

Paisley, 6th June 2018

Minutes of the meeting of **PAISLEY EAST & WHITEHAUGH COMMUNITY COUNCIL** held at Sherwood-Greenlaw Church, Paisley on Wednesday, 6th June 2018 at 7.00pm.

Present: John Bell, Gaynor Corry; Helen Dykes, Robert Moore; Graham Paterson; Andrew Ramsay; Jean Ramsay; Catherine Scally; Diane Watt; Jhulia Watt

Attending Councillors Jeniffer Adam-MacGregor; Carolann Davidson; John McNaughtan & Jim Sharkey [Renfrewshire Council]
Jimmy Young and Daniel Sweeney [Renfrewshire Wardens Service- until conclusion of item 2 only]
Jamie Irvine (Bellway Homes); Sharon Marklow (Strategy & Place Manager, Renfrewshire Council [both until end of Item 3 only]
PC Hassan Bhatti & PC Jack Wallace [Police Scotland –from Item 3 until end of Item 4 only]

Chair: Helen Dykes

1. The Chair, Helen Dykes, welcomed those present and thanked everyone for attending the final meeting of the 2017/2018 session.

Apologies for absence had been intimated by or on behalf of Catherine Scally and Cllr Neill Graham [Renfrewshire Council]

2. **RENFREWSHIRE COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP - WARDENS**

The Chair invited the Wardens to address the meeting.

Jimmy Young briefly introduced himself and his colleague, Daniel Sweeney

Mr Young then proceeded to provide an overview of the Wardens' activities in the area between 1st May and 4th June. Additional Community Safety Patrols had taken place in the area. Mobile patrols had been complemented by 69 foot patrols over this period.

Plain clothed Wardens are still being deployed as this has been proved to be effective.

There had been one reported instance of under-age drinking with associated anti-social behaviour at Barshaw Park.

There had also been a report of youth disorder at Dykebar Hospital so it seems that when youths in question are moved on from one location they migrate to other areas and the anti-social behaviour continues.

There had also been a report of a vehicle abandoned in Regent Street.

A brief discussion followed about local issues of concern.

It was mentioned that the initiative to stencil a message on pavements to irresponsible dog owners who let their animals foul the footpath has been seen in action. This was carried out at several places on the footpath in Cochran Street a few weeks ago and it seems to be getting the message across to owners to clean up after their dogs. However, while more owners seem to be picking up in that area they still need to learn to dispose of the full bags responsibly as some are still depositing those down behind the utility cabinet in Dixon Street rather than in a bin.

A question was raised also raised about what happens when dogs are being walked by young children rather than adults. Children as young as around 8-10 years old have been seen walking dogs in East End Park. The Wardens explained that in these circumstances, where a dog has fouled a public area and the child has not cleaned up then the Wardens can visit the parents and speak to them.

Concern was raised about people playing loud music in the local parks to the annoyance of other people frequenting the park. This issue is likely to be particularly clamant during the summer months

In response to a question raised, the Wardens explained that they have not received any further reports of thefts involving wheelie-bins. They did explain however that they are aware of the issue and they believe that apart from being used as braziers during the colder weather, the bins were also being set on fire so that the perpetrators could inhale the potentially noxious fumes.

Following discussion of the issues raised the Chair thanked the Wardens' representatives for their input and advice.

[Jimmy Young & Daniel Sweeney left the meeting at this point]

[PC Hassan and PC Wallace arrived during consideration of the following item]

3. PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF SURPLUS LAND AT DYKEBAR HOSPITAL

Members were referred to correspondence circulated in advance of the meeting, which included the Proposal of Application Notice (POAN) in relation to the site, lodged by the consortium's agents, CBRE. The "consortium" consists of BDW Trading Limited, Bellway Homes Limited, Cala Land Management and NHS Greater Glasgow & Clyde

The Secretary explained that as the development falls within the Hawkhead and Lochfield Community Council area, an invitation had been extended to their Secretary or another member to come along this evening. However, apparently a representative from the consortium will also be attending their Community Council on 12th June at 7.15pm at Hunterhill Community Centre, to which representatives from our Community Council are also invited to attend.

The Chair then invited Jamie Irvine of Bellway Homes to address the meeting. Mr Irvine outlined the proposal, explaining that the POAN had been lodged with the Local Authority in accordance with planning procedures.

