

# PAISLEY EAST & WHITEHAUGH COMMUNITY COUNCIL

<p><b>MINUTES of a meeting of Paisley East &amp; Whitehaugh Community Council that was held via Zoom Technologies on Wednesday, 8th December 2021 at 7.00pm.</b></p>	<p><b>08/12/21</b></p>
<p>Present: John Bell; Gaynor Corry; Margaret Cowie; Robert Moore; Jean Ramsay; Andrew Ramsay.</p> <p>Attending: Councillors Jim Sharkey and John McNaughtan (Both Renfrewshire Council)</p> <p>Apologies: Graham Paterson; Catherine Scally Diane Watt; Jhulia Watt, Christine McLellan (Paisley Grammar Parents' Council)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Chair: Andrew Ramsay</p>	<p><b>Outcome/Action</b></p>
<p><b>1. Chair's Opening Remarks</b></p> <p>The Chair welcomed those present and thanked everyone for attending the last meeting of the Community Council to take place in 2021.</p>	
<p><b>2. Police Scotland</b></p> <p>The Secretary referred members to an email from Sgt Kevin Carter that had been circulated in advance of the meeting in which he sets out some information regarding criminal activity in the area.</p> <p>Between 8<sup>th</sup> November and 8<sup>th</sup> December, some 344 incidents had been brought to the attention of the Police, which resulted in 71 crime reports being raised for a variety of offences from disorder, assault, drugs and road traffic offences.</p> <p>There were no incidents of major concern to the local community.</p> <p>Officers have now returned from the COP26 Conference in Glasgow and will be looking to police the heightened festive demand, particularly at weekends given the time of year. They will also be focussing on issues of concern to local communities such as serious &amp; organised crime, violence, disorder and anti-social behaviour as well as road traffic matters.</p> <p>In the New Year, community officers will be looking to plan and target the response to spring/summer anti-social behaviour.</p> <p>A brief discussion took place in relation to the foregoing. While members appreciate the reports provided, it was generally felt that more substance in relation to the statistics contained within the report would be helpful.</p> <p>Following conclusion of the discussion, the Chair agreed to go back to Sgt Carter to ask if it would be possible to include more detail in his reports going forward.</p>	<p>Noted</p> <p>Chair to contact Police to ask for more substantive content in monthly report</p>
<p><b>3. Minutes of Meeting held on Wednesday, 10<sup>th</sup> November 2021</b></p> <p>The Secretary pointed out that unfortunately there had been an omission from the previous minutes. On Page 4 – section 5 at the end of the minute in relation to Local Roads-Related Issues the following text should be included in the minute as published on 1st December.</p> <p><i>“On a separate but related aspect, Cllr Sharkey advised that at the recent meeting of the Petitions Board, in relation to a discussion about parking in Gartmore Road, he had successfully moved an amendment that petition be referred to the Director</i></p>	<p>Approved subject to amendments</p>

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*recommending that the petition be adopted and, moreover, that the Director also undertake a review of the travel whole corridor from the top of Hawkhead Road through the entirety of Arkleston Road to Hillington. Further developments in this connection will be reported in due course*

Also, at Page 4, Item 5, following a brief discussion it was agreed that the final sentence of the minute in relation to #YouDecide, should be abridged and will now read.

*“Notwithstanding the proposal submitted, it was pointed out that there can often already be a number of vehicles parking on East Lane”*

Subject to inclusion of the foregoing, the minutes of the previous meeting were proposed as an accurate record by John Bell and this was seconded by Margaret Cowie and those were formally approved without dissent.

#### **4. Business arising from Minutes of Meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> November 2021**

*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.*

##### **Local Roads-Related Issues**

The Secretary referred members to an email received from Dorothy Kerr, Service Co-ordination Manager at Environment & Infrastructure, setting out updates on some of the Roads-Related issue highlighted in the minutes of October meeting.

**Defective flashing speed sign on Arkleston Road:** Two solar powered Driver Activated signs have been ordered from their contractor and they are awaiting a date for installation. Once this information is available, they will share that with Community Council.

**Barshaw Park junction (Arkleston Road/Glasgow Road/Hawkhead Road)** re suggestion regarding rephrasing of the traffic lights at the junction: They have added our response to their consultation records. Once they receive all submissions, they will analyse the feedback, and this will inform any decision made around improvements to the junction. They will ensure that the Community Council are further involved in the consultation.

