

# PAISLEY EAST & WHITEHAUGH COMMUNITY COUNCIL

<p><b>MINUTES of a meeting of that was held at Sherwood-Greenlaw Church, Paisley on Wednesday, 11<sup>th</sup> March 2020 at 7.00pm.</b></p>	<p><b>11/03/20</b></p>
<p>Present: John Bell; Gaynor Corry; Margaret Cowie; Robert Moore; Graham Paterson; Andrew Ramsay</p> <p>Attending: Cllr Jim Sharkey, (all Renfrewshire Council); Kevin Price and Charlie McVey (Senior Warden, Renfrewshire Council Wardens Service - Communications (on behalf of the Consortium behind the proposed Thornly Park Village); Dr Chris Johnstone (Local Resident)</p> <p>Apologies: Cameron Connie; Jean Ramsay; Catherine Scally; Diane Watt; Jhulia Watt; Cllr. Jeniffer Adam-McGregor (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 welcomed all those present and thanked everyone for attending.</p>	
<p><b>2. Renfrewshire Wardens Service</b></p> <p>Before inviting Charlie McVey, Senior Warden, to address the meeting, the Chair again expressed disappointment at the absence of representatives from Police Scotland</p> <p>Mr McVey, who has attended meetings in the past, took the opportunity to briefly himself before going on to provide an overview of activity in the area.</p> <p>During the period between 11<sup>th</sup> February and 9<sup>th</sup> March, additional Community Safety Patrols have taken place throughout Ward 3. This includes 35 patrols by Wardens on foot</p> <p>Calls included 5 reports of dog fouling; 1 instance of Flyposting; 1 incident involving Control of Dogs; 1 case of illegal parking in a Disabled bay; 1 abandoned vehicle and 1 call requesting uplift of discarded needles.</p> <p>After conveying those statistics, Mr McVey explained that he had also been asked to provide specific figures in relation to issues at Arkleston Drive/Greenlaw Gardens and Barshaw Drive, While appreciation was expressed for providing this data, it was pointed out that the Community Council was looking for action to address the outstanding dog fouling, graffiti and litter issues evident at those locations. Mr McVey confirmed that he would feed this back to the Department</p> <p>Following the brief discussion that ensued, the Chair thanked Mr McVey for his helpful input. <i>[Charlie McVey left the meeting at this point]</i></p>	<p>Noted</p>

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### **3. Proposed development on surplus land at Dykebar Hospital (“Thornly Park Village”) & concerns over the impact on Services, Infrastructure etc**

The Secretary recapped in brief, referring members, to further papers circulated in advance of the meeting, specifically

- Outline of factors prepared by Andrew Ramsay to be considered in relation when considering response to planning application re proposed Thornly Park Village Development at the former Dykebar Hospital site.
- Copy of the Secretary’s email to Fraser Carlin of 21st October 2019
- E-mail from Sharon Marklow, Strategy & Place Manager at Renfrewshire Council dated 21<sup>st</sup> February 2020 in response to the aforementioned email to Fraser Carlin, Head of Planning on 21st October 2019. It is suggested therein that our correspondence could be put forward as the consultation response from the Community Council in relation to the application

Remitted to Chair & Secretary to frame appropriate objection in the agreed terms

The Chair then went on to report briefly on the training/ information session organised by Hawkhead & Lochfield Community Council, which he had attended with the Secretary. Following that he went over the outline of factors, which he had produced to help inform the discussion on the issues surrounding the application

A lively discussion ensued, on the basis of which it was agreed without dissent to submit a formal objection to the application along the lines set out in the Secretary’s email to Fraser Carlin dated 21<sup>st</sup> October 2019.

It was also remitted to the Chair and the Secretary to agree the precise wording of said objection and to submit that prior to expiry of the deadline on 31<sup>st</sup> March and report back to the next meeting

### **4. Minutes of Meeting held on Wednesday, 12<sup>th</sup> February 2020**

Some typographical and composition errors were highlighted as follows:

- While Diane Watt had intimated her apologies for non-attendance and those were duly recorded, she had, inadvertently, also been recorded as present in the sederunt. Accordingly, the reference in the sedereunt should be deleted
- Page 2 item 3 – spelling in the 4<sup>th</sup> Paragraph requires correction to read “*obfuscation*”
- Page 2 Item 3 – the first sentence of the 6<sup>th</sup> paragraph should be replaced with “*It was pointed out that previously, the solution imposed by the Roads Department to limit speed on the road had been to install speed humps/tables*”

