

PAISLEY EAST & WHITEHAUGH COMMUNITY COUNCIL

<p>MINUTES of a meeting of that was held at Sherwood-Greenlaw Church, Paisley on Wednesday, 5th June 2019 at 7.00pm.</p>	<p>05/06/19</p>
<p>Present: John Bell; Gaynor Corry; Margaret Cowie; Elizabeth Logue; Robert Moore; Graham Paterson; Andrew Ramsay; Jean Ramsay; Catherine Scally; Diane Watt</p> <p>Attending: Pat Kelly & Tom McFadden (Local Residents); Brian McLaughlin (Renfrewshire Wardens Service- Item 2 only); PC Mandy Gillespie and PC Douglas Dorrington</p> <p>Apologies: Catherine Scally; Jhulia Watt; Cllr Jeniffer Adam-McGregor & Cllr John McNaughtan (both Renfrewshire Council); Maurice Corry MSP</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Chair: Andrew Ramsay</p>	<p>Outcome/Action</p>
<p>1. Opening Remarks</p> <p>In the absence of the Chair, Andrew Ramsay welcomed those present and thanked everyone for attending the last meeting of the current session.</p>	
<p>2. Renfrewshire Community Wardens</p> <p>The Chair invited Brian McLaughlin from the Wardens Service to address the meeting</p> <p>The Warden outlined activity in the area since the previous meeting.</p> <p>Over that period there has been six complaints of dog fouling; two incidents involving Control of Dogs and seven instances of flytipping. There had also been three complaints of overflowing bins as well as parking issues due to an abandoned vehicle; youth drinking with associated disorder and one instance of fire-raising.</p> <p>A complaint had also been received about a local barber hanging towels out on the footway to dry.</p> <p>Further to the issue raised with the Wardens in attendance at the last meeting regarding the abandoned luggage trailer, members were disappointed to note that this was still <i>in situ</i>. While it has appropriate reflective markings on it, there is no registration plate which would assist the authorities in establishing ownership. Mr McLaughlin pointed out that if the trailer is causing an obstruction then this is a matter that should more appropriately be dealt with by the Police. However, he undertook to make further enquiries and, if necessary, he would raise the issue with the Police so that they can take further action.</p>	<p>Noted</p>

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<p>Members went on to highlight other local issues, including flytipping in Mckerrell Street and two damaged, possibly abandoned, vehicles in Whitehaugh.</p> <p>Following conclusion of the discussion, the Chair thanked Mr McLaughlin for his input and his attention to the issues raised.</p> <p><i>[Brian McLaughlin left the meeting at this point]</i></p>	
<p>3. Minutes of Meeting held on Wednesday, 8th May 2019</p> <p>The minutes of the previous meeting were proposed as accurate by John Bell and this was seconded by Diane Watt</p> <p><i>[PC Gillespie and PC Dorrington entered the meeting at this point]</i></p>	<p>Approved</p>
<p>4. Police Scotland</p> <p>The Chair invited the representatives from the Police to address the meeting.</p> <p>The officers apologised for their late arrival. which been unavoidable, and also for not having managed to collate the crime figures in order to report those at the meeting.</p> <p>PC Dorrington confirmed that he would e-mail the relevant statistics to the Secretary at the earliest opportunity.</p> <p>A brief discussion took place about the luggage trailer that had been raised with the Wardens' representative earlier. During this discussion, Brian McLaughlin of the Wardens Service returned briefly to report that he had gone along to Hawkhead Road have look at the luggage trailer. While he could not see any particular problem that this poses, he agreed to try to identify and speak with the owner to persuade them to move it to a more appropriate place, such as a driveway.</p> <p>Mention was also made of one attempted and one actual break-in to homes in Arkleston Road,</p> <p>Following the officers' input the Chair thanked the officers for coming along</p> <p><i>[PC Gillespie and PC Dorrington left the meeting at this point]</i></p>	<p>Noted</p>
<p>5. Business arising from Minutes of Meeting held on Wednesday 10th April 2019</p> <p><i>Proposed Development of Surplus Land at Dykebar Hospital</i></p> <p>The Secretary explained that as the Council Leader, Cllr Iain Nicolson, had indicated that he was unable to attend the meeting this evening, he</p>	

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had offered CBRE and the consortium representative(s) the opportunity to come along.

While Teri Porter from CBRE had indicated on 29th May that she was awaiting instruction from their clients, there had been no feedback nor contact since.

It appears that this meeting with CBRE and the Consortium Representatives will need to be rearranged during the next session

Andrew Ramsay went on to provide a brief report about the last Neighbourhood Group. The main issues surrounded the flood risk and the tree belt at the site of the proposed development.