**Feedback on Speed Survey.** Sample speed survey was undertaken for a 2-week period from Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> to Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> October in both directions of Arkleston Road at two locations near the junctions of Regent Street and Whitehaugh Avenue. Measurements at these sites were taken of average speed and the 85<sup>th</sup> percentile speed, which is the speed exceeded only by the fastest 15% of vehicles. Further traffic calming interventions would be considered if the observed 85<sup>th</sup> percentile speeds for Arkleston Road were above the trigger value of 35mph quoted in their Road Safety Policy. During this sample speed survey, the 85<sup>th</sup> percentile speeds did not exceed this limit although we will share this data with our Police Scotland Traffic Liaison Officer.

In relation to this aspect, it was pointed out that the speed surveys tend to include other data, including the classes of vehicle passing over the points, number of axles etc and it would be useful to have this additional information

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<p><b>Road traffic accidents in Arkleston Road involving injury to pedestrians:</b> Road Safety Officers met with Police Scotland regarding the incidents on Arkleston Road and no road issues were identified as contributory factors in these accidents.</p> <p>Whilst noting these updates, it was mentioned that the missing/damaged barriers have not yet been replaced.</p> <p>The Secretary explained that he has raised this issue with the officer in response to her email but asked the Chair if it would be possible to have images to confirm the locations in question so that those can be passed to the Department. The Chair confirmed that those would follow at the earliest opportunity.</p> <p>While the Secretary had confirmed that he had also asked for an update in relation to the choked gullies, it was reported that those at Arkleston Road/Kingsburgh Drive and at Barshaw Drive have since been cleared.</p> <p><b>ROAR-Connections for Life Presentation on Connectedness</b></p> <p>Following the presentation at the November meeting, the Secretary had passed on members' email addresses to ROAR, as agreed, so that they can be added to their mailing list. Cassie Forbes and Gregor Smart have since written to acknowledge and to thank members for the opportunity to address members and to again express hope for an opportunity to come back in three months with an update.</p> <p><b>Kelburne Cricket Club Fundraising Campaign to install Defibrillator</b></p> <p>Members were referred to the email from Raymond Neilson confirming that the funds have been raised to purchase the defibrillator and order has been placed. A copy of the supplier's invoice has been disclosed and the Community Council has been invited to remit the agreed contribution of £250.00.</p> <p>It was moved by Jean Ramsay and Margaret Cowie that the Treasurer be authorised to remit the committed sum of £250.00 and that was agreed without dissent.</p> <p>The Treasurer confirmed that the agreed contribution would be remitted to the Club at the earliest opportunity</p> <p><b>Recruitment of New Members/Co-optees</b></p> <p>The Secretary confirmed that he had passed on the proposed article to Williamsburgh Housing Association for inclusion in their Winter Newsletter. However, unfortunately, that had missed the publication deadline for the Winter edition so hopefully will appear in their Spring Newsletter.</p>	<p>To seek further update on missing/damaged barriers once images are available to confirm the locations in question.</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Treasurer authorised to remit agreed sum to Kelburn Cricket Club</p> <p>Noted</p>
<p><b>5. Secretary's Report</b></p> <p><b>Email from Matt Bingham Corporate Affairs Officer at Scottish Water Scottish Water Winter Communications Campaign 2021-22</b></p> <p><i>Email from Matt Bingham, Corporate Affairs Officer at Scottish Water explaining that they are asking key stakeholders to please share the following information about their Winter Communications Campaign with their own contacts and on social media platforms.</i></p>	

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*Scottish Water is encouraging customers in communities across Scotland to prepare their homes for winter.*

*Our winter advice advises anyone with a home, holiday home or business premises to take action to heat, insulate and protect their properties.*

*Visit [www.scottishwater.co.uk/winter](http://www.scottishwater.co.uk/winter) where people can find winter information, films and advice.*

*Further information can be found online about your pipework responsibilities, visit [www.scottishwater.co.uk/responsibility](http://www.scottishwater.co.uk/responsibility)*

*Follow us on twitter [@scottish\\_water](https://twitter.com/scottish_water) and [facebook.com/scottishwater](https://facebook.com/scottishwater)*

That information has been shared via the Community Council's Facebook Page for wider circulation

***E-mail from Aneesa Miller  
Account Executive, Liberty<sup>1</sup>  
The Paisley Centre - Planning Update November 2021***

E-mail with letter from Kenneth C Ford, Beyond Retail Property Fund Limited providing an update on the planning application.

Following the successful 12-week pre-application consultation, they had submitted a planning application to Renfrewshire Council, which was validated on Tuesday 16th November 2021. The application to repurpose the centre includes new residential development, retail, a brand-new hotel and the potential for a state-of-the-art health centre, which has been a long-held ambition for Paisley.

