

PAISLEY EAST & WHITEHAUGH COMMUNITY COUNCIL

<p>MINUTES of a meeting of that was held at Sherwood-Greenlaw Church, Paisley on Wednesday, 11th December 2019 at 7.00pm.</p>	<p>11/12/19</p>
<p>Present: John Bell; Cameron Connie; Gaynor Corry; Margaret Cowie; Robert Moore; Diane Watt</p> <p>Attending Angela Hope (Paisley Grammar Parent Council); Amanda Ramsay and Adam Kaabour (Renfrewshire Wardens Service)</p> <p>Apologies: Graham Paterson; Andrew Ramsay; Jean Ramsay Catherine Scally; Jhulia Watt; Cllr Jim Sharkey & Cllr John McNaughtan (both Renfrewshire Council);</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Chair: John Bell</p>	<p>Outcome/Action</p>
<p>1. Opening Remarks</p> <p>In the absence of Andrew Ramsay, the Vice Chair, John Bell, welcomed those present and thanked everyone for attending the last meeting of 2019</p> <p>It was intimated that, also due to illness, the representatives from the Lungs of Paisley Residents Association were unable to attend this evening.</p>	
<p>2. Renfrewshire Wardens Service</p> <p>The representatives from the Wardens Service were invited to address the meeting.</p> <p>Amanda Ramsay briefly introduced herself and her colleague before going on to provide members with an overview of activity during November</p> <p>Over the period in question there had been 20 foot patrols in the area. Reports had included 2 instances of illegal parking; 6 abandoned vehicles; 2 complaints of dog fouling and an issue surrounding bins.</p> <p>The Wardens confirmed that they had been asked to monitor the areas identified by the Community Council in the Secretary's recent email and also that they are targeting dog fouling at Barshaw Park as well as in Whitehaugh.</p> <p>A brief discussion took place during which other issues were highlighted including recurring antisocial behaviour at Williamsburgh Court; dog fouling in Millstream Court and Cyril Street; litter in Seedhill Road and graffiti on the wall of Lang's Tannery. The Wardens took note of the issues raised</p>	<p>Noted</p>

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<p>Following conclusion of the discussion, the chair thanked the Wardens for their input</p> <p>[Amanda Ramsay and Adam Kaabour left the meeting at this point]</p>	
<p>3 Minutes of Meeting held on Wednesday, 13th November 2019</p> <p>The minutes of the previous meeting were proposed as an accurate record by Gaynor Corry and this was seconded by Margaret Cowie</p>	<p>Approved</p>
<p>4. Business arising from Minutes of Meeting held on Wednesday 13th November 2019</p> <p><i>Invitation to Cllr Nicolson, Leader of Renfrewshire Council re HGV Strategy in Renfrewshire & Related Governance Concerns</i></p> <p>The Secretary referred members to the response received from Cllr Nicolson to the further invitation extended to him to attend the meeting in February.</p> <p>Further to the apologies previously submitted for his absence at the November meeting, Cllr Nicolson has explained that from time to time family matters arise that can affect scheduled diary events. He went on to say that he does attend many Community Council meetings throughout the year and this was the first occasion that this had occurred to date.</p> <p>Cllr Nicolson had suggested that if the Community Council has specific governance issues requiring to be addressed then he would be happy to discuss outside scheduled meeting dates. Failing that, he looks forward to meeting with the Community Council at the meeting in February.</p> <p>The Secretary advised that he had responded to the Council Leader explaining that as the Community Council's concerns surrounding governance are longstanding, it would be more appropriate to allow all members an opportunity to participate in the discussion. As such, he is more than welcome to attend on 12th February.</p> <p><i>Proposed development on surplus land at Dykebar Hospital ("Thornly Park Village") & concerns over the impact on Services, Infrastructure.</i></p> <p>Members were referred to copies of material that had been circulated in advance of the meeting as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Copy of e-mail from Fiona Robertson of Streets UK advising that a planning application has been lodged for the proposed development • Copy of e-mail received from Robert Scotson, Hawkhead and Lochfield Community Council • Copy of the outline proposal from the Developers' Website http://www.thornlyparkvillage.co.uk • Excerpts from Renfrewshire Council Website relating to the application and key dates. Further details can be accessed here 	<p style="text-align: center;">Noted and continued until February meeting</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Continued for further consideration at January Meeting</p>

