

PAISLEY EAST & WHITEHAUGH COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES of a meeting of Paisley East & Whitehaugh Community Council that was held via Zoom Technologies on Wednesday, 9th June 2021 at 7.00pm.	09/06/21
<p>Present: John Bell; Gaynor Corry; Margaret Cowie; Robert Moore; Graham Paterson; Andrew Ramsay; Jean Ramsay; Catherine Scally</p> <p>Attending: Councillor Jim Sharkey; Christine McLellan (Paisley Grammar Parents' Council)</p> <p>Apologies: Diane Watt; Jhulia Watt</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Chair: Andrew Ramsay</p>	Outcome/Action
<p>1. Chair's Opening Remarks</p> <p>The Chair welcomed those present and thanked everyone for attending the final meeting of the 2021/2022 session.</p> <p>The Chair took the opportunity on behalf of the Community Council to extend condolences to Cllr Sharkey following the recent passing of his father. Cllr Sharkey thanked the Chair and members for their kind words</p>	
<p>2. Police Scotland</p> <p>The Secretary reported that Sgt Carter had just sent a report regarding developments in local policing since the last meeting</p> <p>In the past month since the last meeting, there had been 29 crime reports raised. Matters of note from the crimes over the last month include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number plate thefts from vehicles (2 instances) • minor instances of vandalism • online fraud through Gumtree • male charged with dangerous driving and issued with Anti-Social Behaviour notice in relation to the use of his vehicle <p>There had been some 300 incidents reported to the Police, in relation to a variety of matters, including youth disorder, disturbances and thefts. However, there was nothing to give concern to the local community.</p> <p>In the last month, officers had continued to address youth disorder issues throughout Paisley, particularly at the weekends during the nice weather Roads Policing have been carrying out days of action in relation to road safety - speeding, seatbelts etc.</p> <p>A dedicated plan is in place to address and monitor licensed premises now that COVID restrictions are being eased, this will continue to adapt with changes in infection levels and patronage.</p>	Noted
<p>3. Minutes of Meeting held on Wednesday, 12th May 2021.</p> <p>The Secretary explained that part of a minute had been "lost" during the final edit, but, unfortunately, this had gone unnoticed prior to publication. Accordingly, the minute for item 5(5) on the fifth page should be replaced by the following:</p>	

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5. *The Community Council recognise that there is a difference of opinion between Network Rail and Renfrewshire Council as to the safety standards that should be applied and who will pay for any modifications to the Penilee Road rail bridge to bring it up to the safety standard.*

There are five points at which vehicles can cross the Glasgow Paisley railway line between Glasgow city boundary and Paisley Town Centre, i.e., Penilee Road with its weight restriction; Arkleston Road; Incle Street-leading on to the one-way system; Smithills Street - into which there is no right turn from Glasgow Road and Gilmour Street which is pedestrianised. Of these five crossing points only two are what may be described as fully functional/accessible so those inevitably have to carry heavier traffic

The officers explained that in relation to the Penilee Road Overbridge, the structure itself is the property of Network Rail. However, responsibility for maintaining the road that it carries lies with the Council. When the necessary works were costed several years ago, it was reckoned that expenditure in the region of £2.3m would be required. However, with the passage of time the estimated costs will have increased.

Members were assured that this project has not been forgotten about and external funding sources are being looked at to finance the works required to bring the bridge up to standard so that the current weight restriction can be lifted.

In relation to traffic movements, this is certainly an issue that will be addressed as part of the review of the Local Transport Strategy. The review of the Local Transport Strategy will be informed by the National and Regional Transport Strategies; the latter of which is under review and consultations are taking place. It is expected that this will be completed by 2022.

It was also pointed out that the graffiti that had been mentioned in Greenlaw Gardens was red paint daubed on the surface of the footpath itself rather than on a telecoms cabinet, as had been erroneously noted,

The Secretary apologised for these issues.

Subject to those amendments, the minutes of the previous meeting were proposed as an accurate record by Margaret Cowie, and this was seconded by Jean Ramsay and those were formally approved without dissent.