Although the virtual exhibition is now over, the consultation page will remain live on the centre's website throughout the duration of the planning application process and is accessible at [www.paisleycentre.co.uk/consultation](http://www.paisleycentre.co.uk/consultation)

***Letter from Councillor Lorraine Cameron  
Provost of Renfrewshire  
Provost's Community Awards 2021/2022 (pp 18-19)***

Letter from Provost Cameron with details of the awards for 2021/2022 in the following categories.

***• Arts & Culture (sponsored by Renfrewshire Council) • Carer's Award (donated by late Provost Nancy Allison) • Community Group (sponsored by City Gate Construction (Scotland) Ltd) • Community Volunteer (sponsored by Glasgow Airport Ltd) • Employee of the Year (sponsored by Unison Renfrewshire) • Ingenuity in Business Award (sponsored by Provost Lorraine Cameron) • Sporting Achievement (sponsored by Acre Industrial Services)***

Completed forms can be returned by email to [provostawards@renfrewshire.gov.uk](mailto:provostawards@renfrewshire.gov.uk). The closing date for nominations is Friday 7th January 2022.

It was reported that accompanying poster publicising the awards had been saved to the Community Council's Facebook page for wider circulation.

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<p><b>Email from Pamela Wright, Planning Associate at Icen Projects on behalf of NewRiver Retail (Paisley) Limited</b> <b>Proposal of Application Notice – Paisley Piazza</b></p> <p>Email with a copy of the Proposal of Application Notice (POAN), location plan and additional information in relation to the redevelopment of the Piazza Shopping Centre.</p> <p>Further details can be found on their site <a href="http://www.piazza-regeneration.co.uk">www.piazza-regeneration.co.uk</a></p> <p><b>Email from Eddie Harbison, Communications Manager</b> <b>Network Rail</b> <b>Bridge &amp; Building Improvement Work at Incle Street, Paisley</b></p> <p>As part of their commitment to a safer railway, Network Rail will soon begin to carry out essential improvement work to the bridge on Incle Steet, Paisley</p> <p>The proposed work is planned to take place between 10<sup>th</sup> January and 16<sup>th</sup> April 2022</p> <p>This will include rivet busting, grit blasting, steelwork repairs and painting. In order to deliver this work safely and efficiently, there will be lane closures in place under the bridge for the full duration of their works</p> <p>Members were referred to a letter from Network Rail setting out further details regarding their plans, following which a discussion took place, Concerns were expressed regarding the disruption to traffic flows around the Town Centre and congestion that will be caused once restrictions are in place.</p> <p>Following discussion, it was agreed that the Secretary should write to Environment &amp; Infrastructure at Renfrewshire Council to find out if there are already plans in place to remove the current restriction on most classes of vehicles from turning right from Gauze Street into Smithills Street during the works, so to offer an alternative route to access the one-way system. However, if this has not yet been addressed, the Council should be asked to consider opening up Smithills Street to take some pressure off the network.</p> <p><b>Email from Anne McNaughton</b> <b>Scottish Community Council's Newsletter</b></p> <p>Forwarded email from the Improvement Service with a copy of the latest edition of the newsletter, which can be found appended or <a href="#">here</a></p>	<p>Noted</p> <p>Secretary to contact Renfrewshire Council regarding removal of restriction on most classes of vehicle turning right on to Smithills Street</p> <p>Noted</p>
<p><b>6. Treasurer's Report</b></p> <p>The Treasurer reported that the balance at the bank stands at £4578.83, although there will be the forthcoming debit of £250 to be applied in respect of the sum agreed as a contribution towards Kelburn Cricket Club's Defibrillator Project. That will likely be reflected in the report to the January meeting</p>	<p>Noted</p>
<p><b>7. Any other Business</b></p> <p><b>Draft National Planning Framework (NPF4)</b></p> <p>Councillor McNaughtan took the opportunity to remind members that the consultation on the Draft Planning Framework is open and will run to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022. Funding is available to Community Councils to organise meetings/events to consult on the draft framework. <a href="https://www.gov.scot/isbn/9781802012446">https://www.gov.scot/isbn/9781802012446</a></p>	<p>Noted</p>

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## ***8. Closure of Meeting/ Date of Next Meeting***

Before closing the meeting, the Chair extended festive greetings to all in attendance and announced that the next meeting of the Community Council is due to take place on Wednesday, 12<sup>th</sup> January at 7pm