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In relation to the period allowed for submitting representations, it has since been clarified that given the complexity of this application and the amount of information associated with it, Renfrewshire Council has extended the online electronic submission of representations for three months, i.e. until Monday 30th March. In her response, Sharon Marklow, Strategy & Place Manager at Renfrewshire Council also explains that the Authority do take representations up until a Report of Handling is prepared for a Board meeting.

In the email from Robert Scotson of Hawkhead and Lochfield Community Council, he sets out similar concerns to those previously expressed by this Community Council. Mr Scotson also mentions that their chairperson Nicola Gooch intends to arrange a joint meeting of local Community Councils, possibly including Ralston.

It was reported that no response has yet been received from Fraser Carlin, Head of Planning & Housing at Renfrewshire Council in response to the representations previously put to him. It was suggested that the pending application, may well preclude any response to the specific issues raised to avoid prejudicing that.

It was also agreed that the Secretary should approach Planning Aid Scotland (PAS) for advice on how best to highlight the Community Council's concerns over the impact of the current and other local developments on infrastructure and services.

HGV Movements/Traffic Management in Arkleston Road

It was reported that there has been no further feedback from Environment & Infrastructure following the recent speed survey. However, this will be followed up in the New Year.

Tree Planting Scheme

Diane Watt reported that following further enquiries, it transpires that the scheme that she had referred to at the October meeting is only open to local authorities rather than community organisations.

Refurbishment Works to Homes in Whitehaugh

The Secretary referred members to the copy of an e-mail sent to Greg Young, the Council Officer overseeing the works and recent correspondence that has been exchanged with Carol Cameron, Managing Director of Procast Building Contractors Limited.

In her email, Ms Cameron explains that her company appreciates residents' concerns and have sent letters to everyone involved apologising for the delays. There had been some issues on site at the beginning which affected the project. While those issues have been addressed, this has given rise to a delay in the programme.

Procast also acknowledge that their communication strategy could have

Secretary to approach PAS for expert advice

Noted pending further feedback

Noted

Noted & Secretary to follow up the specific case with Procast once specific details are to hand.

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<p>been improved and they are working towards this to ensure that they learn lessons for future contracts.</p> <p>Ms Cameron has offered a 100% guarantee that they will ensure that all outstanding issues will be addressed.</p> <p>During the discussion that followed, a specific case in point was mentioned where there has been an inordinate delay together with other concerns surrounding the works. The Secretary suggested that the specific concerns are sent to him in an email, setting out dates etc, then he will forward that to Carol Cameron for her attention.</p> <p>To date, no response has yet been received from Greg Young at Renfrewshire Council regarding the issues set out in the Secretary's email of 27th November, though this has been superseded to some extent by Carol Cameron's undertaking to deal with issues brought to her attention.</p>	
<p><i>Dedicated Community Council E-mail Address</i></p> <p>The Secretary and John Bell reported briefly on progress in this connection, An email alias secretary@paisleyeast.org has been set up via the website which will direct e-mail traffic to PEWCC2020@outlook.com.</p>	<p>Noted</p>
<p>Dog Fouling/ Litter/Graffiti in Whitehaugh</p> <p>Further to the earlier report by representatives from Renfrewshire Wardens Service, members were referred to an e-mail received from Andrew Dobie, Community Regulation Manager at Renfrewshire Council confirming that he had conveyed the concerns raised to the Community Wardens and asked that they record and report the areas for litter clearance and graffiti removal.</p> <p>Mr Dobie has also confirmed that he has requested that where possible more resources are targeted in this vicinity in an effort to deter and detect those irresponsible owners not cleaning up after their dogs</p>	<p>Noted</p>
<p>Cycling Safety on Arkleston Road/ Hawkhead Road Corridor</p> <p>The Secretary advised that following the last meeting, Mr McFadden had sent him an email detailing the various concerns touched upon at the previous meeting. Mr McFadden is currently seeking a meeting with the Council's Cycling Officer to share some ideas on improvements that could be made to the cycling infrastructure in Paisley and the surrounding area. In the circumstances, it was agreed to await feedback from any meeting that takes place before considering making any appropriate representations to the Council in relation these issues</p>	<p>Noted pending further feedback.</p>
<p>5. Secretary's Report</p> <p>The Secretary referred to the following correspondence; a copy of which had been circulated to members in advance of the meeting.</p>	

