

# PAISLEY EAST & WHITEHAUGH COMMUNITY COUNCIL

<p><b>MINUTES of a meeting of that was held at Sherwood-Greenlaw Church, Paisley on Wednesday, 9<sup>th</sup> October 2019 at 7.15pm.</b></p>	<p><b>09/10/19</b></p>
<p>Present: John Bell; Cameron Connie; Robert Moore; Graham Paterson; Andrew Ramsay; Jean Ramsay; Catherine Scally; Diane Watt</p> <p>Apologies: Gaynor Corry; Margaret Cowie; Jhulia Watt; Cllr Jim Sharkey (Renfrewshire Council)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Chair: Andrew Ramsay</p>	<p><b>Outcome/Action</b></p>
<p><b>1. Opening Remarks</b></p> <p>The Chair, Andrew Ramsay, welcomed those present to the first business meeting of the newly elected Community Council and thanked everyone for attending.</p> <p>Before proceeding with the business of the meeting, the new Chair took an opportunity to deliver a succinct but nonetheless comprehensive report on developments over the previous session and the various issues that have been discussed and tackled by the Community Council. He also expressed gratitude to those former members who had opted to retire from the Community Council; to the newly elected Vice Chair, John Bell for launching and maintaining the website and to the Secretary for his input to the work of the Community Council</p>	<p>Noted</p>
<p><b>2. Minutes of Meeting held on Wednesday, 11<sup>th</sup> September 2019</b></p> <p>It was highlighted that at Page 3, the reference should be to Hawkhead and Lochfield Community Council and not as it had appeared in the minute.</p> <p>Subject to inclusion of that amendment, the minutes of the previous meeting were proposed as an accurate record by John Bell and this was seconded by Jean Ramsay. Graham Paterson</p>	<p>Approved</p>
<p><b>3. Business arising from Minutes of Meeting held on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> September 2019</b></p> <p><b><i>Proposed Development of Surplus Land at Dykebar Hospital Thornly Park Village</i></b></p> <p>The Secretary apologised, explaining that, unfortunately, he has not yet had an opportunity to progress matters as agreed at the previous meeting</p>	<p>Continued</p>

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<p>This will be followed up shortly and hopefully responses will be available by the next meeting</p> <p>It was noted that the Secretary had ascertained that Barrhead Community Council is not currently operational and there has been a second call by East Renfrewshire Council for nominations so that it can be re-established.</p> <p><b><i>HGV Strategy in Renfrewshire &amp; Related Governance Concerns</i></b></p> <p>The Secretary reported that Cllr Nicolson's Secretary has been back in touch to confirm that the Council Leader will be able to attend the Community Council meeting due to take place on 13<sup>th</sup> November</p> <p>As a firm arrangement is now in place, the Secretary confirmed that he would now contact Gerard Hannah, Infrastructure, Transportation &amp; Change Manager at Renfrewshire Council to ascertain if he might also be available to attend that meeting</p> <p><b><i>HGV Movements/Traffic Management in Arkleston Road</i></b></p> <p>The Chair reminded members that he had previously made enquiries to ascertain if Renfrewshire Council had monitored to which routes HGV traffic had been displaced while the road was being resurfaced. He went on to advise that, so far, he has received an acknowledgment from Cllr Adam-McGregor to confirm that the matter has been raised with the Roads Section, but, so far, no substantive response has been forthcoming</p> <p>Following concerns that had been expressed at the previous meeting, Graham Paterson advised that Cllr Sharkey had sent him a copy of the department's response. In summary, this confirmed that all residents and businesses had been lettered prior to the works. Two large visual display (VMS) signs were installed on site two weeks prior to commencement of the works; one having been situated outside the shops on Arkleston Road.</p> <p>At the last meeting it had also been mentioned that that the speed bumps and table on Arkleston Road, were to remain <i>in situ</i>, However, it was reported that following completion of the resurfacing works, the surface of road has been raised to the extent that the height or pitch of the speed bumps and table is now relatively slight, rendering those even less effective than they had been before the work was carried out.</p> <p>In light of this development it was agreed that it would be appropriate at this stage to request that Renfrewshire Council embark on a fresh consultation among local residents, proposing alternative, more effective traffic calming measures. The Secretary confirmed that he would write in appropriate terms to Environment and Infrastructure requesting that they proceed along those lines and report their response at the next meeting.</p> <p><b><i>Retrospective Planning Application re Structure at 74 Arkleston Road, Paisley</i></b></p> <p>Members were referred to a copy of a letter dated 10<sup>th</sup> September from</p>	<p>pending further developments</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Continued - Secretary to write to Environment &amp; Infrastructure to request that they consult on Alternative effective traffic calming</p>
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<p>James Weir, Planning Officer at Renfrewshire Council advising that the retrospective application had been considered on 27<sup>th</sup> August, at which time it was concluded that the proposal accords with the provision of the Development Plan and there were no material considerations which outweighed the presumption in favour of development according with the Development Plan.</p>	Noted
<p>Accordingly, the application had been granted, subject to a condition that the use of the building shall be restricted to those that are incidental to the enjoyment of the associated dwellinghouse.</p>	
<p><b>Former Whitehaugh Barracks</b></p>	
<p>John Bell advised that Pat Kelly and his colleagues have organised a meeting for next Wednesday, 16<sup>th</sup> October to discuss developments in relation to their proposal to acquire the former barracks for community use. As John has been invited to attend, he confirmed that he would report back to members at the November meeting.</p>	Continued pending further developments
<p><b>Proposal re extension of Car Park at Hawhead Road/Vacant Land at Seedhill Road /Auchentorlie Quadrant</b></p>	
<p>Members were reminded that at the last meeting, it had been agreed to write to Renfrewshire Council, to enquire if they might now be inclined to develop the vacant land, in conjunction with Network Rail Scotland, to extend the existing car-park, thereby improving the Park and Ride facilities at Hawkhead Station.</p>	
<p>The Secretary referred members to an encouraging response received from Fraser Carlin, Head of Planning &amp; Housing, who has indicated that the suggestion that the area could be utilised for additional parking is definitely worth further consideration.</p>	Noted pending further developments
<p>However, any project of this nature would need to be pursued in partnership with Network Rail, as well as the Council's Roads Service. Nonetheless, Mr Carlin has confirmed that that he would look into the feasibility of this scheme and provide feedback in due course.</p>	
<p><b>Consultation on Licensing of Sexual Entertainment Venues</b></p>	
<p>The Secretary confirmed that he had duly responded to the recent consultation along the lines agreed and referred members to the acknowledgement received from Renfrewshire Council's Licensing Section.</p>	Noted
<p><b>Richard Weeks Renfrewshire Leisure Arts Related Community Development</b></p>	
<p>As reported at the previous meeting the Secretary reminded members 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. In view of the limited amount of business to be considered at this meeting, the Secretary explained that he had invited Mr Weeks along this evening. While Mr Weeks had hoped to attend it</p>	Continued to a subsequent meeting

