

PAISLEY EAST & WHITEHAUGH COMMUNITY COUNCIL

<p>MINUTES of a meeting of Paisley East & Whitehaugh Community Council that was held via Zoom Technologies on Wednesday, 14th October 2020 at 7.20pm.</p>	<p>14/10/20</p>
<p>Present: John Bell; Robert Moore; Andrew Ramsay; Jean Ramsay; Catherine Scally</p> <p>Apologies: Gaynor Corry; Margaret Cowie; Graham Paterson; Diane Watt; Jhulia Watt.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Chair: Andrew Ramsay</p>	<p>Outcome/Action</p>
<p>1. Opening Remarks</p> <p>The Chair welcomed members the routine business meeting following conclusion of the business of the AGM.</p> <p>The sederunt has changed slightly insofar as Gaynor Corry had submitted apologies in advance for this part of the evening.</p>	
<p>2. Minutes of Meeting held on Wednesday, 9th September 2020</p> <p>The minutes of the previous meeting were proposed as an accurate record by Jean Ramsay and this was seconded by John Bell</p>	<p>Approved</p>
<p>3. Business arising from Minutes of Meeting held on 9th September 2020</p> <p>In relation to matters arising and his subsequent report, the Secretary referred members the papers that had been circulated electronically to members in advance of the meeting.</p> <p><i>Governance issues surrounding proposal to explore the formulation of a Renfrewshire Wide Strategy on HGV Movements</i></p> <p>As agreed at the previous meeting, the Secretary had written to the Council Leader. Cllr Nicolson reminding him of the discussion that had previously taken place and to request feedback from that at the earliest possible juncture.</p> <p>The Secretary reported that Cllr Nicolson had responded earlier in the day to say that he did recall the discussion surrounding these issues and has asked the service Director to investigate and provide a response as soon as possible.</p> <p><i>HGV Movements/Traffic Management in Arkleston Road</i></p> <p>The Secretary confirmed that as agreed at the previous meeting, he had also written to Gerard Hannah, Infrastructure, Transportation & Change Manager at Renfrewshire Council to express the hope that the Chair will have an opportunity to meet with him as and when circumstances permit.</p>	<p style="text-align: center; vertical-align: middle;">Noted pending further feedback</p> <p style="text-align: center; vertical-align: bottom;">Noted pending further feedback</p>

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To date no response or acknowledgement has been received in response to that approach.

Concern re conduct of drivers on the McGills No 20 Service.

Further to the discussion that had taken place at the last meeting, at which time it had been agreed to find out from the complainant if the issues persist, the Secretary confirmed that he had been in touch with them and has since received a response.

Members were pleased to note that the vast majority of bus drivers now seem to be acting responsibly. However, there are still a few who are parking on the pavement, which continues to pose problems for pedestrians, particularly those trying to push a pram or wheelchair.

The complainant has also highlighted that the positioning of the bus stop seems to be contributory factor. Either the bus parks on the road and effectively blocks a lane, resulting in drivers using the wrong side of the road, or blocks the pavement.

During the ensuing discussion, it was mentioned that a McGills bus on that service had recently been seen waiting in Barshaw Drive with its engine switched off.

Following deliberation, it was generally agreed that the while the positioning of the bus stance may be a factor, there appears to be no suitable alternative location nearby that would offer a solution to these problems. It was therefore agreed to note the current position and continue the matter for the time being, in the event that any further concerns are raised.

Renfrewshire Community Council Forum

Members were reminded that the Forum has asked Community Councils to have been asked to consider the following points:

- All Community Councils are asked to examine the RCCF Constitution and suggest changes. What should be on the list of roles and responsibilities of Forum members?
- Community Councils should also consider if there are any barriers that prevent them from engaging with the Forum and responding to requests for information etc?
- All Community Councils are asked to send any questions for guest speakers to the Forum Secretary on the topic "Planning applications for new housing developments must take greater cognizance of the implications for existing infrastructure such as roads/traffic, schools, shops etc"

After a brief discussion it was agreed to simply note all three requests. However, in relation to the final point it was agreed that there would have to be closer scrutiny by the Community Council when the next draft Local Development Plan comes up for consideration.

Noted pending further feedback

Noted

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Changes to Roads Infrastructure to assist with COVID19 Distancing/ Concerns expressed by Des Barr of Sinclair Barr Newsagents

Prior to the previous meeting, an email from Mark Higginbotham, Development Manager had been circulated to explain that a successful funding bid submission to Sustrans meant that the Council were able to temporarily widen the footway where people queue outside and the footway is too narrow for people to maintain social distancing.

