

This was noted.

***E-mail from Annabelle Armstrong-Walter
Strategic Partnerships and Inequalities Manager
Community Planning Partnership: Renfrewshire Council
Community Level Governance Consultation Events***

Members were reminded that Renfrewshire Community Planning Partnership is hosting a series of events in March 2018 in order to consult with local residents on proposals for a new approach.

The next event is at Paisley Town Hall Abbey Close, Paisley PA1 1JF on 20th March 2018 from 5.30pm until 8.30pm.

It was noted that the Chair hopes to attend to help inform her response to the Consultation Paper.

This was noted pending further developments.

***E-mail from Anne McNaughton
Renfrewshire Council
Planning Aid Scotland – Assistance for Community Councils***

Forwarded e-mail from David Wood, Manager Planning & Policy at *Planning Aid Scotland* (www.pas.org.uk) reminding Community Councils of the services they offer. Those include: -

- a free and impartial planning [advice service](#)
- free [information sheets](#) about the Scottish planning system, aimed at members of the public and community groups
- Community Council [training](#) on a local authority basis – information sheet attached
- one-off talks to Community Councils (subject to availability of a PAS Volunteer)
- assistance with community-led plans

This was noted for future reference.

***E-mail from Hawthorn Hill Gardening Co-operative
Food Growing Strategies and the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015***

In their e-mail, the gardening co-operative [HHGC] remind organisations such as Community Councils that the [Community Empowerment \(Scotland\) Act 2015](#) requires local councils in Scotland to have Food Growing Strategies, fair and productive allotment provision and registers of Common Good properties. As such, Hawthorn Hill

is keen to support local services to seize this opportunity to create food growing spaces in greater Renfrewshire, Paisley and North Ayrshire.

The e-mail goes on to explain that their women and worker led organic gardening co-operative is now approaching its third successful growing season. The focus of their third season is the expansion of our community or shared garden projects. Central to Hawthorn Hill's objectives is the facilitation of organic food growing and therapeutic enjoyment of outdoors spaces, and we are particularly seeking to do this in communities in greater Renfrewshire, Paisley and North Ayrshire, in areas where there may be lack of provision due to social or economic factors. HHGC are Lochwinnoch based and are passionate about working in our local communities and collaborating with local bodies implementing Food Growing Schemes and Common Good Spaces.

Hawthorn Hill can offer services from consultation and design, to implementation and ongoing maintenance. Their six co-op members have a wide range of skills and combined decades of experience in food growing, allotment mentoring, designing the best use of space and designing and tailoring interactive workshops and community social and work events. Core to their approach is sustainability through facilitating the active involvement of the communities themselves, to enable spaces that will sustain over time and take on a life of their own. As well as having the practical growing and gardening skills, the members each have a great deal of individual experience in community mobilising and organising, delivering empowering workshops and short or long-term mentoring from a variety of backgrounds in community work and social movements.

If there is a pre-existing community growing space that has fallen by the way-side and now seems too overgrown or daunting to tackle, the co-operative can be brought in to breathe some new life into it and try to re-invigorate local community involvement.

www.hawthornhillgardening.co.uk

This was noted for possible future reference.

***E-mail from Brendan Forrester
Community Links Project Officer, Sustrans Scotland
Active Travel Funding Opportunities***

E-mail explaining that *Sustrans* work closely with local communities and local authorities to deliver high quality active travel infrastructure throughout Scotland, from small scale interventions to multi million pound projects.

[Sustrans Community Links](#) grant funding programme may be able to support such projects into becoming a reality

Their e-mail was accompanied by recently updated Community Links Guidance for the 2018/19 funding round, which provides details on eligibility and their funding process.

Applications can be made through their [application portal](#), which has recently opened for submissions

This was noted.

***PC Thomas McFedries, Police Scotland
Crime Statistics for Seedhill
December 2017 – January 2018***

Albeit delayed, due to the officer being deployed on other duties, PC McFedries had since sent the promised crime statistics for Seedhill to 10th January 2018. Those are as follows:

Assaults x 7 (with 5 detected).

