

PAISLEY EAST & WHITEHAUGH COMMUNITY COUNCIL



<p>MINUTES of a meeting of that was held at Sherwood-Greenlaw Church, Paisley on Wednesday, 11th September 2019 at 7.00pm.</p>	<p>11/09/19</p>
<p>Present: John Bell; Gaynor Corry; Margaret Cowie; Robert Moore; Graham Paterson; Andrew Ramsay; Jean Ramsay; Catherine Scally; Diane Watt, Jhulia Watt</p> <p>Attending: Cllr. Jim Sharkey (Renfrewshire Council); Martin Hester and Joyce Cowie (Local Residents)</p> <p>Apologies: Catherine Scally; Cllr Jeniffer Adam-McGregor,; Cllr Neil Graham; Cllr John McNaughtan (all Renfrewshire Council)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Chair: Andrew Ramsay</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Outcome/Action</p>
<p>1. Opening Remarks</p> <p>The Acting Chair, Andrew Ramsay welcomed those present and thanked everyone for attending what was the first meeting of the session but also the last gathering of the existing Community Council, pending the outcome of the ongoing elections.</p>	
<p>2. Minutes of Meeting held on Wednesday, 5th June 2019</p> <p>It was pointed out that while Cllr Sharkey had been present at that meeting, his name had been omitted from the sederunt</p> <p>The heading at Section 5 should also be amended to read “<i>Business arising from Minutes of Meeting held on Wednesday 8th May 2019</i>” as that had not been updated while the minutes were being drafted.</p> <p>Subject to inclusion of those amendments, the minutes of the previous meeting were proposed as an accurate record by Graham Paterson and this was seconded by Jean Ramsay.</p>	<p>Approved</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">3..</p> <p>3. Business arising from Minutes of Meeting held on Wednesday 5th June</p> <p><i>Proposed Development of Surplus Land at Dykebar Hospital Thornly Park Village</i></p> <p>The Secretary explained that as Cala, Bellway and Barratt Homes had organised a public consultation event at Hunterhill Community Centre, he had not extended a fresh invitation to CBRE to this meeting.</p>	

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The purpose of the event was to get input from the community prior to the submission of a detailed planning application for a residential development on the surplus land at Dykebar Hospital, to be known as Thornly Park Village.

The Chair reported that he had attended the consultation event that had been held on the previous evening and had tried to get some idea of their position regarding the Community Council's concerns over adequacy of infrastructure and local services given the various ongoing housing developments in and around the area.

While the developers appear to acknowledge that these issues exist, no substantive proposals were offered to mitigate those other than that they were prepared to make an undisclosed contribution towards improving school capacity. However, St. Andrews Academy is already over capacity before taking into account the prospective intake from the new developments.

After a lively discussion of the issues, it was agreed to pursue this aspect further by writing to Fraser Carlin, Head of Planning & Housing at Renfrewshire Council so that the Community Council's concerns over these important issues are on record. It was agreed also to write again to Lochfield and Hawkhead Community Council so that they are aware that as a Community Council, we remain concerned about the impact of the development

Given the ongoing development at Blackbyres in Barrhead, which could also impact on the road network through the south east area of Paisley, it was agreed also to raise these concerns with the Community Council serving Barrhead.

HGV Strategy in Renfrewshire & Related Governance Concerns

Following previous discussions on this issue, it was agreed to extend a fresh invitation to Cllr Iain Nicolson to come along to a meeting to discuss the Community Council's concerns.

In the first instance, it was agreed that, subject to the Community Council being reconvened following the elections, to invite Cllr Nicolson to the meeting due to take place on 13th November. However, recognising that the Council Leader might not necessarily be available on that evening, it was agreed to send dates of the meetings organised for the rest of the session so that, if necessary, he can advise regarding his availability at a future date.

