

PAISLEY EAST & WHITEHAUGH COMMUNITY COUNCIL

<p>MINUTES of a meeting of Paisley East & Whitehaugh Community Council that was held via Zoom Technologies on Wednesday, 12th January 2022 at 7.00pm.</p>	<p>12/01/2022</p>
<p>Present: Gaynor Corry; Margaret Cowie; Robert Moore; Graham Paterson Jean Ramsay; Andrew Ramsay; Catherine Scally</p> <p>Attending: Councillor Jim Sharkey (Renfrewshire Council); Christine McLellan; Anne Fraser (local residents)</p> <p>Apologies: John Bell; Margaret Cowie; Diane Watt; Jhulia Watt; Councillor John McNaughtan (Renfrewshire Council)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Chair: Andrew Ramsay</p>	<p>Outcome/Action</p>
<p>1. Chair's Opening Remarks</p> <p>The Chair wished those present a Happy New Year and thanked everyone for attending the first meeting of 2022</p> <p>Before moving on to the business of the meeting, on behalf of the Community Council the Chair extended deepest condolences to Catherine Scally following the recent passing of her mother and wished her well.</p>	
<p>2. Police Scotland</p> <p>The Secretary referred members to a brief report received from Sgt Gail Fitzpatrick of the Renfrewshire Community Policing Team.</p> <p>After extending seasonal greeting to members, the officer went on to explain that due to the meeting taking place on on ZOOM, officers are unable to participate as they have no access to this application.</p> <p>Between 1st and 31st December, 149 police incidents resulted in 44 crime reports being raised for a variety of offences, ranging from disorder, assault, drugs to road traffic offences.</p> <p>There were no incidents of major concern to the local community.</p> <p>Sgt Fitzpatrick explained that the Police continue to work tirelessly to maximise policing delivery in our communities during the pandemic, despite a vast number of police officer absences due to Covid 19. As reported recently in the media that three hundred officers from specialist divisions have been redeployed to bolster operational officers. One of the three national hubs is based at Jackton. There are also over 250 probationers undergoing training at the Scottish Police College, Tulliallan who will be deployed across local policing divisions. These officers will be able to offer immediate support to local policing divisions and the officers themselves will be entering a stable environment with regular supervisors and a shift around them to provide support. Probationer officers will return to Tulliallan at the end of their deployment to complete their training. This same approach has already been used successfully during the pandemic and policing of COP26.</p> <p>The Chair explained that he had not yet had an opportunity to raise with the Police the concerns discussed at the previous meeting about the lack of detail in the report in terms of how the overall numbers break down, detection rates etc.. However, he will follow this up with Sgt. Fitzpatrick and report back once a response is received.</p>	<p>Report noted – Chair to follow up with Sgt Fitzpatrick regarding paucity of detail.</p>

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<p>3. Minutes of Meeting held on 8th December 2021</p> <p>The minutes of the previous meeting were proposed as an accurate record by Gaynor Corry and this was seconded by Jean Ramsay and those were formally approved without dissent.</p>	<p>Approved</p>
<p>4. Business arising from Minutes of Meeting held on 8th December 2021</p> <p><i>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.</i></p> <p>Outstanding Roads Issues</p> <p>Members were referred to the email sent by the Secretary to the Community Council mailbox and copied to Dorothy Kerr, Service Co-ordinator Manager with images, kindly provided by the Chair, identifying the locations of the damaged and missing barriers that require to be replaced.</p> <p>At the same time, further information from the Speed Survey had been requested regarding the classes of the vehicle based on number of axles etc.</p> <p>As that was only sent latterly, following the festive break, a response has not yet been received but any feedback that is forthcoming will be reported to members, hopefully by the time of the next meeting</p> <p>Network Rail Bridge & Building Improvement Work at Incle Street, Paisley</p> <p>Following the discussions that took place the previous meeting, correspondence has been received in this connection as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • From Eddie Harbison, Communications Manager at Network Rail confirming for the avoidance of any possible doubt or confusion, that the work in question is due to take place to the railway bridge nearest to Gilmour Street Railway Station • Email from Iain McLarty, Service Co-ordination Assistant at Environment & Infrastructure confirming that they are currently reviewing the issue raised regarding the opening of Smithills Street to provide another route to access the one-way system in view of the disruption caused by the forthcoming works. <p>Also provided was a copy of the image of the bridge in question together with an ariel photograph and a map provided by Renfrewshire Council showing the alternative route in view of the closure of the Wallneuk - Incle Street Slip Road during the duration of the works.</p> <p>During the ensuing discussion, it was noted that the work does not yet appear to have commenced, as scheduled.</p> <p>Cllr Sharkey explained that the site meeting that had previously been scheduled to take place with Gerry Hannah of Environment and infrastructure had been cancelled due to the Omicron situation but is now due to take place this week. Cllr Sharkey assured members that at that time he will ask about the Community Council's proposal to open up Smithills Street to all classes of traffic to provide an alternative route to access the one -way system.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Noted pending further feedback</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Noted pending further feedback.</p>