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<p>appears that he has been unable to make it so hopefully he will be able to come along to a future meeting to explain his remit and the activities he has organised locally.</p> <p><b>Resignation of Former Chair</b></p> <p>The Secretary confirmed that as agreed at the previous meeting, he had written in appropriate terms to Anne McNaughton and had copied in the former Chair. Members were referred to the terms of the copy e-mails that had passed between the Secretary and Anne McNaughton in this regard.</p> <p><b>Former Arnold Clark Site at East Lane</b></p> <p>Members were reminded that at the last meeting a question had been asked as to whether any interest has been expressed in the former Arnold Clark site and were referred to a copy of a response that Cllr Sharkey received from Fraser Carlin, Head of Planning &amp; Housing advising that he is not aware of any plans for the site,</p> <p>If in due course an application is submitted for this location, then it will be subject to formal consultation and will also be noted on the weekly lists issued to councillors.</p> <p><i>[The Secretary explained that as all the business requiring attention had been addressed during the foregoing item, he has no formal report for this meeting]</i></p>	<p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p>
<p><b>5. Treasurer's Report</b></p> <p>In the absence of the Treasurer, no formal report was available. However, members were referred to the Annual Accounts Statement tabled and approved at the earlier AGM</p> <p>The £250 donation to Sherwood-Greenlaw Church for providing accommodation for Community Council meetings will be disbursed once the bank mandate to operate the account has been updated</p> <p>As agreed previously, it confirmed that once the appropriate forms have obtained from the Bank of Scotland, the mandate should be amended so that the account can be operated on the basis of a combination of any two signatures from the Chair, Treasurer or Secretary</p> <p>It was also agreed, without dissent, that the current office bearers be duly authorised to instruct the Bank of Scotland to make the necessary changes to the mandate for operating the account in the Community Council's name.</p>	<p>Noted</p>
<p><b>6. Any other business</b></p> <p><b>Tree Planting Scheme</b></p> <p>Diane Watt mentioned that she had recently heard of a scheme aiming to promote planting of trees in urban areas. She mentioned also that there</p>	

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<p>is a strip of land at Seedhill Community Sports Ground that could possibly be enhanced through planting of some trees. Diane agreed to try to find out some further information regarding this scheme and report back to a subsequent meeting.</p>	<p>Continued pending further information</p>
<p><b><i>Refurbishment Works to Homes in Whitehaugh</i></b></p> <p>Concern was expressed regarding the apparent lack of co-ordination and progress in relation to the refurbishment works to Council properties, currently being undertaken on its behalf by Procast. A brief discussion took place following which it was agreed to note these concerns pending specific representations or complaints from those affected by the works.</p>	<p>Noted pending further developments.</p>
<p><b>6. Date of Next Meeting</b></p> <p>The next meeting of the Community Council, is due to take place on Wednesday, 13<sup>th</sup> November 2019 at 7pm.</p>	