He went on to explain that they have been engaged in discussions with the Scottish Environment Protection Agency [SEPA], Scottish Natural Heritage and Transport Scotland, though there is still much to be done by way of scoping enquiries in relation to the proposed development.

At this stage, the plans are for 600-650 homes to be built on the surplus land and those will occupy some 55 -60 acres or so. Those will comprise 1-2-bedroom flats through to 4-5 bed villas. The average price for a medium sized home is expected to be around £194,000

Common/open areas will account for the remaining 40-50 acres.

Various studies have been commissioned by the contractors and further information sessions will be organised.

An information/consultation event has been provisionally arranged for the afternoon of Tuesday, 19th June at Dykebar Hospital. Should there be any changes to the arrangements, the Secretary will be notified accordingly so that this information can be passed on.

It is expected that NHS Greater Glasgow & Clyde will stage another session in due course and the developers will likely organise a further two consultation events.

Essentially, after all the initial investigations and discussions are completed, if the development project is shown not to be feasible then it will not go ahead.

A discussion took place during which concerns were expressed over the extent to which ongoing local developments will impact on infrastructure and local services. Once construction is complete and all the homes across the various sites have been sold then this will inevitably lead to significant growth in the population of the south-east of the town. This raises questions not only in relation to the capacity of local schools but also the adequacy of existing healthcare/dental provision as well as Police and Fire coverage.

In relation to infrastructure, it was pointed out that once complete the increased population will also put considerable strain on the local roads network, particularly Hawkhead Road, which already can be very busy, especially at times when other main roads are temporarily closed for maintenance. The capacity of the water and sewerage system is also a concern.

Mr Irvine explained that developments, such as the one proposed at Grahamston Road, are not looked at in isolation and regard is given to planned and ongoing developments in the surrounding area.

The Council's Strategy & Place Manager, Sharon Marklow, also explained that some of the issues had been highlighted in the Local Development Plan - Main Issues Report under Housing Demand

Mr Irvine went on to explain that while the consortium will likely bear some of the costs to ensure that the proposed development is provided with the necessary services, he indicated that it would still be for the local authority, Police Scotland, Scottish Fire & Rescue, Scottish Water and the NHS. to address the wider issues surrounding resource allocation in terms of the capacity of local schools; the roads network; Police and Fire services and Health Services to cater for the expanding populace.

Accordingly, given that some of the development planning issues relate to allocation of national as well as local resources, it was agreed to continue discussion of these issues at the next meeting to which George Adam, the local constituency MSP should also be formally invited.

The Secretary confirmed that an appropriate invitation will be extended to Mr Adam.

Following conclusion of the discussion, the Chair thanked Mr Irvine and Ms Marklow for coming along and for their input to the meeting.

[Jamie Irvine and Sharon Marklow left the meeting at this point]

4. POLICE SCOTLAND

The Chair invited the representatives from Police Scotland to address the meeting.

PC Bhatti briefly introduced himself and his colleague, PC Jack Wallace, explaining that this will be the last meeting of the Community Council that he will attend as he is due to be redeployed. PC Wallace will, however, still be attached to the local Community Policing Team.

Members wished PC Bhatti well for the future.

The officer then went on to outline the Crime Statistics since the previous meeting in May.

In Seedhill, there had been 34 crime reports raised with a 55% detection rate. Notably, the headline figures included eight crimes of Violence; five of dishonesty; two Road Traffic offences and three breaches of the peace.

Turning to the Whitehaugh area, there had been 14 reports with 85% of those having been detected. Those has included two of violence; two instances of drug possession; one road traffic offence and four breaches of the peace.

With the onset of summer and the better weather, an action plan is in place to tackle anti-social behaviour, including youth disorder, public drinking etc, in the vicinity of Barshaw Park and the Glasgow Road area.

To follow on from the earlier discussion with the Wardens, the views of the officers were sought regarding the degree of responsibility that attaches to young children while walking dogs.

It was emphasised that dogs must be kept under control by those walking them, irrespective of whether they are an adult or a child. If any issues arise when a dog is supposed to be under the exclusive control of a child, then the parents can be taken to task as they would be held responsible in these circumstances.

PC Wallace suggested that in order to raise awareness about keeping dogs under control, it might be worth considering organising a campaign with police dogs and their handlers visiting local schools, This had been tried in other areas in the past and has proved popular

Following a brief discussion of the points raised, the Chair thanked both officers for their helpful and informative input.