The Secretary confirmed that he would contact Cllr Nicolson's office with a view to organising his attendance at a future meeting

While on this issue, it was mentioned that while the local Regional Transport Strategy for 2017-2027 is due for review, this apparently includes no references to HGV movements.

Secretary to follow up by writing to Fraser Carlin and the respective Community Councils.

Secretary to contact Councillor Nicolson's Secretary

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HGV Movements in Arkleston Road

With the recent closure of Arkleston Road to allow resurfacing works, the Chair explained that he had tried to find out if the Council has made any enquiries to ascertain to where HGV traffic has been displaced during this period.

Concern has been expressed regarding the lack of information concerning the likely timescale to complete the resurfacing work and the local retailers are not happy with the disruption this has caused.

It is noted that despite concerns previously expressed regarding the speed bumps on Arkleston Road, those are to remain *in situ*.

It was suggested that it might now be appropriate to press for a fresh consultation regarding alternative traffic calming measures on the road and it was agreed to look again at suggestions for possible alternative proposals on which Renfrewshire Council could be asked to consult residents.

Unauthorised Structure at 74 Arkleston Road, Paisley

Members were referred to a copy of letter dated 8th July from James Weir, Planning Officer at Renfrewshire Council with an update on application. The applicants have submitted a revised application to retain only the rear section of the development.

In view of this material change the application has been re-advertised so that interested parties can comment further.

Following consultation with members, a further representation by way of a formal objection had been lodged in the following terms:

Whilst noting the recent changes at the site, with part of the structure having been demolished, we remain of the view that the site is already over-developed and granting the retrospective application, even as amended, will only serve to exacerbate the situation.

It was reported by John Bell that a substantial part of the structure has indeed since been demolished and removed, apart from the section to the rear.

However, the retrospective planning application has recently been granted, subject to certain conditions. This includes the stipulation that the remaining structure is not to be used for business/commercial purposes,

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

Following previous discussions regarding these issues, the Secretary referred members to the copy of a report titled "*Glasgow Road / Hawkhead Road / Arkleston Road Junction Tackling Dangerous Junctions*

Continued for further discussion

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Feasibility Study” prepared by Local Transport Projects in June 2018 at the behest of Renfrewshire Council. A copy of this report had been sent to the Secretary by Cllr Sharkey and circulated to members prior to the meeting

Noted pending further developments

A brief discussion took place following which it was agreed to note the terms of the report for the time being

Community Council Elections

The Secretary reported briefly on the publicity campaign over the summer months in preparation for the elections

The election period commenced on 12th August and is due to end on 13th September 2019.

It was noted that Helen Dykes and Elizabeth Logue have intimated that they do not intend to seek re-election. In relation to the former, it was agreed to discuss the terms of her letter of resignation during a closed session, prior to the conclusion of the meeting.

The Secretary confirmed that he has written to Elizabeth Logue to thank her for her contribution to the work of the Community Council

Noted pending close of nominations

Graham Paterson reported that he has spoken again with Des Barr of Sinclair Barr whose paper boys and girls had kindly distributed the leaflets on behalf of the Community Council. However, he has again declined any payment.

The Secretary went on to report that as of this evening, only eight nominations have so far been submitted to Renfrewshire Council. Those include one prospective new member. It was emphasised that unless two further nominations are lodged by 13th September at the latest then there is a danger that the Community Council might possibly not be reconvened.

Two members of the members present confirmed that their nomination papers were likely to be lodged the following day

PC Douglas Dorrington Police Scotland Crime Statistics

As those were not available at the last meeting, PC Dorrington had subsequently sent on the Crime Statistics to 5th June as follows

Seedhill

Assault - 6	detected - 3
Breach of bail conditions- 9	detected -9
Communications Act- 3	detected -3
Culpable and reckless conduct - 1	detected - 0
Domestic abuse act - 1	detected - 1
Drug possession - 4	detected - 2
Fire raising - 1	detected - 0

