

# PAISLEY EAST & WHITEHAUGH COMMUNITY COUNCIL

<p><b>MINUTES of the Annual General Meeting of Paisley East &amp; Whitehaugh Community Council that was held at via Zoom Technologies on Wednesday, 13<sup>th</sup> October 2021 at 7.00pm</b></p>	<p><b>AGM 13/10/21</b></p>
<p>Present: John Bell; Gaynor Corry; Margaret Cowie; Robert Moore; Andrew Ramsay; Catherine Scally</p> <p>Attending: Councillors Jim Sharkey and John McNaughtan (Both Renfrewshire Council) Christine McLellan (Paisley Grammar Parents' Council)</p> <p>Apologies: Graham Paterson; Jean Ramsay Diane Watt; Jhulia Watt; Katy Clark MSP</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Chair: Andrew Ramsay</p>	<p><b>Outcome/Action</b></p>
<p><b>1. Opening Remarks</b></p> <p>The Chair welcomed all those present and thanked everyone for joining the Annual General Meeting; now the second to be convened virtually via the Zoom Platform</p>	
<p><b>2. Chair's Report</b></p> <p>Andrew Ramsay explained and apologised that due to unforeseen circumstance he was detained longer than anticipated on Islay and unable to access the report that he had previously prepared to deliver this evening</p> <p>While a more substantive report will be available for the next business meeting, the Chair did take the opportunity to provide an impromptu overview of the past year</p> <p>Dr Ramsay again expressed dismay that of six Renfrewshire Councillors who represent the two wards in which the Community Council is based, only a few attend on a regular basis and several do not bother to attend at all</p> <p>While more regular monthly reports are being received from the local division of Police Scotland, it is disappointing that they will not participate in meetings via the Zoom Platform so that members can engage directly with the reporting officer</p> <p>Significant concern remains about the future of the Community Council in terms of sustainability and recruitment of new members. There are currently three co-option places to fill though if there was a significant surge in interest by potential members, Renfrewshire Council could be asked to organise an interim election.</p> <p>The Chair took the opportunity to pay tribute to the Secretary whose input keeps the Community Council functioning throughout the session</p>	<p>Noted</p>
<p><b>3. Secretary's Remarks</b></p> <p>Robert Moore thanked the Chair for his report and his kind words.</p> <p>It was heartening that despite the pandemic and the restrictions associated with that from time to time, the Community Council had been able to hold quorate meetings throughout the last session.</p> <p>Like last year. membership has remained stable. However, the Community Council still has only eleven members. Currently, three members, understandably, are not comfortable with participating in virtual meetings and</p>	

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<p>had been given a leave of absence last session in view of that. That arrangement will likely have to be renewed for the time being.</p> <p>One member has already advised that he intends to stand down at the end of the current session next June and, while respecting that decision, the Secretary expressed his personal view that the member in question might reconsider his position over the months ahead.</p> <p>As alluded to by the Chair, recruitment of new members is now more a priority than ever.</p> <p>Expressions of interest have been invited via the Community Council's Facebook Page but so far this has not attracted any response,</p> <p>In light of the concerns expressed by the Chair and Secretary, which were clearly shared by the members, it was agreed to include an item on the agenda for the November meeting to consider organising a recruitment drive.</p> <p>Councillors Sharkey and McNaughtan both stressed the importance of having functioning and well-supported Community Councils serving local neighbourhoods.</p>	<p>Noted - Recruitment to be put on agenda for November business meeting</p>
<p><b>4. Minutes of last Annual General Meeting</b></p> <p><b>(a)</b> The minutes of the last Annual General Meeting of the Community Council held on Wednesday, 14<sup>th</sup> October 2020 had been circulated in advance of the meeting.</p> <p>Those minutes were proposed by John Bell as an accurate record of the proceedings and this was duly seconded by Gaynor Corry</p> <p><b>(b)</b> There were no matters arising from the minutes of the previous meeting</p>	<p>Approved</p>
<p><b>5. Annual Accounts for 2020-2021</b></p> <p>Gaynor Corry, in her capacity as Treasurer, referred members to the Community Council's annual Income &amp; Expenditure account and the mandatory breakdown of expenditure under the Administration Grant for financial year to 31<sup>st</sup> August 2021, copies of which had been circulated prior to the meeting.</p> <p>Those annual accounts have been duly audited by Louise McDonald and Veronica Gallacher.</p> <p>The Treasurer provided members with a brief narrative in relation to the accounts that had been tabled, which were essentially self-explanatory</p> <p>It was emphasised that the donations amounting to £1500.61 had been made from other funds held by the Community Council to support those organisations' services during the pandemic, rather from Renfrewshire Council's Administration Grant.</p> <p>Following due consideration thereof, Catherine Scally formally proposed and John Bell seconded the approval of the Community Council's audited Accounts Statements for the financial year ending 31<sup>st</sup> August 2021</p> <p>This was unanimously agreed.</p> <p>Now that those have been approved, the accounts together with the minutes of this meeting will be submitted to Anne McNaughton, Senior Committee Services Officer at Renfrewshire Council, to enable her to process the annual Administration Allowance.</p>	<p>Approved</p>

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<p><b>6. Election of Officebearers</b></p> <p>As agreed at the September meeting, Councillor Sharkey was invited to preside over this aspect of the meeting.</p> <p>It was agreed that only a nomination would be required for each position unless there were competing nominations for any roles, in which case a seconder would be required for each nominee.</p> <p>The nominations for each position were as follows:</p> <p>Chair: Andrew Ramsay – nominated by Robert Moore</p> <p>Vice Chair: John Bell – nominated by Andrew Ramsay</p> <p>Treasurer: Gaynor Corry – nominated by John Bell</p> <p>Secretary: Robert Moore – nominated by Andrew Ramsay</p> <p>As there were no competing nominations, all four officebearers were declared re-elected.</p> <p>Cllr Sharkey invited Andrew Ramsay to return to the Chair to preside over the remainder of the proceedings.</p>	<p>Existing Officebearers re-elected unopposed</p>
<p><b>7. Representatives on Renfrewshire Community Council Forum (RCCF)</b></p> <p>After a brief discussion, the current representatives agreed to continue in this role. It was therefore agreed, without dissent, that: -</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Gaynor Corry</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>John Bell</i></p> <p>shall remain as Community Council’s representatives on RCCF until their meetings resume. John Bell confirmed that he would try to attend meetings as work circumstances permit</p> <p>It was noted that as Community Council Chair, Andrew Ramsay, would automatically continue as representative at Local Partnership meetings</p>	<p>Existing representatives re-appointed</p>
<p><b>8. Close of meeting</b></p> <p>As there was no other competent business, the Chair declared the Annual General Meeting closed.</p>	