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

5. MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 9TH MAY 2018

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

6. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 9TH MAY 2018

HGV Strategy in Renfrewshire

Cllr Sharkey explained that he is still trying to secure a meeting with an officer at an appropriate level to discuss Police Scotland's feedback to Renfrewshire Council about developing an HGV Strategy for Renfrewshire. He explained that while, unfortunately, his request has been passed from one officer to another he has not yet been able to establish who would have put forward representations on behalf of the Police in relation to this issue. He confirmed that he would continue to press for a meeting with an appropriate officer and report back at a subsequent meeting.

A discussion took place during which frustration was again expressed that despite the Council reaching a decision back in 2012, the relevant officers do not appear to have complied with that. For the benefit of Councillor Adam-McGregor, who had not been an elected member at that time, Graham Paterson suggested that he would send her an e-mail summarising what had taken place at that time so that she could look into matters further prior to the September meeting and this was agreed.

The Secretary went on to refer members to a copy of a letter that he had sent to Yuille & Dodds together with the reply from their Compliance & Training Manager, who had indicated they would review the Community Council's representations and make any operatorial adjustments that might be required.

It was mentioned that while there do not appear to be quite as many of their vehicles using Arkleston Road at the moment, this could simply be due to the fact that the initial phase of development at the site now appears now to be complete.

However, vehicles belonging to J & M Murdoch still appear to be using the route on a fairly regular basis.

It was mentioned that Renfrewshire Council have since updated the signage which now shows "Arkleston Gallowhill Unsuitable for HGVs".

It was agreed that the Secretary should issue a further letter to J & M Murdoch reminding them that this is not a suitable route for their vehicles.

Accordingly, it was agreed to continue this item pending further feedback on this issue.

Renfrewshire Council Changes to Waste Management Strategy

Cllr Sharkey reported that he had, as agreed, he had followed up this issue with Environment & Communities.

To put matters in context, there are some 146 permutations of bins provided to occupiers of tenemental properties throughout Renfrewshire. This inevitably gives rise to a number of logistical problems and complexities. However, in response to the specific point raised, tenements will be provided with communal bins free of charge. However, if householders in tenements instead require a brown bin then this will be subject to a charge

This was noted

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

The Secretary referred members to the response dated 18th May from Alison Gwilt at the Health Performance and Delivery directorate at the Scottish Government in

response to the further representations that the Community Council had made to Shona Robison Cabinet Secretary for Health and Sport

The response basically reiterates what has been said previously and concludes: -

The Cabinet Secretary has stated that this has been a very difficult decision, but in doing so she recognises that only inpatient and day case paediatrics will be transferred; that the majority of patient cases will continue to be seen and treated locally; with the A&E Departments at Inverclyde Royal Hospital and at the RAH continuing to receive paediatric patients who self-present alongside the continuation of outpatient clinics, as well as specialist community paediatric services. The Board made a compelling and viable case for these proposals which, to reiterate, have attracted overwhelming clinical support.

The Cabinet Secretary has stated that she could not ignore the clinicians who told her that the decision will provide better outcomes for children and young people. The proposals are consistent with national policy, modern clinical standards and best practice, including the European Association for Children in Hospital (EACH) Charter and the national clinical standards set by the Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health.

In terms of the individual patient experience you describe, it is important that the Board has the opportunity to investigate and respond to the concerns raised. As you will be aware, the appropriate way to have any concerns about health care service delivery or patient treatment and care investigated is, in the first instance, by the appropriate Board. Having matters of concern addressed locally gives NHS Boards the opportunity to take remedial steps, where necessary, for the mutual benefit of all those who rely on the many services provided by the NHS in Scotland”

This was noted.

***McGills Bus Service Limited
Curtailed of the No. 20 Route between Spateston and Gallowhill.***

The Secretary explained that as yet, despite a reminder having been sent, there has still been no response from Ralph Roberts at McGills. Accordingly, this will be followed up again and should any further response be received this will be circulated to members in due course.

On a separate but related issue, members were referred to an e-mail from Mary McElhinney regarding bus services generally, observing that Renfrewshire had contributed £3.7 million to SPT during the last financial year. Also included was a link to an article by Aditya Chakraborty in The Guardian about local bus services in Whitney, Oxfordshire and how people in rural communities can be left isolated due to cessation or curtailment of services. A not-for-profit service launched by local people there has helped provide a lifeline for members of the community.

<https://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2018/jun/06/rural-town-austerity-buses-witney>

This was noted.

