

PAISLEY EAST & WHITEHAUGH COMMUNITY COUNCIL

<p>MINUTES of a meeting of Paisley East & Whitehaugh Community Council that was held via Zoom Technologies on Wednesday, 10th November 2021 at 7.00pm.</p>	<p>10/11/21</p>
<p>Present: John Bell; Gaynor Corry; Margaret Cowie; Robert Moore; Graham Paterson; Jean Ramsay; Andrew Ramsay; Catherine Scally</p> <p>Attending: Cassie Forbes and Gregor Smart (ROAR - Connections for Life) (until conclusion of item 3 only); Councillors Jim Sharkey and John McNaughtan (Both Renfrewshire Council) Christine McLellan (Paisley Grammar Parents' Council); Anne Fraser (Local Resident)</p> <p>Apologies: Diane Watt; Jhulia Watt</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Chair: Andrew Ramsay</p>	<p>Outcome/Action</p>
<p>1. Chair's Opening Remarks</p> <p>The Chair welcomed those present and thanked everyone for attending the November meeting of business meeting of the Community Council.</p> <p>Members were referred to the Chair's annual report distributed in advance of the meeting; some of the content of which had been outlined during his overview at the Annual General Meeting last month.</p> <p>The Chair's report provided a comprehensive overview of issues discussed and developments that had taken place over the past year and highlighted the need for succession planning and to ensure that the Community Council retained and recruited sufficient members to maintain continuity.</p>	<p>Noted</p>
<p>2. Police Scotland</p> <p>The Secretary referred members to an email received from Sgt Gail Fitzpatrick of Renfrewshire Community Policing Team on 4th November explaining that all of their community policing (CPT) officers have been seconded to The United Nations 26th Conference of the Parties (COP 26), which is one of the largest planned policing operations ever undertaken in Britain. This event will continue until 15 November 2021.</p> <p>Sgt Fitzpatrick had expressed the hope that all will be back on track for the next meeting.</p>	<p>Noted</p>
<p>3. An Introduction to the Paisley East Loneliness & Isolation Project and to ROAR – Connections for Life. Gregor Smart/Cassie Forbes from ROAR</p> <p>The Chair invited Cassie Forbes and Gregor Smart to address members.</p> <p>Prior to the meeting Cassie Forbes had sent to the Secretary a copy of her PowerPoint presentation which had in turn been circulated to members. The presentation was also screen-shared during the presentation with Cassie providing a commentary, where appropriate.</p> <p>Over the course of the presentation, Cassie provided a comprehensive overview regarding the purpose and activities of ROAR and also the Loneliness and Isolation Project aimed at promoting Connectedness.</p> <p>ROAR works in conjunction with other agencies such as the Renfrewshire Health & Social Care Partnership and is about to relocate its office, which is currently</p>	

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situated in Glasgow Road, to premises in Johnstone. This is the building that formerly housed the Police Station there which has been acquired through a Community Asset Transfer by Active Communities. It was felt that it was more appropriate and feasible for ROAR to rent accommodation from a third sector organisation rather than a commercial landlord, as they do at their current location

However, it remains important for ROAR to work in partnership with organisations in the local area. They are currently looking for premises which would be suitable to house a local hub for their activities. It was suggested that ROAR may wish to speak with Paisley Opera as they are looking to acquire the former barracks in Whitehaugh as an asset transfer through community empowerment.

It was mentioned that Kelburne Hockey Club are also looking to take over the Ralston Community Sports Centre, and the pavilion there may also possibly be suitable to look at sharing with the club if the transfer goes ahead and they are agreeable.

It was also mentioned that Williamsburgh Housing Association has its own community hub in Lang Street, though as a former flat this might not be large enough to accommodate ROAR's activities.

It was explained that ROAR has also recruited two new Connectedness Project Workers who are due to start with the organisation shortly.

