

# PAISLEY EAST & WHITEHAUGH COMMUNITY COUNCIL

<p><b>MINUTES of a meeting of that was held at Sherwood-Greenlaw Church, Paisley on Wednesday, 14<sup>th</sup> November 2018 at 7.00pm.</b></p>	<p><b>14/11/18</b></p>
<p>Present: John Bell; Gaynor Corry; Helen Dykes; Robert Moore; Graham Paterson; Catherine Scally</p> <p>Attending: Cllr. Jim Sharkey (Renfrewshire Council); PC Adam Marshall (Police Scotland - Item 2 only); Brian McLaughlin (Renfrewshire Wardens Service to end of Item 3 only); Karen Anderson (Amenity Services Manager-Waste, Renfrewshire Council – until conclusion of item 4); Grace Paterson (Local Resident); Lesley Paterson; Debbie Martin (both Paisley Grammar Parents Council)</p> <p>Apologies: Andrew Ramsay; Jean Ramsay; Diane Watt; Jhulia Watt; Cllr. Jeniffer Adam-McGregor; Cllr. Neill Graham (both Renfrewshire Council)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Chair: Helen Dykes</p>	<p><b>Outcome/Action</b></p>
<p><b>1. Opening Remarks</b></p> <p>The Chair welcomed everyone present and thanked them for attending</p>	
<p><b>2. Police Scotland</b></p> <p>PC Marshall briefly introduced himself, explaining that he had only joined the local Community Policing Team back in August and has been assigned to cover the Seedhill and Town Centre areas. The officer then went on to provide an overview of the criminal activity within the area since the last meeting.</p> <p>Notably during the period there had been nine assaults, which had included some domestic incidents, serious assaults and an attempted murder.</p> <p>There had been one attempted housebreaking and also several drug seizures over the same period.</p> <p>PC Marshall explained that throughout Paisley cars are being targeted so it is important that valuable items such as SatNavs, Dashcams etc. are not left in sight when the vehicle is unattended. These opportunist thefts are likely to spike over the festive period.</p> <p>A brief discussion took place in relation to issues rising from the officer's report following which the Chair thanked PC Marshall for his informative report</p>	<p>Noted</p>
<p><b>3. Renfrewshire Wardens Service</b></p> <p>Brian McLaughlin from the Wardens Service provided a brief report, explaining that since the previous meeting they had dealt with several reports concerning youth disorder. Again, wheelie bins are being stolen and set on fire. There had also been several reports of abandoned cars.</p> <p>Before concluding his report, Mr McLaughlin reminded members of the excellent work being carried out in local communities under the <i>Team Up to Clean Up</i> campaign.</p> <p>Following a brief discussion, the Chair thanked Mr McLaughlin for his input</p>	<p>Noted</p>

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<p><b>4. Renfrewshire Council Changes to Waste Management Strategy</b></p> <p>The Chair invited Karen Anderson, Amenity Services Manager-Waste at Renfrewshire Council to deliver her presentation regarding the imminent changes.</p> <p>Explaining the reasoning for the imminent changes, the officer went on to describe how the new arrangements will work</p> <p>A copy of the presentation will be sent to the Secretary so that that can be circulated to members.</p> <p>A discussion followed, during which various issues were highlighted and addressed. Following conclusion of the discussion, the Chair thanked Karen for coming along and for her informative contribution to the meeting</p>	<p>Noted</p> <p>Copy of presentation to follow for circulation to members</p>
<p><b>5. Minutes of Meeting held on Wednesday, 10<sup>th</sup> October 2018</b></p> <p>The Secretary reported that the feedback received regarding the new format of the minutes has been largely positive. While there might be further scope to tweak the format, it is unlikely that the content of the minutes could be condensed much further without losing substance</p> <p>The Secretary pointed out that the word “Apologies” inadvertently appears twice in the sederunt and, accordingly, the second reference should be deleted. The reference to “Thursday” at section 8 should read “Wednesday”. Subject to inclusion of those amendments, the minutes of the previous meeting were proposed as accurate by Graham Paterson and this was seconded by John Bell.</p>	<p>Approved</p>
<p><b>6. Business arising from Minutes of Meeting held on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> October 2018</b></p> <p><b><i>Proposed Development of Surplus Land at Dykebar Hospital</i></b></p> <p>The Secretary explained that he had been in touch with Streets-UK to enquire about the inaugural meeting of the Neighbour Liaison Group. It appears that there has been a delay as they were keen that they had answers to a number of technical issues before organising the meeting. They intend to contact everyone who has expressed an interest in order to update them and to ascertain if there are particular nights that might suit people better.</p> <p>Accordingly, Helen Dykes and Andrew Ramsay should in due course receive notification about the initial meeting and can report back to members thereafter.</p> <p><b><i>HGV Strategy in Renfrewshire &amp; Related Governance Concerns</i></b></p> <p>The Secretary reported briefly on developments that had taken place since the previous meeting, referring members to the copy correspondence circulated in advance of the meeting.</p> <p>As the substantive response from the Council’s Chief Executive, Sandra Black, had only arrived in the course of the day and could not be circulated to members until around 90 minutes prior to the start of the meeting, it was agreed to continue further consideration of these issues until the next meeting.</p> <p><b><i>Unauthorised structure at 74 Arkleston Road, Paisley</i></b></p> <p>John Bell explained that he has been advised by the Planning Section at</p>	<p>Noted &amp; consideration of matter continued for further reports in due course.</p> <p>Noted and continued to the next meeting for updated report/ further discussion</p>