Team Up to Clean Up – Proposed Clean-up Exercise in Whitehaugh/Environmental Improvements in Glasgow Road

The Chair apologised that she was unable to attend the last meeting with a proposed plan for a clean-up in the Whitehaugh area.

As local schools will be finishing up soon, the Chair suggested that it might be an idea to wait until after pupils return following the break before organising a clean-up in the Whitehaugh area on the basis would be easier to enlist volunteers during term-time.

She went on to explain that she has spoken with a friend who has been setting up an agency to help people with mental health issues to get in to regular employment. There is a possibility that they might be able to assist with implementation of proposed scheme for environmental improvements in Glasgow Road.

It was therefore agreed to continue these items until the first meeting of the new session in September

E-mail from Anne McNaughton

Renfrewshire Council

Consultation with Community Councils on review of the “Scheme for the Establishment of Community Councils (2015)”

Members were referred to an e-mail from Anne McNaughton advising that two meetings would now be held with Community Council representatives to discuss proposed changes to the Scheme for the Establishment of Community Councils.:

Those meetings have been scheduled to take place as follows:

Wednesday, 20 June 2018 at 2.00 – 5.00 pm in Renfrewshire House; or

Tuesday, 26 June 2018 at 6.00 – 8.00 pm in Renfrewshire House.

The intended format is a general discussion with a focus on any changes that Community Councils would like to make.

It appears that the focus groups were re-organised following representations by other Community Councils about difficulty attending during the day.

A brief discussion took place during which Helen Dykes intimated that she would attend the meeting on 26th June on behalf of the Community Council. The Secretary confirmed that he would notify Anne McNaughton accordingly.

No objections were mooted regarding the proposal to introduce a complaints procedure for Community Councils.

While generally members are fairly satisfied with the provisions of the existing [2015] scheme, it was agreed to put forward the case for a change in the maximum co-option quota from one third to one half, to allow Community Councils more flexibility in recruiting members between elections.

7. SECRETARY'S REPORT

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

Community Council Membership

Members were dismayed to note that, regrettably, both Craig and Pauline Wilson have found it necessary to stand down from the Community Council as they are unable to attend meetings due to a combination of personal and work commitments.

The Secretary reported that he had responded to both Craig & Pauline in appropriate terms and both have since agreed to remain on the circulation list to receive copies of the Community Council's minutes. Pauline hopes to perhaps attend meetings again from time to time as a local resident.

It was agreed to record in the minutes the Community Council's gratitude to both Craig and Pauline for their commitment to the Community Council over recent years.

E-mail from Anne McNaughton Renfrewshire Council Participation Requests

E-mail received from Anne McNaughton at Renfrewshire Council with a link to information about and Participation Requests and how to make those.

<http://www.renfrewshire.gov.uk/article/5237/Participation-Requests>

The guidance on Renfrewshire Council's website summarises the background to Participation Requests as follows:

“Renfrewshire Council works with local communities to improve your public services. New legislation from 1 April 2017 empowers community organisations to make Participation Requests if they have an idea for improving outcomes for people (e.g. better health, lower crime, etc) by becoming involved with a service.

We will promote awareness of Participation Requests and other aspects of the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015 <http://www.legislation.gov.uk/asp/2015/6/contents> on our website and through social media. Email or phone conversations are welcomed and encouraged.

If you have any questions or want to discuss anything about Participation Requests, please contact communityplanning@renfrewshire.gov.uk or phone 0141 618 7408.

Participation Requests: Purpose

Participation Requests are part of a range of measures under the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015 that open up the conversation between public service authorities and community organisations about working together to improve services and the positive difference they make to people.

The Scottish Government has issued legislation <http://www.legislation.gov.uk/asp/2015/6/part/3> and guidance <http://www.gov.scot/Topics/People/engage/ParticipationRe5quests> that gives a full explanation the Participation Requests process. The guidance provides helpful information and community organisations are recommended to read the guidance to inform themselves about the processes involved.

The four main ways that they can be used are:

- *Start a dialogue about things that matter to the community.*
- *Have the community voice heard through contributing to decision-making processes.*
- *Help contribute to a service change or improvement (through designing, delivering, monitoring or reviewing service provision).*
- *Help people challenge decisions and seek support for alternatives to improve outcomes*
- *Scottish Government Guidance provides examples of ways Participation Requests can be used.*

Public service authorities should approve Participation Requests, unless there are clear and justifiable reasons for not doing so.”