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<p><i>E-mail from Neil Kennaway Owner Services, Communities, Housing & Planning Renfrewshire Council Missing Share Pilot Scheme - Help with Tenement Repairs</i></p> <p>Renfrewshire Council are currently operating a Missing Shares pilot scheme for properties within Renfrewshire. The pilot scheme has been set up to help in situations where a majority of owners have agreed to essential common repairs and maintenance but cannot progress the work because one or more owner(s) are un-cooperative. The pilot scheme will focus on fully privately owned older tenement sandstone blocks circa. 1919 (blocks that include Local Authority or Housing Association owned properties will not be considered).</p> <p>Applications for a missing share payment to the Council are subject to eligibility criteria and resources being available. Where applications are successful Renfrewshire Council will pay the missing share(s); minimum of £500 up to the maximum of £10,000 per share, thereby allowing the works to proceed whilst the Council pursue the non-paying owner(s).</p> <p>In promoting the Pilot Scheme, the Council is attempting to target as many channels as possible, including Community Councils, so that homeowners are made aware of its existence.</p> <p>Enquiries about the scheme can be directed to 0141 618 4533 or by email to ownerservices.hps@renfrewshire.gov.uk</p>	<p>Noted</p>
<p>5. Treasurer's Report</p> <p>The Treasurer reported that while she had received notification from Renfrewshire Council that a BACS transfer in the sum of £845 had been made by to the Community Council's account in respect of the 2019/2020 Administration Allowance, she has not received an up to date bank statement for November. However, that could well be due to the timing of the payment reaching the account after the statement date.</p> <p>On that basis, the balance on the next statement is forecast to stand at £5169.51.</p> <p>The Treasurer also confirmed that she has received a text from the Bank of Scotland confirming that the Community Council's Mandate Variation Request is being processed so hopefully there should be progress in this connection by the time of the next meeting.</p>	<p>Noted</p>
<p>6. Any other Business</p> <p>Lighting at Millstream Court</p> <p>Margaret Cowie mentioned that she is seeking improvements to the lighting in Millstream Court; particularly at their rear walkway and car parking space between Nos 31-47 and the adjacent building.</p>	<p>Noted pending further feedback</p>

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<p>A brief discussion took place during which it was suggested that as it is a private estate, if the roads and pavements have not been adopted by the local authority then this might be an issue that the owners will have to take up with their Factor. In that event, the owners may have to fund the necessary lighting improvements from their own resources</p> <p>Outspoken Arts Scotland Consultation on Community-led Art Project</p> <p>Gaynor Corry reminded members that Outspoken Arts Scotland wish to engage with residents of Williamsburgh Housing Association and the general area of the East End of Paisley, in a community-led art project to reinvigorate the local environment. Inspired by Paisley 2021 bid and murals across town they are hoping to deliver some new local area murals to help brighten things up for Spring/summer 2020.</p> <p>As such, they are inviting residents to participate in their short survey via the link below</p> <p>https://twitter.com/outspokenartsSC/status/1199623723868921856</p> <p>Details of the consultation have already been publicised on the Community Council's Facebook Page</p>	Noted
<p>7. Date of Next Meeting</p> <p>The next meeting of the Community Council, is due to take place on Wednesday, 8th January 2020 at 7pm.</p>	