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<p>Resisting arrest - 1 Sec 38/ Breach of Peace - 9 Sexual communications - 2 Street drinking -1 Theft - 6 Vandalism- 5</p> <p>Whitehaugh</p> <p>Sec 38/Breach of Peace- 2 Drug possession- 3 Assault- 1 Vandalisms- 3 Thefts- 5 Road traffic- 5 frauds- 2 Other crime- 3</p> <p>Former Whitehaugh Barracks</p>	<p>detected - 1 detected - 7 detected -2 detected - 1 detected - 2 detected- 1</p> <p>detected-1 detected-2 detected-1 detected-0 detected-0 detected-2 detected-2</p>	
<p>Following the report at the June meeting by Pat Kelly, Treasurer of Paisley Opera, members were pleased to note that they have secured funding from Renfrewshire Council’s Community Empowerment Fund to carry out a commercial building survey, community consultation and develop a business plan for the former Whitehaugh Barracks in the East End of Paisley</p>		Noted
<p>4. Secretary’s Report</p> <p>The Secretary referred to the following correspondence; copies of which had been circulated in advance of the meeting.</p> <p><i>E-Mail from Anne McNaughton Renfrewshire Council Renfrewshire Community Council Forum – Meeting on 28th May 2019</i></p> <p>E-mail with a copy of the presentation by Gary Kerr about the Baker Street Project.</p> <p>Renfrewshire Council’s Community Link Team also delivered a short presentation about <i>A Local Information System for Scotland (ALISS)</i>.</p> <p>A link to the ALISS website was provided together with a copy of the presentation.</p> <p>https://www.aliss.org/</p> <p>Minutes of the Forum Meeting that took place on 28th May received subsequently were also tabled for consideration.</p>		Noted

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E-Mail from Anne McNaughton

Renfrewshire Council

Renfrewshire Community Council Forum – Meeting on 27th August

E-mail setting out issues surrounding the revision of the Scheme for establishment of Community Councils and specific proposals for agreement at the Forum Meeting

By way of background, copies of representations submitted by Ferguslie & Johnstone Community Council had been circulated to members.

Gaynor Corry and John Bell, who represent the Community Council on the Forum spoke briefly, reporting that the proposal for self-nomination had been defeated by one vote.

E-Mail from Amy Fishlock

Renfrewshire Council

Consultation on Licensing of Sexual Entertainment Venues

E-mail regarding consultation on Licensing of Sexual Entertainment Venues.

When this was consulted on during the Summer, from the members who responded there seemed to be some support for licensing of these premises. However, not more than 50% of members responded so there was no specific mandate to respond to this consultation.

The impression from the responses received was that such premises should be licensed – as opposed to being left unregulated

Following a brief discussion, it was agreed that a proliferation of SEVs could well give rise to exploitation and abuse as well as potential for human trafficking Accordingly, members agreed that it would be appropriate to submit a response stating that the Community Council is of the view that such premises should be licensed and that the applicable quota within the Renfrewshire Council area should be zero. Accordingly, it was felt that the policy need not be developed beyond that.

E-Mail from Rosemary Carlin

o/b Cllr Iain Nicolson Leader of Renfrewshire Council

'Our Renfrewshire' Community survey

Copy of e-mail setting out an update regarding the recent 'Our Renfrewshire' Community survey.

More than 4,000 people have taken part in the survey and their Community and staff engagement sessions, which closed on Friday 7th June, telling them what matters to them and what they value.