Approved

4. Business arising from Minutes of Meeting held on 12th May 2021.

In relation to matters arising and his subsequent report, the Secretary referred members the papers that had been circulated electronically in advance of the meeting.

Local Roads-Related Issues

Following the discussions at the last meeting, a subsequent site visit had taken place, attended by Andrew Ramsay, Gerry Hannah and Cllr Sharkey.

Andrew Ramsay recapped on the lengthy meeting with the officer, which had been very constructive and had taken them from Arkleston Road through Whitehaugh. During the visit Mr. Hannah had taken a number of photographs and had recognised the various issues highlighted by the Community Council,

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Following upon that meeting, Mr. Hannah has emailed a proposed “Action Plan” in relation to the issues, a copy of which had been circulated to members.

The Chair has since highlighted a further collision at the top of Arkleston Road at its junction with Endrick Drive on Friday 4th June, as a result of which a car had demolished one safety barrier and damaged another - the damaged safety barrier has already been removed.

In relation to the proposed action plan, that is as follows

Issue	Planned Actions	Approximate Timescale	Action Taken	Status
Proposed service change to the Number 20 Bus Route	GH to contact McGills to provide feedback from the Community on the proposals and ask for feedback from both SPT and McGills on the response from the Community Council	As soon as possible	GH emailed representatives from SPT and McGills 26/5/21 to advise the we could not support the installation of bus stops on Arkleston Road. GH also advised on potential for move of other bus stop to nearer to Kelburne Gardens	Complete
Gulleys in the Whitehaugh area blocked	GH to arrange gully vehicle to complete the route within the Whitehaugh area	2-3 weeks		
Defective and missing Pedestrian Barriers at the two roundabouts on Arkleston Road to	GH to pass to traffic team to assess the barriers and arrange for replacements to be installed	3-4 weeks – dependant on lead time for barriers		
Defective flashing speed sign on Arkleston Road not working	GH to pass to contractor to assess if sign is in a state which it can be repaired or replaced	Dependant on initial survey taking place. Estimate that initial survey could take place within 4-6 weeks – contractor is based in Bristol as this is specialised equipment		
Hedges are restricting visibility of Speed Camera signage on Arkleston Road	GH to pass to Roads Inspector to arrange for contact to be made with resident who the hedge belongs to so that the signage is kept clear of obstruction	Inspection will take place within 1-2 weeks. If owner cooperates would expect can be resolved within 3-4 weeks, however formal		

Noted and continued pending further developments.

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It is hoped that Mr Hannah will be able to provide an update on progress to or for the September meeting.

During the discussion it was also mentioned that residents in Oxford Road in Renfrew have been experiencing similar problems as those encountered in Arkleston Road. Concerns by residents there were raised at the Council's Petitions Board on 7th June, at which time the Council's Supervising Engineer had referred to criteria for introduction of measures to tackle these issues. Hope was expressed that Arkleston Road would not be treated any less favourably.

McGills Buses – Rerouting on Service 20

It was noted that the proposed rerouting has been implemented with effect from 31st May.

A brief discussion followed thereafter during which it was noted that the recent motion to full Council by Cllr Sharkey, seconded by Cllr Hood, as mentioned at the May meeting of the Community Council, had been carried unanimously by Councillors.

Planning Permission Appeal by Developer Consortium in relation to the refusal of application to build houses with associated access, parking and landscaping

Grounds of Dykebar Hospital Grahamston Road Paisley PA2 7DE

The Secretary reported that as an interested party to the above appeal, the Planning and Environmental Appeals Division have written to let the Community Council know that a Reporter has been appointed to consider the case. This is Mr Alasdair Edwards MA(Hons) MRTPI.

In line with the Town and Country Planning (Appeals)(Scotland) Regulations 2013, the planning authority have provided the Reporter with a copy of our representation and that will be considered by the Reporter during their determination of the appeal.