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<p>Renfrewshire Council that the Enforcement Notice served on the proprietor of the subjects at 74 Arkleston Road has apparently been withdrawn due to inconsistencies in the document. Apparently, on the basis of those defects, the Proprietor had lodged an appeal against enforcement. However, with view to trying to resolve matters, the proprietor has undertaken to submit a retrospective planning application for the structure</p> <p>It was agreed to continue the matter pending a retrospective application being lodged.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Continue for further consideration of any retrospective application lodged.</p>
<p><b>7 Renfrewshire Council Consultation with Community Councils on review of the “Scheme for the Establishment of Community Councils [2015]”</b></p> <p>Following continuation of consideration of the draft Scheme from the previous meeting, a discussion took place regarding the terms of the new scheme.</p> <p>No issues were raised regarding the terms of the draft scheme itself though some concern was expressed that implementation of the proposed complaints procedure might be too onerous for Community Councils.</p> <p>It was explained that inclusion of a Complaints Procedure was at the behest of the Scottish Government.</p> <p>Moreover, it was reported that while Renfrewshire Community Council Forum have still to formally consider the terms of the Draft Scheme at their meeting next week, from previous discussions that have taken place, a number of Community Councils seem opposed to the inclusion of a Complaints Procedure. Obviously, it will be for Renfrewshire Councillors to take on board the feedback from the Consultation before deciding the final shape and contents of the new Scheme.</p> <p>Following conclusion of the discussion, the general consensus was that the Community Council should not oppose the terms of proposed draft or the Complaints Procedure contained therein and, accordingly it was agreed to note the contents of the draft scheme and associated appendices as those currently stand.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Noted</p>
<p><b>8. Secretary’s Report</b></p> <p>The Secretary referred to the following correspondence, copies of which had been circulated in advance of the meeting.</p> <p><b><i>E-Mail from Anne McNaughton Renfrewshire Council Unconventional Oil and Gas Consultation</i></b></p> <p>Forwarded e-mail from Lynn Sharp at the Improvement Service setting out details of the consultation.</p> <p><b><i>E-Mail from Anne McNaughton Renfrewshire Council Renfrewshire Licensing Board - Statement of Licensing Policy 2018/2022</i></b></p> <p>E-mail sent on behalf of 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, 29th October 2018.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Noted</p>

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***E-mail from Frank Hughes, Asset Manager  
Renfrewshire Council  
Disposal of Former Whitehaugh Barracks***

E-mail from Frank Hughes advising that the Council is seeking to dispose of the former barracks and wished to ascertain if the Community Council might be interested in acquiring the property

Noted

Also circulated for information was a copy of correspondence that had passed between the Secretary and a Mr Smith, who had enquired if the Community Council were intending to acquire the former barracks as his daughter, who resides locally, was looking to launch a social enterprise which might possibly utilise the premises.

Cllr Sharkey mentioned that another community organisation might have an interest in acquiring the subjects, though there were no firm proposals at this time

***E-Mail from Cllr Ian Nicolson Chair of the Fair Trade Steering Group  
Renfrewshire Fair Trade  
Achieving Fairtrade Status***

Noted

E-mail from Cllr Nicolson seeking support to refresh Renfrewshire's Fair Trade campaign and help work towards achieving our Fair Trade goals.

***E-Mail from David Low  
Renfrewshire Council  
Establishment of Local Partnerships***

Members were referred to an e-mail setting out arrangements for the first round of Local Partnership meetings, which have replaced Local Area Committees with a copy of their terms of reference.

It is intended that membership of these Partnerships will include the Chairs of Community Councils within their respective areas.

Noted pending further developments

The Chair explained that while she had received notification of the initial meeting it appears that this has since been cancelled. Cllr Sharkey explained that the inaugural meetings of all the Partnerships that were arranged have been cancelled as apparently a governance issue has been highlighted that needs to be addressed.

Further information will likely follow in due course

***Letter from Provost Lorraine Cameron  
Renfrewshire Council  
Provost's Community Awards 2018/2019***

Noted

Letter from Councillor Lorraine Cameron, Provost of Renfrewshire, setting out the categories of this year's annual awards and the procedure for nominations etc.