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Page 3 – Item 3 – the word “<i>that</i>” should be inserted in the first sentence of the 7<sup>th</sup> paragraph so that it reads “ The Council Leader explained that the Council is currently updating the Local Transport Strategy and all <i>that</i> this process entails”</li> <li>• Page 3 – Item 3 – the word “<i>to</i>” should be deleted in the last sentence of the 7<sup>th</sup> paragraph so that it reads “<i>Following the discussion, Cllr Nicolson agreed to go back to the officers concerned with a view to obtaining a more substantive report in relation to these issues and that he would come back to a future meeting, possibly in April, to update members in relation thereto</i>”</li> <li>• Page 7 Item 8 – Last sentence of item under heading “<i>Crossing at Kelburne Oval</i>” should read “Members were pleased to note that following consideration, it has been agreed to install a crossing at the location in accordance with the Community Council’s request.</li> </ul> <p>The Secretary apologised for these errors, which had been overlooked on proof reading</p> <p>Subject to incorporation of those adjustments, the minutes of the previous meeting were proposed as an accurate record by Graham Paterson and this was seconded by John Bell</p>	<p>Approved subject to inclusion of amendments highlighted</p>
<p><b>4. Business arising from Minutes of Meeting held on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2020</b></p> <p><b>Governance issues surrounding proposal to explore the formulation of a Renfrewshire Wide Strategy on HGV Movements</b></p> <p>Following on the discussion with Cllr Ian Nicolson, at the last meeting the Secretary confirmed that he would check with the Council Leader’s office that he would be able to come along to the April meeting with an update on the issues discussed</p> <p><b><i>HGV Movements/Traffic Management in Arkleston Road</i></b></p> <p>The Secretary referred members to an email from Gerard Hannah advising that he shall revert to us with an update from the Speed Survey and the other issues raised with him at the meeting on 12th February.</p> <p><b><i>Refurbishment Works to Homes in Whitehaugh</i></b></p> <p>The Secretary referred members to recent correspondence wherein further concerns had been conveyed to Carol Cameron at Procast. This had been copied to Greg Young, the officer overseeing the works on behalf of Renfrewshire Council</p> <p>Again, the latest feedback from the complainant highlights that communication, or the lack of it, remains an ongoing concern. This has also been the experience of the Community Council as there has been no feedback from Procast or Renfrewshire Council regarding the issues that have been raised.</p>	<p>Continued pending further response</p> <p>Noted pending further feedback</p> <p>Noted pending further feedback</p>

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Nonetheless, members were pleased to note that following the further representations, work had resumed at the property in question at the end of that week.

The Secretary also reported that a further complaint has been received from another resident regarding damage caused by the Contractors and outstanding works. This has since also been passed on to Carol Cameron for attention.

## ***McGills No 20 Service***

The Secretary reported that following the issues raised at the previous meeting, he had been in contact with McGills on two occasions but to no avail. Members were referred to copies of emails dated 18th February and 1st March to McGills' Control Centre, copied to an Operations Manager raising and, subsequently, following up these concerns. Those emails had been accompanied by photographic evidence to corroborate the complaint.

In the meantime, in the absence of the complainant, it is understood that the drivers are continuing to park on the pavement and are still revving their engines or allowing them to idle

After discussion, it was agreed to ask Renfrewshire Council to instruct the Wardens to address the issue of engine idling. Hopefully, if approached regarding that particular offence, that will also deter McGills' drivers from parking on the pavement. If not, then a formal complaint to Police Scotland may also be necessary.

A report will follow at the next meeting

## ***Consultation on The Renfrewshire Council (Paisley – Kelburn Oval – Road Hump) Proposals***

The Secretary reported that contrary to the information reported at the last meeting, there is no plan after all to install a formal crossing at the Kelburn Oval near its junction with Glasgow Road. A consultation has since been initiated about installing Road Humps at that location.

The formal notice was due go live on *Tell Me Scotland* on 11<sup>th</sup> March and representations must be received by Director of Environment and Infrastructure no later than 8<sup>th</sup> April

While members were pleased to note that some recognition was being given to the need to improve safety and mitigate the perception of danger for pedestrians at this particular junction, the proposed measure is not considered to be ideal or, for that matter, desirable.

It was pointed out that speed humps/tables have been tried in Arkleston Road over a number of years but have proved to be less than effective.

Having recognised the need to introduce measures at the locus, the general consensus was that the most appropriate solution for pedestrians at the location would be a formal crossing.

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It was agreed to object to the current proposal on those grounds. The Secretary confirmed that he would draft a submission on those grounds and circulate to members for agreement prior to submission.

## 6. Secretary's Report

The Secretary referred to the following correspondence: a copy of which had been circulated to members in advance of the meeting.

### ***Issues surrounding operation of Community Council Enquiries Mailbox***

Members were reminded that at the last meeting, concerns had been raised about the lack of response to issues that had been appropriately channelled via the single point of contact designated for Community Council enquiries

On 26h February, following the Forum Meeting the previous evening, Anne McNaughton had written to all Community Councils urging them to ensure that all enquiries are directed via the Community Council mailbox

However, in response to that, the Secretary felt obliged to highlight the deficiencies in the operation of the mailbox, citing specific examples and point out that this is not the first occasion on which it has been necessary to raise concerns of this nature.