Their role and strategy will be to:

- Help strengthen local partnerships to address loneliness and isolation by liaising with local communities, community groups, councils, and Councillors
- Identify Community grass roots champion to help and support the project
- Identify current best practice and new approaches to address loneliness and isolation
- Identify other key stakeholders in addressing loneliness and isolation and facilitate their engagement and 'buy-in' to projects and activities, and to helping overcome barriers to delivery of projects and activities

Gregor, who had originally joined ROAR April of this year as Loneliness & Isolation Project Worker has since been appointed as their Service Delivery Coordinator, also spoke briefly. He has been covering the Loneliness and Isolation Project with help from colleagues pending the appointment of the new Project Workers. Gregor also stressed the importance of engaging with local organisations to forge relationships and explore partnership opportunities to help people affected by loneliness and isolation

Apart from the new project workers, ROAR, in conjunction with partner organisations are looking to identify grass root "Community Champions" to help support and promote the project. It was suggested that if any "Community Champions" are identified locally, they may wish also to consider joining the Community Council at some point.

In conclusion, the representatives from ROAR thanked members for the opportunity to address the meeting and expressed hope that they could perhaps come back to another meeting in three months to provide an update.

If members wish to keep up to date with developments and ROAR's activities in the meantime, they can be added to their mailing list. The Secretary confirmed that he would pass on the email addresses of those agreeable to being included.

Noted pending an update in three months' time.

Secretary to pass on email addresses of members interested in being added to ROAR's mailing list.

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<p>4. Minutes of Meeting held on Wednesday, 13th October 2021</p> <p>The Secretary pointed out that there had been an omission from the previous minutes, which had only been noticed after publication</p> <p>On Page 5, the following minute should be included within the record of the Secretary's report.</p> <p><i>Friends of Clyde Muirshiel Regional Park</i></p> <p>Following the last meeting, as agreed, the Secretary had registered the Community Council as a Friend of Clyde Muirshiel Regional Park. As no acknowledgement had been received, he subsequently followed that up and has since received confirmation that the Community Council has been registered as a member of the organisation</p> <p>Subject to inclusion of the foregoing, the minutes of the previous meeting were proposed as an accurate record by Margaret Cowie, and this was seconded by John Bell and those were formally approved without dissent.</p>	<p>Approved subject to amendment</p>
<p>5. Business arising from Minutes of Meeting held on 13th October 2021</p> <p>In relation to matters arising and his subsequent report, the Secretary referred members to the papers that had been circulated electronically in advance of the meeting, insofar as those relate to the respective items.</p> <p><i>Local Roads-Related Issues</i></p> <p>The secretary recapped on correspondence that had passed between him and Gerry Hannah regarding the outstanding issues.</p> <p>In relation to some of the specific issues highlighted, Mr. Hannah has responded as follows:</p> <p><i>Safety barriers (Arkleston Road) have not been replaced</i> – he mentions on 24th October that he was advised late on the previous week that the pedestrian barriers had been replaced. He intended to be in Paisley on the following day so would check this for himself and revert.</p> <p>It was mentioned that the damaged barrier one had not as yet been replaced. Moreover, barriers are still missing at the corner of Endrick Drive and Arkleston Road and on the southbound carriageway in close proximity to the double roundabouts</p> <p><i>The defective speed sign is still not operational</i> - With regard to the speed activated sign, they flagged this to the contractor and asked for this to be rectified. The specialist contractor is based in Bristol so he will chase this along and get a date for completion.</p> <p><i>Some gullies still requiring clearing - at the corner of Arkleston Road and Kingsburgh Drive is still choked with debris from the resurfacing and outside No 32 Barshaw Drive (There may possibly be others in Whitehaugh that are in similar state but those have not yet been checked)</i> – Mr. Hannah had explained that while operatives had been carrying out the routes in the Whitehaugh area, there can be occasions where parked cars block some. However, he will instruct the local Roads Inspector to check the locations mentioned so that the necessary works can be instructed.</p>	<p>Noted pending further feedback</p>

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Request to consider rephasing of the lights at the junction of Arkleston Road/Glasgow Road/Hawkhead Road – Mr. Hannah had responded on 25th October to say that they are still at the stage of reviewing the information from the consultation exercise and there are no immediate plans to share for next steps as yet. In general terms, one of the options will include phasing of the lights to ensure traffic flows can be optimised.

The Secretary confirmed that he had responded to Mr. Hannah to say that we look forward to receiving an update on the outstanding issues by the time of the next meeting on 10th November and feedback on the outcome of the consultation on the Barshaw Park Junction and the Arkleston Road speed survey whenever possible. So far, further feedback is awaited.