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<p><i>ROAR-Connections for Life Presentation on Connectedness</i></p> <p>Following the presentation at the November meeting, it was agreed to extend an invitation to Cassie Forbes and Gregor Smart to come along to the February meeting to update members.</p> <p><i>Kelburne Cricket Club – Defibrillator</i></p> <p>Members were referred to an email received from Raymond Nelson, as President of Kelburn Cricket Club, confirming that the defibrillator and box had arrived on Monday, 13th December. The defibrillator would be located in the clubhouse for now</p> <p>It is anticipated that they will arrange to fit the box in New Year as that requires secure fixing and electrical supply.</p> <p>Once fitted, the club will register the defibrillator with Scottish Ambulance Service to allow 24/7 access for community use</p> <p>Although it looks straightforward to use, they intend to have a short training session for those interested and regularly at the club</p> <p>Mr. Nelson has confirmed also that if the club is organising any publicity surrounding the installation of the defibrillator then they will be delighted to mention the Community Council’s involvement</p>	<p>Invitation to be extended to ROAR’s representatives to attend February meeting</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Noted</p>
<p>5. Co-option</p> <p>The Secretary reported that following a discussion with Christine McLellan, who has come along to a number of previous meetings in her capacity as Chair of Paisley Grammar Parent’s Council, she has kindly agreed to be nominated as a potential co-optee to the Community Council.</p> <p>It was therefore proposed by Robert Moore and seconded by Andrew Ramsay that Christine McLelland be co-opted to the Community Council.</p> <p>This was agreed without dissent so the Secretary confirmed that he would arrange for the necessary form to be completed and passed on to Anne McNaughton.</p> <p>On behalf of the members, the Chair welcomed Christine to the Community Council pending due registration with Renfrewshire Council</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Christine McLellan to be co-opted as a member of Community Council</p>
<p>6. Arrangements for forthcoming Community Council Meetings</p> <p>Members were reminded that at the meeting held in September, it was agreed that in view of the risks surrounding COVID-19 to defer returning to face to face meetings at Sherwood-Greenlaw Church but to review the arrangements in January.</p> <p>While members were optimistic about the improving COVID situation, it was generally agreed that it might be premature to return to meetings in person at this stage so the Community Council should continue virtual meetings for the time being.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Current arrangements, including virtual meetings to continue for the present using the ZOOM platform – subject to review at meeting in April</p>

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<p>* Have introductory meetings with both North Ayrshire and Inverclyde Councils. * Have a programme of structured meetings with the full membership. * Continue to develop the membership. * Continue to represent the interests of the park about proposed developments within the park.</p> <p>FCMRP would also appreciate if members/stakeholders could let them have any ideas for the group to take forward.</p> <p>E-mail from Stuart McMillan Renfrewshire Council Future Paisley Grand Conversazioni 2022</p> <p>Advance publicity re forthcoming events on 11th. February, 25th February and 11th March. Further details to follow.</p> <p>Further information regarding Future Paisley can be found at https://www.renfrewshire.gov.uk/futurepaisley</p> <p>Emails from Graeme Crawford & Dorothy Kerr Renfrewshire Council Festive Closures/Opening Hours</p> <p>Details of Council Office closures and arrangements over the festive period 2021/2022</p> <p>A link to those details had been copied at the time from Renfrewshire Council's website to the Community Council's Facebook Page for wider circulation.</p>	<p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p>
<p>8. Treasurer's Report</p> <p>The Treasurer reported that the balance at the bank stands at £4328.83, after applying the debit of £250 in respect of the sum agreed as a contribution towards Kelburn Cricket Club's Defibrillator Project.</p>	<p>Noted</p>
<p>9. Any other Business</p> <p>Barshaw Toddlers and Toddlers Plus Group</p> <p>Jean Ramsay took the opportunity to highlight the sterling work of the organisers of <i>Barshaw Toddlers and Toddlers Plus Group</i> which meets at Sherwood-Greenlaw Church and provides an excellent Childcare/Play Group for the local Community and beyond</p> <p>Support to Local Organisations</p> <p>Following on from the previous item, a brief discussion ensued about the challenges that have been faced by community groups such as <i>Barshaw Toddlers and Toddlers Plus Group</i>, providing services to members of the local community during the pandemic.</p> <p>While recognising that Community Councils are not grant-making bodies it was moved by Andrew Ramsay and seconded by Graham Paterson that the Community Council make a modest donation of £150 to each the following organisations in recognition of and to help fund the support that they provide</p>	<p>Noted</p> <p>Agreed to make a donation of £150 to the specified organisations</p>

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<p>to local families, among others.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Barshaw Toddlers and Toddlers Plus Group • Renfrewshire Women's Aid • Renfrewshire Foodbank <p>This was agreed without dissent and the Treasurer was duly authorised to remit the payments to the respective organisations.</p> <p><i>Security Lighting in Whitehaugh</i></p> <p>It was mentioned that Renfrewshire Council have fitted security lights to some of its tenancies in the Whitehaugh area. However, the sensors on those seem to be over-sensitive causing the bright lights to flash on and off frequently at night, causing disturbance to neighbouring residents. Cllr Sharkey agreed to make enquiries to see what adjustments can be made to mitigate the intrusion caused by these lights.</p> <p>While on the issue of lighting, it was mentioned that Glasgow Road needs to be better lit as it is fairly dark</p> <p><i>Royal Mail Deliveries in Seedhill and Beyond</i></p> <p>Cllr Sharkey explained that he has received complaints from some constituents in the Seedhill area about the poor service being provided by Royal Mail recently. A discussion ensued during which it was mentioned that there has been recent media reports of staff being absent or self-isolating due to COVID. This has given rise to significant delays in deliveries with some people in Paisley not receiving mail for several weeks then being inundated with mail., with some households receiving a number of Christmas cards in January.</p> <p>Cllr Sharkey explained that he had wanted feedback on how prevalent the problem has been and confirmed that he would raise these concerns with the Manager of the local delivery office.</p>	<p>Cllr Sharkey to highlight this to appropriate officer in Housing Directorate</p> <p>Noted</p>
<p><i>10. Date of Next Meeting</i></p> <p>The next meeting of the Community Council is due to take place on Wednesday, 9th February at 7pm</p>	