They are currently gathering the feedback from our survey responses and engagement sessions and will provide an update on the results at the end of

Noted

Secretary to
submit
representation
on agreed basis

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<p>E-Mail from Tania Morlan Economic Development Officer (Social Enterprise) Chief Executive's Service Wee Grants for Wee Groups – Launching 27th June 2019</p> <p>Forwarded e-mail advising that the Robertson Trust are launching a new pilot on Thursday 27th June 2019, <i>Wee Grants for Wee Groups</i>, which will be open to organisations with an annual income of up to £100,000. For the first time, this will also include constituted groups with charitable aims, as well as registered charities. The pilot is expected to last for six months, during which time eligible organisations can apply for up to £2,000 and projects/services can be fully funded, providing the work is a good fit with Robertson Trust's funding strands.</p> <p>Further information on the strands here:</p> <p>http://www.therobertsontrust.org.uk/what-we-fund/our-funding-strands</p> <p>http://www.therobertsontrust.org.uk/news/wee-grants-for-wee-groups-help-us-launch-our-newpilot</p>	<p>Noted</p>
<p>E-Mail from Anne McNaughton Renfrewshire Council Scottish Ambulance Service - New Clinical Response Model</p> <p>Forwarded e-mail from the Improvement Service regarding the Scottish Ambulance Service's New Clinical Response Model</p>	<p>Noted</p>
<p>E-Mail from Anne McNaughton Renfrewshire Council Tesco Centenary Grant</p> <p>Forwarded e-mail from the Improvement Service regarding Forwarded e-mail from the Improvement Service regarding the launch of Tesco's Bags of Help Centenary Grants.</p>	<p>Noted</p>
<p>E-Mail from Anne McNaughton Renfrewshire Council Arrangements for Annual General Meetings following CC Elections</p> <p>In light of a few enquiries that Anne McNaughton has received about the Annual General Meetings due to take place in October, she has issued an e-mail setting out guidance in this regard.</p>	<p>Noted</p>
<p>E-Mail from Anne McNaughton Renfrewshire Council CDAS Annual Conference 2019: Community Development: Tackling Inequalities - Tuesday 10th September</p> <p>Forwarded e-mail from the Improvement Service advising that this year's Community Development Alliance Scotland (CDAS) conference will explore the challenges and opportunities in tackling inequalities through empowering communities. There will be exploration of community development responses including community action, community-led</p>	<p>Noted</p>

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project delivery, and collaborative action across sectors which addresses the root causes of inequality and barriers to community participation.

The conference will take place on Tuesday 10th September, between 10:30am and 3:30pm at the Edinburgh Training and Conference Venue

Keynote Speaker: Aileen Campbell, Cabinet Secretary for Communities and Local Government in the Scottish Government.

***E-Mail from David Williams
Secretary - Renfrewshire Community Council Forum
Local Partnership Meetings***

E-mail advising that at the recent RCCF meeting there were concerns raised by Community Councils over the inability to have a delegate attend the Local Partnership meetings. As such, he intends to raise these in a letter to the Local Partnership team on behalf of RCCF.

In parallel, there were various comments made on variations in processes and protocols in the running of the Local Partnership meetings. Examples are being sought in relation to variation in protocols, etc, that Community Councils have expressed concern over so that those can also be followed up at the same time

***E-Mail from Fraser Carlin
Renfrewshire Council
Renfrewshire Draft Strategic Housing Investment Plan 2020/21 to 2024/25 - Consultation***

Each local authority is required to prepare a Strategic Housing Investment Plan for its area and to update this each year. The Strategic Housing Investment Plan sets out investment priorities for affordable housing which will help to achieve the outcomes set out in the Local Housing Strategy.

<http://www.renfrewshire.gov.uk/SHIP>

This draft Strategic Housing Investment Plan 2020/21 to 2024/25 includes projects which were outlined in the last Strategic Housing Investment Plan 2019/20 to 2023/24 which are being taken forward over the next 5 years.

The projects identified in the last SHIP as a priority will progress as carry forward projects within the new plan as detailed within the document.

The Council is inviting comments and feedback on the draft Strategic Housing Investment Plan by 21 September 2019. This will allow them to take account of feedback before submitting it to the Scottish Government in October 2019.

Dismay was expressed that less than three weeks had been afforded to consider and discuss the terms of the Draft Plan.