#YouDecide – Submissions re Hawkhead Station Car Park and Creation of a New Gate to the rear of Williamsburgh Primary School.

The Secretary reported that as agreed at the last meeting, the respective suggestions have been submitted via the #You Decide online portal.

A copy of the submission proposing an extension to the car park at Hawkhead Railway Station had been circulated to members in advance of the meeting

Unfortunately, the submission in relation to Williamsburgh Primary had not saved properly but basically that had suggested that the Council acquire at least part of the derelict land in East Lane to create a new entry/egress route from the school and landscape the area to improve its present unkempt appearance. This new entrance may encourage parents to park in East Lane rather than around Lacy Street where residents have previously expressed concern about the disruption caused by inconsiderate parking at the start and end of the school day.

Noted pending further feedback

It was mentioned that sometimes there can often be a number of vehicles parking in East Lane though obviously parents have the option of parking in Tesco's car park in the event that there are no on-street spaces.

***Kelburne Cricket Club
Fundraising Campaign to install Defibrillator***

The Secretary referred members to the mails that have passed between him and the club President Raymond Nelson, in which he had expressed delight to receive the Community Council's offer of a contribution towards the cost of installing a defibrillator at Whitehaugh on the terms agreed at the October meeting

Noted pending the club's response

The club committee is scheduled to meet in a fortnight's time when they will consider the matter further and respond.

***Email from Anne McNaughton
Acknowledgement of AGM Minutes and Annual Accounts/Recruitment Drive***

Members were referred to an email from Anne McNaughton acknowledging receipt of AGM Minutes and Annual Accounts and confirming that she would arrange for the 2021/2022 Administration Allowance to be paid when the bank details are verified for the purpose of the BACS transfer.

Noted

Moreover, she has noted from the AGM minutes that the Community Council is considering a "recruitment drive" for new members and advising that the CC can only fill a limited number of vacant places by co-option or by arranging with

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<p>Anne to hold an Interim Election, which involves more planning and organisation. At the moment, with 11 full members, the Community Council can fill up to 4 vacant places (one-third of current numbers of members) by co-option. The Secretary explained that he had previously advised entitlement to three co-option places to err on the side of caution</p>	
<p>6. Discussion re Recruitment of New Members/Co-optees</p> <p>Following the brief discussion at the AGM, when this matter was remitted for consideration at the next monthly meeting, a discussion took place.</p> <p>The importance of recruiting new members is widely acknowledged among the existing membership</p> <p>It was explained that on several occasions the Secretary has publicised on the Community Council's Facebook page that co-optees are being sought and inviting interested parties to contact him for an informal chat. However, despite almost 500 followers on the page, it was disappointing that no-one has so far come forward. The Secretary confirmed that he would post most appeals periodically in the hope that these might generate some interest sooner or later.</p> <p>Christine McLelland mentioned that she had highlighted this to members of the Parents' Council and while there has been some interest expressed, people don't seem keen to commit as they are unsure what this involves.</p> <p>It was explained that the main role of members is to attend meetings and participate in discussions regarding issues of interest. There may be issues which arise between meetings that require response/attention. However, if anyone is interested in having an informal chat, Christine can pass on the Secretary's contact details so that they can get in touch.</p> <p>John Bell also pointed out that minutes of previous meetings over the past few years can be found on the Community Council's website and that will provide an idea of the topics that come under discussion.</p> <p>Gaynor Corry mentioned that Williamsburgh Housing Association are looking to publish their Winter Newsletter shortly so if we want to include a brief article in that she would be happy to pass it on to the appropriate colleague collating articles for publication.</p> <p>It was also suggested that the Community Council might wish to consider asking Des Barr at Sinclair Barr, Newsagents to distribute another leaflet through his delivery network. However, it was agreed to revisit this idea again in the Spring, when the weather is better and it is known if meetings in person will be resuming at the Church.</p>	<p>To submit an article for inclusion in WHA newsletter, continue to post appeals on Facebook page and monitor Feedback.</p>
<p>7. Secretary's Report</p> <p><i>E-mail from Douglas Campbell</i> <i>Boundary Commission for Scotland</i> <i>Consultation on proposals for the 2023 review of Westminster constituencies with associated press briefing and background notes</i></p> <p>The Boundary Commission for Scotland is conducting a consultation on its initial proposals for new UK Parliamentary constituency boundaries in Scotland. The consultation runs until Wednesday 8 December 2021.</p> <p>The Commission's 2023 Review will recommend 57 constituencies, two fewer than at present. The UK Parliament has retained 650 constituencies. England has</p>	<p>Noted</p>