Drugs x6 (with all detected.)

Theft x 12 (with 2 detected).

Breach of the Peace (Section 38 CJ&L(S)A 2010) x 2 (with both detected.)

Fraud x3 (with no detections.)

Vandalism x 2 (with no detections)

Miscellaneous Other (i.e. Road Traffic, street drinking etc) x 20 (with 13 Detected)

The overall detections at 5th March amounted to 28, as per the breakdown shown.

This was noted

***E-mail from Anne McNaughton
Renfrewshire Council***

Consultation on Bank closures: Impact on Local Businesses, Consumers and the Scottish Economy Inquiry

Forwarded e-mail from Lynn Sharp of the Improvement Service explaining that she has been asked by Scottish Parliament's Economy, Jobs and Fair Work Committee to share information about their inquiry into the impact of bank closures.

The main inspiration behind the Committee's inquiry is that the number of bank branches across Scotland reduced by a third between 2010 and 2017.

The Committee wants to hear from as many people as possible (both as members of a community council, as a business owner or as an individual). The Committee are keen to find out how branch closures have impacted communities at as local a level as possible.

More information regarding the consultation is available in the hyperlinks below.

Bank closures: impact on local businesses, consumers and the Scottish economy inquiry:

<http://www.parliament.scot/parliamentarybusiness/CurrentCommittees/107957.aspx>

For the call for views, there is not a requirement to answer every question, only the ones that are relevant to the local community:

<http://parliament.scot/parliamentarybusiness/CurrentCommittees/107960.aspx>

The Committee are also running a survey that is targeted more to individuals and businesses. The intention of the survey is to capture as many views as possible and the call for views is there to allow a fuller response. <http://bit.ly/bankclosures>

Following a brief discussion, given the closures of the two bank branches that were in the area up until a few years ago, it was agreed that the Secretary should respond to the Consultation, though individual members were encouraged to respond in a personal capacity if they so wish.

8. **TREASURER'S REPORT**

The Treasurer reported that as there had again been no transactions during the preceding month, the balance at the bank remains at £4,429.45, as per the statement issued back on 22nd December 2017.

The Chair reminded members that at the last meeting she had invited suggestions as to how some of the surplus funds could be applied for the benefit of the local Community. So far there has been no response but suggestions are still welcome.

This was noted.

9. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

Proposed development of Surplus Land at Dykebar Hospital

Members were referred to an article that had appeared recently in the local newspaper in which it was reported that NHS Greater Glasgow & Clyde intend to dispose of surplus land at Dykebar Hospital in Grahamston Road in Paisley. It is intended that the land is developed for housing.

While the proposed development is outwith the Community Council's boundary, concern was expressed about the effects on infrastructure, school capacities etc. especially with the other ongoing housing developments at the former Ciba site and at Hawkhead Village on Hawkhead Road.

As NHS Greater Glasgow & Clyde have apparently commissioned a Traffic Impact Survey in relation to this proposal, it was agreed to approach the Board for a copy of that. It was also agreed to advise Renfrewshire Council's Planning Section of the Community Council's interest in any forthcoming planning application given concerns over the impact on existing infrastructure etc.

Social Media Policy

A question was raised as to whether or not the Community Council has in place a Social Media Policy, as a number of other voluntary/charitable organisation do have one in place. It was explained that the Community Council's Facebook Page is currently managed by the Chair and Secretary as joint administrators.

The content of the page on the whole tends to be informational and having the two administrators tends to provide checks and balances in relation to postings.

It was also explained that at the moment the Community Council's minutes are not accessible online though this might be possible once has website has been developed and launched.

Following a brief discussion it was agreed that it might perhaps be appropriate to look at developing a formal Social Media Policy. Accordingly, the Secretary agreed to make enquiries with Anne McNaughton at Renfrewshire Council to ascertain if any of the other local Community Councils already have one in place so that they could perhaps be approached to use theirs as a template.

10. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Community Council is due to take place on 11th April 2018.