Members were referred to an email that had since been sent to the Chair shortly after the previous meeting. This expressed concerns regarding the approach of the Council officers in implementing the scheme and the impact on local businesses due to the widening measures preventing parking outside their businesses. However, during the intervening period, the Council has since relented and have removed the barriers from both the westbound and eastbound carriageways of Glasgow Road.

Following discussion, members felt that based on Mr Barr's account the approach by Infrastructure and Environment in implementing the Footway Widening Project did not appear consistent with the Council's recently adopted values, specifically: -

- *We are fair, we treat each other and everyone we deal with respectfully and work hard to build trust in Renfrewshire Council.*
- *We are helpful, we care about getting things right and are always approachable.*

As Mr Barr's concerns had been largely superseded by the Council's decision to remove the barriers, the discussion turned to the application of the funds that have been provided by the Scottish Government under the Spaces for People initiative. To this end, following discussion it was agreed to approach the local elected members who represent the Community Council area to seek their comments and observations in this regard and in particular: -

1. How and to what extent funding under the initiative has been spent or committed on each of the projects for which it had been intended, i.e.
 - Footway widening around local food shops and pharmacies
 - Temporary cycleways on commuter routes
 - Active travel and road safety around schools
2. In relation to the widening of footways, the overall costs involved in erecting the temporary bollards/barriers and subsequently removing those.
3. Against which indicators the effectiveness of the measures implemented are being assessed

As the funding was provided by the Scottish Government, it was agreed to include all local MSPs in this approach.

Noted

Secretary to
contact local
Councillors with
to request further
information
regarding
application of the
Spaces for
people Initiative
and copy in MSPs

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<p>Renfrewshire Draft Strategic Housing Investment Plan 2021/22 to 2025/26</p> <p>The Secretary confirmed that following the last meeting he had recirculated the link again to the documents inviting comments or observations so that feedback on the draft Strategic Housing Investment Plan could be submitted to the Council by 29 September 2020.</p> <p>As no response had been received thereafter, no submission was made so it was therefore agreed to note the Consultation.</p> <p>Arrangements for Virtual Community Council Meetings</p> <p>At the last meeting it had been agreed to continue convening meetings via Zoom until it was possible to meet in person again Accordingly, it was agreed to take out a Pro Subscription to Zoom and the Secretary was authorised to put arrangements in hand under a delegated authority.</p> <p>The Secretary confirmed that arrangements and been put in hand and the Pro Subscription is now in place until 4th October at an overall cost of £143.88, within the authority granted.</p> <p>Proposals to improve Biodiversity</p> <p>The Secretary reported that following collaboration with the Chair, representations were submitted in response to the proposals. The response was broadly in line with the concerns expressed at the previous meeting. It was noted that scope to make comments was limited to 255 characters for each of the proposed sites but the material provided had been used as appropriately as possible.</p>	<p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p>
<p>4 Secretary's Report</p> <p>Local Government and Communities Committee – views on participation requests and asset transfers</p> <p>Members were referred to an email forwarded by Anne McNaughton from Jason Nairn Assistant Clerk, Local Government and Communities Committee explaining that the Scottish Parliament's Local Government and Communities Committee is doing some work on the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015, to explore what impact it has had on improving community wellbeing.</p> <p>Email from Boris McKey, Community Outreach Manager, Rehab 4 Addiction</p> <p>Link to their guide about guarding mental health during the COVID-19 pandemic.:</p> <p>https://www.rehab4addiction.co.uk/coronavirus/mentalhealth-coronavirus .</p> <p>The link has been posted to Facebook page for wider exposure</p>	<p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p>

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<p>5.. Treasurer's Report</p> <p>In the absence of the Treasurer, the report was delivered on her behalf by the Secretary.</p> <p>Based on the payments made since the last meeting, i.e. £250 to Sherwood-Greenlaw Church and £143.88 to Zoom Technologies, those debits would reduce the balance at RBS to £4651.16</p> <p>However, as paper statements are not issued by RBS, the Treasurer is seeking to obtain access to their digital banking so that a precise balance can be obtained. This is currently being followed up</p> <p>Accordingly, assuming the Direct Debit of £35.00 has been taken from the account by the Information Commissioners Office on 14th September, the real-time balance is forecast to be £4616.16</p> <p>It was agreed to again continue consideration of an appropriate donation to Sherwood-Greenlaw Church for 2020/2021 until a future meeting</p>	<p>Report noted</p> <p>Consideration of donation to Sherwood-Greenlaw continued for 2020/2021 until a future meeting</p>
<p>6. Date of Next Meeting</p> <p>The next meeting of the Community Council is due to take place on Wednesday, 11th November at 7pm.</p>	