

PAISLEY EAST & WHITEHAUGH COMMUNITY COUNCIL

<p>MINUTES of a meeting of Paisley East & Whitehaugh Community Council that was held at Sherwood-Greenlaw church on Wednesday, 11th May 2022 at 7.00pm.</p>	<p>11/05/2022</p>
<p>Present: Gaynor Corry; Margaret Cowie; Christine McLellan; Robert Moore; Graham Paterson; Jean Ramsay; Andrew Ramsay</p> <p>Attending: Councillor Graeme Clark; Councillor Carolann Davidson; Councillor John McNaughtan (all Renfrewshire Council); PC Adam Marshall and PC Jay Greer (Police Scotland) (to end of item 2 only); Douglas Lamont (Renfrewshire Community Wardens) (to end of Item 3 only)</p> <p>Apologies: John Bell; 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 May meeting of the Community Council, the first to be held in person for over two years. It was encouraging to note the presence of the representatives from Police Scotland and Renfrewshire Wardens Service and also three of the local Councillors who were returned at the election on 5th May.</p>	
<p>2. Police Scotland</p> <p>The Chair invited PCs Marshall & Greer to address members.</p> <p>PC Marshall provided a breakdown of the latest Crime Statistics as follows:</p> <p>Crimes of Violence – 15 (including 11 minor assaults & 2 Police assaults) Disorder – 6 Vandalism – 8 Dishonesty – 23 (including 7 thefts by shoplifting; 7 threats and 7 Frauds) Road Traffic Offences- 22 (various including 3 speeding; 2 driving under influence; 6 failures to report an accident; 1 no MOT; 1 no licence; 1 no insurance. Drugs – 5 seizures</p> <p>A lively discussion then took place regarding a host of issues, including welfare provisions for females at local custody suites; increasing incidence of online fraud/scams; motorists speeding as well as the disturbance caused by modified exhausts and anti-social behaviour by Grammar Pupils at WHA's office in Cyril Street. Questions were also raised regarding procedure to have the safety camera present in areas and about the absence and welfare of the elderly man who used to frequent outside Marks & Spencer at Wallneuk Retail Park for the purpose of begging.</p> <p>Following the discussion, the officers confirmed that they would get back to the Secretary regarding the question of welfare provision at custody suites and the procedure to arrange the presence of the safety camera at particular locations as that is organised by a separate organisation rather than by the Police. It was mentioned that a camera had been located at Glasgow Road just recently.</p>	<p>Noted – officers to provide feedback as appropriate</p>

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<p>The Chair thanked PCs Marshall and Greer for their informative report and participation in the discussion that ensued.</p> <p><i>[PCs Marshall & Greer left the meeting at this point]</i></p>	
<p>3. Renfrewshire Warden Service</p> <p>The Chair invited Douglas Lamont of Renfrewshire Wardens Service to address members</p> <p>Mr. Lamont went on to provide an overview of the issues tackled by the Wardens over the past four weeks.</p> <p>He explained that there had been increased foot patrols, particularly around the Seedhill area to provide a visible presence, with regular checks on the nursery.</p> <p>There had also been issues relating to dog-fouling and an increased incidence of fly-tipping on the pavements in and around Seedhill Road.</p> <p>Apart from Cyril Street, Grammar School Pupils have also been congregating in and around Williamsburgh Terrace and this is being monitored.</p> <p>Complaints have been received about hypodermic needles being thrown from a window(s) at Williamsburgh Court.</p> <p>While outwith the Community Council's area, there has been ongoing nuisance from quad bikes at Honeybog Hill.</p> <p>In terms of antisocial behaviour, Barshaw Park has been relatively quiet of late</p> <p>On a separate note, in relation to parking, yellow lines and also road markings for bays are in the course of being repainted.</p> <p>A brief discussion took place surrounding the issues highlighted in the report following which, the Chair thanked Mr. Lamont for his helpful input.</p> <p><i>[Douglas Lamont left the meeting at this point]</i></p>	<p>Noted</p>
<p>4. Minutes of Meeting held on 13th April 2022</p> <p>The Secretary apologised for inclusion of Jean Ramsay among those present at the meeting as she had previously submitted apologies as she was unable to attend. Her apologies rather than presence should have been noted under the sedereunt</p> <p>The Chair also pointed out that in Item 8 during the valediction to Cllr Sharkey he had also acknowledged that Cllr McNaughtan has also regularly attended meetings.</p> <p>At Item 10, the date of the next meeting should have been 11th May and not as noted.</p>	<p>Approved subject to incorporation of amendments</p>