In a separate e-mail, Anne had also forwarded a copy of correspondence received from The Improvement Service setting out details of local workshops that have

been organised by the [Scottish Community Development Centre](#) (SCDC) regarding Participation Requests

More information can be found at <http://www.scdc.org.uk/news/article/new-way-have-your-say-workshops-around-scotland/>

This was noted.

Review of Car Parking Provision and Charges in Zone 3

E-mail received from Drew McNab, Transportation Manager at Renfrewshire Council acknowledging receipt of the representations made to Shona Macdougall on 11th March.

In his acknowledgment, Mr McNab goes on to advise outcome of any changes to parking charges will be following a meeting of the Council's Infrastructure, Land and Environment Board

This was noted pending further developments.

***E-mail from Anabelle Armstrong Walker
Strategic Partnership and Equalities Manager
Renfrewshire Council
Renfrewshire Local Governance Review***

E-mail received from Anabelle Armstrong Walker acknowledging receipt of the Chair's submission in relation to the review, advising that those views are very much appreciated and are helping to shape the new arrangements.

The Council has since looked at all the responses to the consultation that took place between January and April 2018 and produced a report to summarise what people had said. This report (<http://bit.do/egzCB>) was presented to Renfrewshire Council on 3 May 2018 and the recommendations agreed. The report will also be included for invitation with the papers for the next round of Local Area Committees in May and June 2018.

The next step will be to amend the proposals in the consultation paper and submit a final set of proposals for approval by Renfrewshire Council on 28 June. After this, we will look to implement the changes later this year. This will still require a lot of discussion with communities in order to finalise the details and we look forward to working together on this.

This was noted pending further developments

***E-mail from Rachael Picken
Scottish Water
Shaping the Future of Your Water and Waste Water Services***

E-mail explaining that Scottish Water's country-wide consultation, *Shaping the Future*, has reached the half-way mark

With three months now completed, tens of thousands of people are set to connect directly with the consultation at a series of high profile summer events.

Launched on February 28, the survey encourages customers and stakeholders to help them determine priorities over the next 25 years.

Respondents are being asked to provide their views on three main ambitions:

- Delivering consistently leading customer service
- Keeping customer prices low
- Increasing the reliability, resilience and sustainability of our services.

The six-month consultation draws to a close on August 31.

To date more than 3,300 people have visited the consultation microsite www.yourwater.scot

Following the Ideal Home Show at the end of May, the Shaping the Future consultation reaches the Royal Highland Show at Ingliston, Edinburgh in June, before moving to the Belladrum Tartan Heart festival in Moray in August. Roadshow events will also take place across the Highlands and Islands to ensure we reach as many communities as we can.

Visitors will be able to watch a series of short films which tell the story of our ambitions for the next 25 years and give us their views. Anyone who completes the survey [at the events](#) will also be given a new-look Scottish Water refill bottle.

Further information on Shaping the Future can be found at www.yourwater.scot along with the chance to watch the videos and take part in the survey.

This was noted.

E-mail from Anne McNaughton

Renfrewshire Council

Democracy Matters Conversation: People to Have Their Say on Scotland's Public Services

Forwarded e-mail from Lynn Sharp at The Improvement Service regarding the *Democracy Matters* conversation, which is a joint venture between the Scottish Government, COSLA and the community sector and will run over the next six months.

The Democracy Matters conversation will identify new legal rights for communities which would place them at the heart of decision-making. The Democracy Matters

conversation is a joint venture between the Scottish Government, COSLA and the community sector and will run over the next six months.

As part of the conversation people are being invited to consider a short set of questions on shaping local democracy. Community groups can also apply for grants of up to £300 to host their own events related to the project. More information about the grants, can be found at the website for the *Voluntary Action Fund*,

<https://www.voluntaryactionfund.org.uk/funding-and-support/democracy-matters-community-engagement-fund>

Interested parties can get involved by answering the questions contained in the document, *Democracy Matters - Your Community. Your Ideas. Your Future*:

<http://www.gov.scot/Publications/2018/05/6780>

Scottish Government has also published the following supporting materials:

- guide explaining how decisions about Scotland's public services are made
- guide to help you hold a conversation in your community
- guide to facilitating a good conversation

Responses can be directed as follows:

- email: democracymatters@gov.scot or
- send them to: freepost DEMOCRACY MATTERS (use capital letters)

A completed respondent information form must be submitted. This is available to download at: <http://www.gov.scot/Publications/2018/05/6780/downloads>

Those who are unable to attend a community event but want to join the conversation, can get involved at Scottish Government's *ideas.gov.scot* platform:

<https://www.ideas.gov.scot/local-governance-review/>

Additional information can be found by following the undernoted links:

<http://www.gov.scot/Publications/2018/05/6780>

<https://beta.gov.scot/policies/improving-public-services/local-governance-review/>

<https://www.voluntaryactionfund.org.uk/funding-and-support/democracy-matters-community-engagement-fund>

<https://news.gov.scot/news/communities-to-shape-democracy>

Any other queries can be e-mailed to democracymatters@gov.scot

This was noted.