The Tod Burn runs along the northern and western boundaries of the site. SEPA has carried out a Flood Risk Assessment. That has assessed that there is a once in 200 years risk of flood.

While many of the trees on the periphery of the site are subject to Tree Preservations Orders, those have not been maintained for many years.

Having due regard to the circumstances, it has been decided to curtail the capacity of the site to 600 dwellings.

Some legal formalities also need to be completed in relation to varying the Deed of Conditions for the site

The date of the next meeting has yet to be agreed. Concerns surrounding roads and school capacities have yet to be addressed

HGV Strategy in Renfrewshire & Related Governance Concerns

For those who had not been present prior to the start of the meeting, the Secretary explained that due to some confusion, Gerard Hannah, Infrastructure, Transportation & Change Manager within Environment & Infrastructure, had arrived in readiness for the meeting with the Council Leader. However, while that meeting has been postponed, Mr Hannah confirmed that he is happy to come back along at some point in the future

Cllr Sharkey went on to report that, as agreed, he had asked if it would be possible for a member of the Council's Legal Section come along with Mr Hannah to address the governance concerns, once a date for the meeting has been agreed. However, he has been advised that the Council's position on this issue has already been set out in the letter from the Chief Executive dated 13th November 2018, so they were unable to accede to this request

It was pointed out, however, that the local Regional Transport Strategy for 2017-2027 is due for review this year and this might afford some opportunity to raise the issues surrounding HGVs again

HGV Movements in Arkleston Road

The Secretary reported that while he had written to the CRH Group based in Dublin, asking them to consider rerouting their vehicles away from Arkleston Road, no response or acknowledgement has been received.

Noted pending further developments

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Noted

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It was mentioned that trucks belonging to J & M Murdoch and William Thompson & Son (Dumbarton) Ltd. are continuing to use Arkleston Road despite the signage

Unauthorised Structure at 74 Arkleston Road, Paisley

It was reported by John Bell that following dismissal the appeal against the Enforcement Notice issued to the occupier, they had started to dismantle the structure but then stopped.

However, the final outcome has yet to be determined as a final decision on the outstanding retrospective Planning Application for the development is still awaited.

Road Safety Concerns/Cycling Infrastructure at Arkleston Road-Hawkhead Road Corridor

The Secretary referred members to the feedback received from interested parties to the consultation that Renfrewshire Council had conducted last year

Tom McFadden the local resident who had raised these concerns originally reported on the recent meeting that had taken place at his home with Gerard Hannah and Mark Higginbotham from Renfrewshire Council. This meeting had also been attended by Cllr Sharkey

Proposals discussed includes a long term plan to provide bicycle lanes connecting Hawkhead Road to Hillington. There is as yet no specific timescale nor indication of the intended route

The proposed cycle route will initially be marked out with painted lines on the road. More substantial measures may be introduced over time to physically segregate the cycle lane from other vehicles from the traffic via

Other issues were highlighted including the junction at Arkleston Rd/Glasgow Road/ Hawkhead Road. Mr McFadden had outlined his concerns to the officers in attendance. Concerns were also raised about the phasing of the traffic lights at this junction, which the officers agreed to look into. It is likely that the issues surrounding phasing of those traffic lights will be included in the review of the Transport Strategy

In summary, what was clear from that meeting is that the proposed Cycling Strategy is entirely aspirational as there are no specific plans in place

Traffic Lights on Barrhead Road at Morrisons

Cllr Sharkey confirmed that having taken this up with Environment & Infrastructure, he had been assured that a repair would be completed by 28th May at the latest. It had been explained that the delay was due to Scottish Power who had failed to carry out their part of the work.

It was reported that the traffic lights at the junction are now operational

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Community Council Elections & Publicity Therefor.

The Secretary referred members to an e-mail received from Anne McNaughton setting out further information regarding the forthcoming Community Elections.

The election period has been confirmed as being from 12th August until 13th September 2019

Graham Paterson confirmed that he has since spoken with Des Barr of Sinclair Barr who is prepared to organise distribution of the leaflets once those are ready. At this stage he has declined payment.

It was suggested that once the leaflets are ready to distribute, Graham could again offer Des Barr some token of our appreciation and that was agreed.

The Secretary went on to report that as no response has been received from Kenny Imrie at ImageLed, quotes for production of the leaflets have been sought from three other local firms.

MuirMedia has provided the most competitive quotes of the three that were sought from local firms, as follows:

2500 – 6pp A4 ‘C’ Fold leaflets 150gsm silk - £145 NO VAT

5000 – 6pp A4 ‘C’ Fold leaflets 150gsm silk - £178 NO VAT

It was agreed that once the artwork and content of the leaflet has been finalised and agreed by members, the order should be placed with MuirMedia for 5000 - 6pp A4 ‘C’ Fold leaflets 150gsm silk @ £178.