The Reporter will in due course carry out an unaccompanied site inspection.

It is likely that after carrying out the site inspection the Reporter will have enough information to make their decision and it will be issued in due course.

If the Reporter considers additional information or a further procedure is required, they will write to let interested parties know.

John Bell outlined for members his experience when a Reporter had been appointed in relation another Planning Objection in which he had recently been involved

Noted

Noted and continued pending further developments.

5. Secretary's Report

Email from Graeme Crawford, Renfrewshire Council Coronavirus - move to Level 2 restrictions from 17th May

From Monday 17 May, the Scottish Government moved Renfrewshire into Covid Protection Level 2. Some of the key changes were set out in the email but full details can be found at

www.gov.scot/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-protection-levels/pages/protection-level-2/.

Noted

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It was noted that while the situation is moving in the right direction, it is important that everyone remains cautious and follow the restrictions in place.

***Email forwarded by Renfrewshire Council Community Council
Funding For Charities and Community Organisations Supporting Children
and Families and Addressing Food Insecurity.***

Tesco Community Grants has just launched for new applications from across Scotland. Projects from charities and community organisations whose focus is on supporting children and families are being invited to apply. Projects that address food insecurity are also invited to apply. The scheme is open to registered charities and not-for-profit organisations, via an on-line application form.

Interested parties are invited to get in touch with them if they require any information. Greenspace Scotland's team of friendly Community Enablers can support applicants to apply or answer any questions. To find out more or to apply, please visit the Tesco Community Grants page.

<https://www.greenspacescotland.org.uk/grant-funding>

***Email from Graeme Crawford o/b Gerard Hannah
Infrastructure, Transportation & Change Manager, Renfrewshire Council
Howwood to Paisley Cycle route***

Renfrewshire Council had previously asked for feedback on a proposed cycle route from Howwood to Paisley as part of the Scottish Government's Spaces for People Fund.

This fund allows the Council to create temporary cycle routes in Renfrewshire as they look to enhance active travel opportunities for local people as part of our response to the Coronavirus pandemic.

Following engagement with the local community, including local businesses, community groups, schools, elected members and residents, they have agreed the final route to be implemented in the area.

Using feedback from the engagement process, they have maintained both existing lanes (left and straight on) at Glenpatrick Road and there will be no change to Main Road, near Elderslie Post Office, to ensure that they can maintain parking in this area.

Noted

Noted

6. Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer reported that the balance at the bank stands at £3874.08, as reported last month, with no transactions over that period

Noted

7. Any other Business

Completion of Works at Seedhill Road

Further to the report last month that the Scottish Water works at Seedhill Road are now complete, Margaret Cowie mentioned that she had sent some images to the Council asking them to cut back the foliage encroaching on to the footway at the junction with Mill Street. So far, there has been no response so Cllr Sharkey confirmed that he would follow this up.

Noted

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<p><i>Paisley Grammar Parents' Council</i></p> <p>Christine McLellan gave a brief report on the Parents' Council's last meeting of the year, which had been their AGM at which she had been re-elected Chair.</p> <p>She went on to report that the school and the Parents' Council is keen to forge stronger relationships with the Community and also with local businesses.</p> <p>To contribute to the wellbeing of the local environment, pupils have participated in local litter picks</p> <p>It was also reported that pupils have recently benefited from funding from Tesco for sports equipment</p> <p><i>Offensive graffiti on Wooden Fence beside Arkleston Road Overbridge</i></p> <p>It was reported that there is sectarian graffiti daubed in red paint on the fence beside the bridge.</p> <p>The Secretary confirmed that he would ask Environment & Infrastructure to attend to that. At the same time, he will ask the Council if they can deal with the similar graffiti on the cabinet at Cyril Street given Virgin Media's lack of response to the previous complaint.</p>	<p>Noted</p> <p>Noted pending further developments.</p>
<p>8. Date of Next Meeting</p> <p>The first meeting of the new session of the Community Council is due to take place on Wednesday, 8th September 2021 at 7pm.</p>	