Noted

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<p>Notwithstanding, one particular aspect of the plan was highlighted relating to the vacant plot at Auchentorlie Quadrant/Seedhill Road.</p> <p>The area had previously been designated in the Strategic Housing Investment Plan for affordable housing, However, that is no longer the case.</p> <p>Members were reminded that previous plans by Williamsburgh Housing Association to develop the site had to be abandoned due to the insufficiency of the sewer.</p> <p>Following discussion, it was agreed to write to Renfrewshire Council, to ask if they might now be inclined to develop the vacant land, in conjunction with Network Rail Scotland, to form a larger car-park, thereby improving the Park and Ride facilities at Hawkhead Station. This would help alleviate on-street parking issues in and around Seedhill Road. It was suggested that could perhaps also include formation of another entrance/ exit to the station at the west end of the platform.</p> <p><i>E-Mail from Anne McNaughton Renfrewshire Council Crown Estate Scotland Draft 2020-23 Corporate Plan Consultation</i></p> <p>Forwarded copy of letter from Esther Black, Head of Corporate Operations regarding Crown Estate Scotland's draft 2020-23 Corporate Plan consultation.</p> <p><i>E-Mail from Anne McNaughton Renfrewshire Council Scottish Land Commission seeking Community Views</i></p> <p>Forwarded e-mail from the Improvement Service, which has been asked by the Scottish Land Commission to share the information in relation to their community engagement</p> <p><i>Richard Weeks Renfrewshire Leisure Arts Related Community Development</i></p> <p>The Secretary reported that he had been contacted by Richard Weeks from Renfrewshire Leisure, who has embarked on some arts-related community development in the east end of Paisley.</p> <p>Having already made contact with Williamsburg Housing Association and other local organisation he was wondering if he might come along to this meeting of the Community Council to outline their plans</p> <p>The Secretary had explained that as this would be first meeting following the recess, there is likely to a considerable amount of business so there could be no guarantee that that time would be available.</p> <p>It was agreed that the Secretary try to arrange a mutually convenient time to come along, subject of course to when the Council Leader might be able to come along to a meeting</p>	<p>Secretary to write to Renfrewshire Council to suggest that they look at extending the current parking facilities at Hawkhead station</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Secretary to liaise with Mr Weeks to arrange a mutually convenient meeting to attend</p>
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E-mail from Emma Garland

EMA Architecture + Design Limited

16167 Wallneuk Road, Paisley - 19/0398/NO Proposal of Application Notice (PoAN)- Community Consultation Date + Venue Notification

E-mail accompanied by location plan and completed PoAN for the site at Wallneuk Road in Paisley.

This has been sent to the local councillors of Ward 2 (Cllrs Edward Grady, Cathy McEwan & Jim Paterson) and the local councillors of Wards 4 + 5 at the request of Renfrewshire Council (Cllrs Karen Kennedy, Kenny MacLaren, Mags MacLaren, John McIntyre, Carolann Davidson, John McNaughtan & Will Mylet). As Gallowhill Community Council disbanded in 2016, the application has been copied to Paisley East & Whitehaugh Community Council as the site abuts the boundary

The community event will be held 15:00-19:00 on Tuesday 1st October in Room 2 at Abercorn Conference Centre, West College Scotland, Paisley Campus, Renfrew Road, Paisley PA3 4DR.

In accordance with statutory guidance, this event will also be advertised within the local press.

This notice relates to a proposed residential development with associated access, landscaping etc. However, the notice does not specify how many new homes are anticipated.

E-Mail from Anne McNaughton

Renfrewshire Council

Invest in Renfrewshire (Communities Team): External Funding Workshops

Forwarded e-mail from Kam Kaur, Economic Development Officer (Funding & Development) of Chief Executive's Service at Renfrewshire Council with details of the dates and times for their next round of External Funding Workshops

These workshops will focus on:

- *The National Lottery Community Fund's Awards for All programme*
- *Foundation Scotland's Baillie Gifford Community Awards programme.*

During the workshop they will cover how to complete the grant application form, hints and tips for success etc.