This compares favourably with the alternative quotes of £259 and £276 for the same quantity.

The Secretary confirmed that he would start drafting the leaflet; with the assistance from John Bell along the way. Once a working draft is ready it will be circulated to members for approval/revision before being sent to print.

Refurbishment Works to Homes in Whitehaugh

Elizabeth Logue provided a brief update on her discussions with the Wise Group, as mentioned at the previous meeting, regarding the proposed renovations. While the work is being organised by the Council in relation to its own properties, it is still not clear how much owner-occupiers will have to pay to make their properties more environmentally compatible and energy efficient.

6. Secretary's Report

The Secretary referred to the following correspondence; copies of which had been circulated in advance of the meeting.

Noted and
expenditure on
leaflets approved

Noted

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***E-mail from Eleanor Christensen
on behalf of Cllr Iain Nicolson Leader of Renfrewshire Council
“Our Renfrewshire” Community Survey – Have Your Say***

On Monday 13 May 2019, Renfrewshire Council launched its “Our Renfrewshire” Community Survey. The survey is designed to start a conversation about the values that are most important to local people and the values and behaviours that you expect from your Council.

Noted

To take part in the survey, visit: -

www.renfrewshire.gov.uk/ourrenfrewshire.

The survey closes on Friday 7 June. Stories, photos and views on can be shared on Facebook and Twitter using the hashtag #Our Renfrewshire.

***E-mail from Gillian Taylor
The Wise Group
Fair Start Scotland Information Sessions***

The Wise Group will be hosting a number of Information Sessions in their Fair Start Scotland office in Paisley over the coming months. The first of those took place on Tuesday 28th May

Noted

They intend to invite local service providers such as community groups and potential participants to drop by and meet our staff and discuss how Fair Start Scotland can support the journey into the workplace.

Fair Start Scotland is a 12 to 18-month pre-employment person centered program open to anyone who is currently out of work, have been out of work for a long time, or who have never worked before. They working with a diverse range of individuals who have convictions, are lone parents, are care experienced, are from areas of deprivation, have mental or physical health conditions

Safer Streets 20 mph Bill

As agreed at the last meeting, an e-mail in support of the Bill was sent to the First Minister and to local MSP George Adam MSP as well as all West of Scotland Regional MSPs

Copies of self-explanatory responses received from, Jamie Greene MSP, Neil Bibby MSP and the Rt Hon Ken Macintosh MSP had been circulated to members

Noted

However, on Friday, 31st May, unfortunately, the Rural Economy & Connectivity Committee rejected the proposal

<https://www.holyrood.com/articles/news/20mph-speed-limit-proposal-rejected-rural-committee>

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<p><i>E-mail from Anne McNaughton Renfrewshire Council Local Governance Review</i></p> <p>Forwarded e-mail from Brian Davey at the Improvement Service advising that they been asked by Scottish Government to share their latest Local Governance Review newsletter with Community Councils.</p> <p><i>E-mail from Science Centre Glasgow Science Centre on Tour</i></p> <p>With interactive hands-on exhibits, engaging science shows and our expert science communicators, they can bring science to local communities. 33% discount offered during July and August.</p>	<p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p>
<p>7. Treasurer's Report</p> <p>The Treasurer reported that after clearance of the cheque to Keegan and Pennykid for the insurance premium, the balance on the statement issued on 23rd May 2019 amounted to £4537.51, as forecast at the previous meeting</p>	<p>Noted</p>
<p>8. Any other Business</p> <p>Former Whitehaugh Barracks</p> <p>The Chair invited Pat Kelly, Treasurer of Paisley Opera to address the meeting regarding his organisation's plans to try to possibly acquire the barracks. The subjects are for sale or lease for community purposes only. The intention is for their group to use it as a rehearsal space. However, given the scale of the property there is potential for that to be shared with other community organisations.</p> <p>Mr Kelly advised that they are still investigating the viability of such a scheme and are currently seeking funding to have a survey of the property carried out and also to organise an appropriate community consultation.</p> <p>In the meantime, over the summer they also intend to speak other community organisations to explore what level of support there would be for such a project.</p> <p>Following a brief discussion, the Chair thanked Mr Kelly for his input. It is hoped that a further update regarding their plans will follow in due course.</p>	<p>Noted pending further developments</p>
<p>9.. Date of Next Meeting</p> <p>The next meeting of the Community Council, and the first of the new session and the last before the forthcoming elections is due to take place on Wednesday, 11th September 2019 at 7pm</p>	