***E-Mail from Anne McNaughton  
Renfrewshire Council  
Invest in Renfrewshire (Communities) -Enterprising Ideas Workshop***

Noted

E-mail setting out details of the next round of workshops scheduled to take place

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<p><b>Renfrewshire Community Council Forum [RCCF]</b></p> <p>Members were referred to the copy of the Minutes of the Forum Meeting that had taken place on 4<sup>th</sup> September 2018</p> <p>Also tabled for information was a copy of further e-mails that had passed between David Williams, Secretary of RCCF and John McEvoy of Houston Community Council regarding issues surrounding <i>Community Benefit</i>.</p> <p><b>E-Mail from Mark Higginbotham, Development Manager. Renfrewshire Council Crossing at Kelburne Oval at junction with Glasgow Road</b></p> <p>E-mail apologising for the delay that has arisen and advising that prices for carrying out the assessment have been sought. Once they have an opportunity to consider the responses received from the respective companies, they will proceed to award the work.</p> <p>An update will be provided once further information is to hand.</p> <p><b>Royal Mail Scam Mail Campaign</b></p> <p>Letter from David Gold, Director of Public Affairs &amp; Policy setting out details of their campaign to raise awareness and tackle the problem of Scam Mail.</p> <p>The Secretary advised that a copy of the accompanying flier has been shared on the Facebook page</p> <p><b>E-mail from Lorna Gilfillan Policy and Events Coordinator Scottish Women's Convention Consultation Event for Women -20th November 2018</b></p> <p>E-mail from Lorna Gilfillan at the Scottish Women's Convention setting out details of the consultation event</p> <p><b>Paisley Grammar Parent Council</b></p> <p>The Secretary explained that just prior to the meeting he had circulated an e-mail from Lesley Paterson of Paisley Grammar Parent Council. This outlined concerns over the condition of the fabric and interior of the building and how the Parent Council is seeking to improve matters Given that Lesley and Donna, as representatives of the Parent Council, were in attendance, they were invited to address members.</p> <p>Lesley briefly explained the Parents Council's intentions and explained that they hope to work in collaboration with the Community Council for the benefit of the School and the wider community. It is hoped that, going forward, Parent Council representatives will attend Community Council meetings whenever possible.</p> <p>The Chair thanked Lesley and Donna for coming along to the meeting and for their contribution; explaining that for many years the Community Council has been keen to foster a constructive a relationship with local schools. Accordingly, representatives would be most welcome to come along to future meetings</p>	<p>Noted</p> <p>Noted pending further developments</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted pending future discussions</p>
<p><b>9. Treasurer's Report</b></p> <p>The Treasurer reported that the balance as per the statement issued on 21<sup>st</sup> October 2018 stood at £3,825.01. This balance reflects debit of the cheque in</p>	<p>Noted</p>

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<p>respect of the donation to Sherwood- Greenlaw Church in the sum of £250, This balance does not include the annual Administration Grant amounting to £845, credited to the account by Renfrewshire Council after the last statement so should appear on the next one. That is forecast to show a credit balance of £4670.01</p>	
<p><b>10. Any other Business</b></p> <p><b><i>Area at Advertising Hoarding between Iceland and Burgh Bar</i></b></p> <p>The Chair reported that she had recently received a letter from Councillor Sharkey in which he explains that a constituent has expressed concern about the deteriorating condition of the small slabbed area in front of the advertising hoarding between the Iceland store and the Burgh Bar.</p> <p>Cllr Sharkey explained that he understood that the Community Council had been looking at environmental improvements in Glasgow Road, including enhancing the small plot in question and wished to check the position in order to respond to his constituent.</p> <p>The Chair apologised, explaining that on looking into how best to progress this project previously, she had encountered various obstacles.</p> <p>After a brief discussion it was agreed to endeavour to resurrect this project. Cllr Sharkey confirmed that he would again be willing to contact the advertising company, JCDecaux, to seek their consent to improve the plot. The Secretary pointed out that previously the company had been prepared to consider matters once the Community Council returned to them with a specific proposal.</p> <p>With a view to progressing matters, the Chair suggested that she would put together an outline scheme to improve the area, which can then be passed to JCDecaux for their consideration</p> <p><b><i>Accumulation of Rubbish/Debris at Seedhill Community Sports Ground</i></b></p> <p>Following recent reportage on social media, concern was expressed regarding the accumulation of rubbish and debris <i>at Seedhill Community Sports Ground</i>. There is apparently also a similar issue on the Tesco side of the dividing wall.</p> <p>It was pointed out that the playing fields are the responsibility of Renfrewshire Leisure rather than the Council. On the other side of the wall, responsibility rests with Tesco as occupiers of the site who are no doubt aware of the issue and the nuisance that causes</p> <p>It was agreed that the Secretary should contact Renfrewshire Leisure to ask them to arrange to have the rubbish and debris cleaned up. The general consensus was the scale of the problem in the park and the potential for hazards, this was not an appropriate project to be undertaken by community volunteers under <i>Team Up to Clean Up</i>.</p>	<p>Chair to draft a plan for the area in question for the next meeting</p> <p>Secretary to contact Renfrewshire Leisure to request a clean-up</p>
<p><b>11. Date of Next Meeting</b></p> <p>The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, 12<sup>th</sup> December 2018 at 7pm</p>	