Members were encouraged to note that in response, the Council have since addressed the various outstanding issues and hopefully, going forward, this augurs well for improved communications between the Community Council and the local authority.

A copy of the responses received to the outstanding issues, as undernoted, had been circulated to members and were duly noted. The department's latest responses are noted in italics

- Vandalised remnants of a car in the field at sharp right-hand bend on Arkleston Road– *The Wardens have checked and the car has been removed.*
- Graffiti on the street furniture/utility cabinets between that bend on Arkleston Road down to Gallowhill Road - *We have removed graffiti from a control box we are responsible for in Arkleston Drive and the graffiti team will check on other council owned utility cabinets to address further concerns. Graffiti on utility cabinets is a matter for the utility companies as highlighted on the website. [www.renfrewshire.gov.uk/graffiti](http://www.renfrewshire.gov.uk/graffiti)*
- Graffiti on the wall at Lang's Tannery in Seedhill Road. *This surface is not suitable for this to be power washed to remove the graffiti and as such we will inform the landowner, who is responsible for the wall and they can remediate as they see fit.*

Noted

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- Litter in Seedhill Road - *We litter pick Seedhill every 16 days as we do with other communities and litter pick the grass areas, we service prior to cutting and will continue to do so. Arrangements have been made for the squad to litter pick the Seedhill Road area and we are due to mechanically sweep the accessible areas in Seedhill between 26-29 March which should address these litter concerns.*
- Dog Fouling at Millstream Court *Renfrewshire Wardens will drop off a few dog fouling signs for the residents to erect in Millstream Court. Warden will also be deployed to patrol the area to deter or detect further instances.*

## **Leave of absence for Member**

On the basis of a recommendation from the Secretary, in view of her ongoing health issues, it was agreed to grant a leave of absence to JW for the remainder of the session. Members wished JW well and hope that she will be able to resume participation following the recess

Agreed

## **7. Treasurer's Report**

The Treasurer reported that the balance at the bank remains at £5169.51, as per the statement issued on 23<sup>rd</sup> December. Effectively the account is frozen as the Mandate Variation Request has still not been implemented.

The Secretary went on to that since the last meeting that he has been liaising with the Treasurer. Following the meeting he had gone into a Bank of Scotland branch and had obtained a contact number for the office that should be dealing with this matter. According to the bank they claim that the forms submitted had been incorrect. However, it was pointed out that those were forms provided by a member of staff at a branch. Further forms were supposedly sent to the Treasurer on 27<sup>th</sup> December but those were never received. Further forms have since been sent to the Secretary but those seem very similar to those already submitted.

Those forms had arrived despite being inappropriately addressed.

Following discussion, given the poor standard of service recently experienced from Bank of Scotland, it was agreed to transfer the Community Council's account to the Royal Bank of Scotland PLC, which participates in the Account Switching scheme and also appears to offer reasonable terms for unincorporated organisations.

It was also agreed without dissent that the mandate for the new account would operate on the same basis that the Community Council had previously instructed the Bank of Scotland to implement, i.e. that the account would be operated on the authority of any two office-bearers from the Chair, Secretary or Treasurer"

It was remitted to the said office bearers to proceed accordingly

Remitted to office bearers to progress application to transfer banking arrangements

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## 8. Any other Business

### **Proposal to relocate Paisley Grammar School to new premises**

Councillor Sharkey announced that he is seeking feedback from parents and the wider community regarding the proposals in relation to relocating Paisley Grammar School.

The Council have been looking at three options – those include developing the current site, which is not really practicable or relocating to a site in Seedhill or to Renfrew Road at the site that housed the Chivas Plant.

It was agreed to continue this matter to consider any representations that the Community Council might decide to make in response to the forthcoming consultation.

### **Proposal for erection of three storey extension to rear of 30 Mansion house Road, Paisley to form nine flats**

Cllr Sharkey explained that there are plans to extend the property in question, which are likely to be detrimental to the character of the area.

It seems that some local residents are understandably opposed to the plan and are campaigning against it

The Secretary explained that a local resident had also expressed concern to him regarding the likely impact on parking in the street should this development go ahead. However, on checking the Council's planning portal he could only see applications dating back to November, in relation to which comments could not be submitted.

Cllr Sharkey advised that he seek to clarify the position regarding the proposed development and let the Secretary know if any further applications are pending so that the Community Council can consider their response thereto.

### **Issues surrounding lorries leaving Tannery in Seedhill Road**

Concern was raised regarding lorries driving over the grassed area at the Social Work Offices whilst leaving the Tannery causing mud to be spread over the pavement. This gives rise to a nuisance for pedestrians using this route. This has been raised verbally with a Manager at the Tannery but to no avail.

It was suggested that if a photograph could be sent to the Secretary that would help provide some idea of the scale of the problem. Councillor Sharkey requested that a copy is also sent to him so that he can take this issue up with the company.

Continued for further consideration

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## 9. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Community Council, is due to take place on Wednesday, 8<sup>th</sup> April 2020 at 7pm.