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been allocated 543 (+10), Northern Ireland 18 (no change) and Wales 32 (-8). Two of these 57 (Na h-Eileanan an Iar (the Western Isles) and Orkney and Shetland) are protected in the legislation and will not be subject to change. Each constituency that the Commission recommends must contain no fewer than 69,724 Parliamentary electors, and no more than 77,062 (except the two 'protected' listed above). Comments on the Commission's proposals can be submitted here www.bcs2023review.com.

Further information is also available on the Commission's website

<https://www.bcomm-scotland.independent.gov.uk/reviews/2023-review-uk-parliament-constituencies>

Then main implication locally is that the current Paisley & Renfrewshire North and Paisley and Renfrewshire South will be replaced by Renfrew North and Renfrew South respectively. The boundaries will be slightly different and, in this area, part of Seedhill will move from Paisley & Renfrewshire South to Renfrew North.

New Paisley Grammar School Community Campus Questionnaire

Emails from Ryan Phillips, Digital Project Manager at Renfrewshire Council and from Christine McLellan of the Parents' Council with link to a survey about the location of the new Paisley Grammar Campus.

Noted

https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/PGSCC_Community_Questionnaire

Email from Anne McNaughton Complimentary places for CCs at Online Events

Forwarded email from Brian Davey at the Improvement Service regarding Online Webinar and Courses in relation to which complimentary place had become available

- WEBINAR How to get your message across to government and MSPs and comply with lobbying rules Wednesday 27th October 2021, 10-11am.
- ONLINE CONFERENCE Care of Older People in Scotland 2021: 8th Annual Conference Thursday 28th October 2021, 9.25am to 1.05pm

Noted

Email from Anne McNaughton Scottish Community Council Newsletter and Training Opportunities

Copy of Scottish Community Council Newsletter, including link to training opportunities– digital skills, leadership skills, book-keeping, community engagement etc.

Noted

[Skills Support for Community Councils - OpenLearn - Open University](#)

Accounts Commission Newsletter

Copy of the latest Accounts Commission Newsletter.

Noted

8. Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer reported that the balance at the bank stands at £4578.83 following receipt of the annual Administration Grant from Renfrewshire Council on 1st November.

Noted

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9. Any other Business

Langs Tannery, Seedhill Road

A question was raised about the future of the tannery in Seedhill Road as plant and equipment has been seen being taken out of there on lorries

Cllr McNaughtan replied stating that he was not aware of any plans by WJ & W Lang to close the Seedhill Road site and as they have other premises located in Renfrew Road it may simply be a case that the plant and equipment is being transported there.

Noted

Scottish Government Campaign to have Homeowners install interlinked Smoke Alarms and CO Detectors

Following reference to this issue at the September meeting, Graham Paterson reported that he had written to the local MSP's office to express his concerns in this connection. However, he has received only a fairly perfunctory response confirming that the mandatory requirement to have interlinked alarms from February 2022 in every home in Scotland, regardless of age or tenure, will be going ahead as publicised.

Noted

Kelburne Hockey Club

Application for Community Asset Transfer of Ralston Community Sports Centre

A brief discussion took place regarding the application by the club for a Community Asset Transfer of the pavilion and surrounding sports fields at Penilee (Ralston Community Sports Centre) as had been alluded to earlier.

Both Andrew Ramsay and Jean Ramsay declared a past non-pecuniary interest in the club and in the sport generally.

Noted

It was noted that the club presently have to use facilities at Glasgow Green as there are no suitable amenities locally. The proposed takeover of the pavilion and the surrounding land involves transforming the football pitch into a dedicated hockey pitch. There is strong opposition from local residents who would prefer to preserve the football pitches there.

Following consideration, the club's application for a Community Asset Transfer from Renfrewshire Leisure was noted.

10. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Community Council is due to take place on Wednesday, 8th December 2021 at 7pm