E-mail from Anne McNaughton

Renfrewshire Council
Renfrewshire Community Council Forum

E-mail accompanied by copies of the presentations delivered by Nicola Hanssen on behalf of *ROAR – Connections for Life*; Graeme McLatchie on behalf of *Paisley is*; and Gary Kerr on behalf of the *Baker Street Project* at the Forum meeting held on the 5th June

Contact details to learn more about *ROAR – Connections for Life* or *Paisley is* and organise visits to local Community Councils – are set out in the presentation.

More information about Baker Street can be obtained via gary@edmsolution.co.uk

Social media contacts are set out below:

www.facebook.com/paisleytrust/

Twitter: @PaisleyTrust

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www.facebook.com/bakerstreetpaisley/

Twitter: @BakerStPaisley

E-mail from Anne McNaughton
Renfrewshire Council
Enterprising Ideas Workshop

Forwarded e-mail from the Council's Economic Development Team, explaining that the purpose of the Enterprising Ideas Workshop is to connect third sector organisations looking to develop enterprise activity, with sources of information, help and advice on topics such as:

- Free business support to help you with business development planning, including Business Gateway services and Just Enterprise business support
- Sector specific networks, forums and events
- Current grant and loan funding opportunities - to help you take forward your enterprising idea.

The workshop will conclude with surgery-style one to ones to help participants plan their organisation's next steps.

Further information about the workshop is detailed below. However, any queries, can be directed to: Tania Morlan (Social Enterprise) on 0141-618-4344.

Prospective participants can book a place by contacting:
econdev.community@renfrewshire.gov.uk

Workshop dates / times are detailed below:

- 25th June - 2:00pm - 4:00pm

- 27th August - 2:00pm - 4:00pm
- 17 September - 2:00pm - 4:00pm

Venue: All workshops will take place at Renfrewshire House, Cotton Street, Paisley.
The programme for the workshops will typically be :

- *Welcome*
- *Enterprising Ideas...Identifying Opportunities*
- *Next steps...Building Capacity*
- *Next steps...Sources of Grant / Loan Investment*
- *Next steps...Creating Awareness*
- *Action planning and feedback*
- *Short one to one surgery sessions*

This was noted

***E-mail from Anne McNaughton
Renfrewshire Council
Carbon Monoxide Training***

Forwarded e-mail from Katrina Port, Administration and Communications Officer at *ROAR – Connections for Life* advising that *Gas Safe* charity are running a free Carbon Monoxide (CO) Awareness Workshop open to public bodies, charities, private care agencies and anyone delivering services to vulnerable people in their homes.

This will take place on Wednesday 13th June, between 9.00 – 12.00pm at the West End Community Centre, 5a Underwood Lane, Paisley.

The training will introduce participants to the sources, signs and symptoms of CO poisoning. This includes the numerous health risks associated with frequent, low level exposure to this odourless, invisible and toxic gas. For example, potential increased risk of falls and signs of dementia.

This was noted

8. TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer reported that the balance remains at £4360.01 as per the statement issued on 23rd April 2018

The cheque in respect of the donation to Renfrewshire Foodbank amounting to £250 has now been counter-signed and will be sent on to them. Accordingly, once presented for payment, the balance is forecast to stand at £4110.01

This was noted.

9. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Bins outside Burgh Bar in Lacy Street

Concern was raised regarding a number of bins on the footway in Lacy Street which appear to belong to the Burgh Bar. These bins can often cause obstruction and, like cars parking partially on the footway, can be particularly troublesome for people who rely on mobility scooters to get around.

It was pointed out that obstruction of the footway can be reported to the Police; though the Councillors who were in attendance noted the concerns expressed.

Road Markings at Kelburn Oval

Members were pleased to note that the road markings at Kelburn Oval have since been repainted.

10. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The first meeting of the next session is due to take place on 12th September 2018.