Post-workshop, they are happy to meet with groups to discuss their project ideas in more detail and also provide feedback on any draft applications prior to submission.

Noted pending further developments

Noted

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<p><i>E-Mail from Anne McNaughton Renfrewshire Council VE Day 75 Celebrations – 8th -10th May 2020</i></p> <p>Forwarded letter from Bruno Peek, Pageantmaster, VE Day 75 with an update in relation to the proposed national 75th anniversary celebrations next year</p> <p>VE Day 75, on the weekend of 8th - 10th May 2020, will be an international celebration of peace – a time to remember, reflect and pay tribute to the millions who played such a vital part in achieving it. This includes the Armed Forces personnel from many countries who gave their lives or were physically and mentally injured; the hard-working women and men who kept the factories, mines, shipyards and farms operating throughout the years of turmoil; the ARP wardens, police officers, doctors, nurses, firemen, local defence volunteers and many others safeguarded the home front.</p> <p>SSAFA the Armed Forces Charity - which has been supporting service personnel, veterans and their families since 1885 - are the charity partner for this series of VE Day 75 commemorative events.</p>	<p>Continued for possible participation in local commemorative events</p>
<p>5. Treasurer's Report</p> <p>The Treasurer reported that after clearance of the cheque to Muir Multimedia for printing the leaflets, the balance on the statement issued on 23rd August 2019 amounted to £4359.51.</p> <p>It was reported that the annual Data Protection Registration Fee of £35.00 is due imminently. That will be collected by the Information Commissioner's Office by Direct Debit</p> <p>As this was the start of a new session, subject to the Community Council being reconvened following the elections, it was proposed by Diane Watt that the Community Council donate the sum of £250 to Sherwood-Greenlaw Church for providing accommodation for Community Council meetings. This was seconded by Graham Paterson and agreed without dissent.</p> <p>Members were reminded that subject to the Community Council being reconvened, the mandate to operate the bank account will have to be updated following the inaugural AGM</p>	<p>Noted</p> <p>Approved</p> <p>Continued</p>
<p>6. Any other Business</p> <p><i>Former Arnold Clark Site at East Lane</i></p> <p>A question was asked as to whether any interest has been expressed in the former Arnold Clark Site. Cllr Sharkey explained that he was not aware of any plans for the site. He confirmed however that he would make enquiries to ascertain the current position and report back</p>	<p>Continued pending update</p>

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[In view of the sensitive nature of the following item, it was agreed that it would be appropriate for this to be considered only by elected and ex-officio members of the Community Council. Accordingly, Martin Hester and Joyce Cowie vacated the meeting at this point]

7. Resignation of Helen Dykes

Members were referred to the letter of resignation circulated by Helen Dykes the previous day. That had been copied to all members of the Community Council and to Anne McNaughton.

A discussion took place regarding the terms of the letter. The general consensus among those members present was that they could neither recall nor recognise the circumstances described by Helen in her letter. In essence, it was felt that her comments had no foundation in fact

It was agreed that the Secretary should write to Anne McNaughton setting out the Community Council's position with a view to setting the record straight

It was agreed to copy Helen Dykes in to this response and also to include all the members to whom her letter had been circulated, so to make the Community Council's position clear.

The Secretary reported that he has removed Helen Dykes' "Admin" privileges on the Community Council's Facebook page. It was agreed that John Bell be appointed in her place as Co-Admin in conjunction with the Secretary

Secretary to write to Anne McNaughton in appropriate terms and copy in all members to whom the original letter had been circulated

8. Date of Next Meeting

Subject to the outcome of the ongoing elections, the next meeting of the Community Council, is due to take place on Wednesday, 9th October 2019 at 7pm. This will be the inaugural AGM. conducted by an officer from Renfrewshire Council, followed by a routine business meeting