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<p>Subject to inclusion of those amendments, the minutes of the previous meeting were proposed as an accurate record by Graham Paterson and this was seconded by Christine McLellan so those were formally approved without dissent.</p>	
<p>5. Business arising from Minutes of Meeting held on 13th April 2022</p> <p><i>Difficulties Being Encountered by Neighbour(s) Of Local Café</i></p> <p>As agreed at the last meeting, the Secretary confirmed that he had approached the Council's Licensing Enforcement Section to find out if they can legally suspend the current occasional licence and/or defer consideration on any further applications for occasional licenses until the noise problem troubling the neighbours has been satisfactorily addressed by the owner.</p> <p>Following a very helpful discussion with the Licensing Standards Officer, he has also emailed to confirm that advise that anyone can make objection or support for an application for an occasional licence.</p> <p>An objection should identify the Licensing Objective being breached and provide evidence of how this Licensing Objective is not being supported by the applicant and the annoyance, if any, caused. The Licensing Objective in this particular instance is Preventing Public Nuisance as it relates to a noise nuisance which the Licensing Standards Officer is aware is being investigated by the Council's Environmental Protection Team and as a (separate) Regulatory Agency they would require to take action, if any. They may also provide guidance on the matter to mitigate any nuisance occasioned.</p> <p>That does not preclude independent advice being obtained by the complainant or the Community Council your Organisation to obtain from an Independent Noise Consultancy.</p> <p>The objection to the occasional licence must refer to the application which can be found on the following web-page link which is the public advertisement of the occasional licences. https://www.renfrewshire.gov.uk/article/3204/Public-notice-of-liquor-applications</p> <p>The objection response is by email to licensing.cs@renfrewshire.gov.uk and should be titled as Objection to Occasional for (name of premises) in the body of the email outline the reason and evidence to support that the Licensing Objective is not being met and is causing nuisance.</p> <p>To assist, the officer has sent a copy of the Alcohol Focus publication Community Toolkit which provides an outline of objection to a premises licence and the processes involved and a Licensing Board Hearing. It does not clearly provide guidance for an occasional licence objection but there are some similar procedures.</p> <p>The Secretary confirmed that he would convey this information back to the complainant.</p>	<p>Noted pending further developments</p>

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<p><i>Blocked Gullies in Cyril Street, Paisley</i></p> <p>Following the discussion at the last meeting, this issue was taken up again with Environment & Infrastructure. They had replied to say that works have been programmed in to clear four gullies on Cyril Street, Paisley with an estimated target date of 4th May.</p> <p>While the work was completed on Thursday, 28th April, Gaynor Corry reported that after the recent spell of rain, it is evident that the problem persists.</p> <p>The Secretary confirmed that he would raise this with Environment & Infrastructure again so that they are aware that the problem has not been resolved and further action is necessary.</p> <p><i>Keegan & Pennykid Annual Insurance Renewal</i></p> <p>Documentation was tabled confirming renewal of the Community Council's mandatory insurance cover, as agreed at last meeting.</p> <p><i>Meetings at Sherwood-Greenlaw Church</i></p> <p>As members are aware, the congregation at Sherwood-Greenlaw Church are content for meetings to resume at the church and arrangements are in hand for picking up and returning the keys to Colin McNaught's office. While Colin has since retired as Session Clerk, he has kindly agreed to facilitate this arrangement</p> <p>In relation to the Church of Scotland Licence Agreement, they are happy to exclude the specific wording/requirements for COVID restrictions from the sample agreement for lets as they have already removed those from their church services.</p> <p>A copy of the completed Agreement had been circulated in advance of the meeting and it was agreed without dissent that the Secretary should execute the agreement and return that to the church.</p> <p><i>Issues caused by Grammar School Pupils around Cyril Street/Seedhill</i></p> <p>Following the last meeting, as agreed the Secretary had gone back to Sgt Carter to highlight the area in Cyril Street outside the WHA offices as a "hotspot" in terms of pupil disorder.</p> <p>That was sent to Sgt Carter and copied to the Wardens Service</p> <p>Sgt Carter responded to say that he had passed this on to the beat officers. He has also confirmed that they had in place a dedicated response for the high schools and the S6 last day of term to try and address Anti-Social behaviour in known hotspot areas.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Secretary to highlight persisting problem to Environment & Infrastructure</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Noted</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Noted</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Agreed that Secretary should execute the agreement on behalf of the Community Council.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Noted</p>

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<p>6. Secretary's Report</p> <p><i>Representation received on behalf of residents at Barshaw Mews Proposed Community Garden at Barshaw.</i></p> <p>The Secretary referred members to correspondence previously circulated regarding concerns surrounding the proposed Community Garden at Barshaw.</p> <p>The actual planning application can be found here.</p> <p>22/0266/PP Formation of community garden with associated levelling works, retaining wall, accessible composting toilet, shed and lean-to shelter, poly tunnel and associated works. Barshaw Park Paisley PA1 3LT</p> <p>Additional information can be found on the Council's Website at:</p> <p>https://www.renfrewshire.gov.uk/article/12463/Barshaw-Park-in-Paisley-wins-new-community-garden-in-RHS-Garden-Day-Competition</p> <p>A copy of media coverage was also circulated to members prior to the meeting.</p> <p>A discussion took place during which was observed that Barshaw Mews is actually within the Ralston Community Council boundary; albeit the park itself is within this Community Council's boundary.</p> <p>Cllr Clark spoke briefly regarding a meeting that he had with an officer concerning this proposal. While the proposed site is not actually in immediate proximity to the residents' properties, the Council appear to be taking all reasonable steps to mitigate the possibility of nuisance being caused to neighbours.</p> <p>It was also mentioned that with more people frequenting the park and gardens this should go some way to deterring disorder.</p> <p>Following discussion, it was agreed to note the pending planning application for the Community Garden and also the concerns expressed on behalf of the occupants at Barshaw Mews. It was also agreed that should the residents wish to solicit further support in relation to their concerns those would be best raised again with Ralston Community Council.</p> <p><i>E-mail from Michelle Lockard Housing Regeneration Officer, Renfrewshire Council Auchentorlie area - Housing-led Regeneration and Renewal Programme</i></p> <p>Members were referred to an email received from the Housing Regeneration Officer which had included a copy of a letter issued to tenants/homeowners, together with a copy of finalised proposals with additional properties scheduled for demolition.</p>	<p>Planning application Noted</p> <p>Agreed that should the aggrieved residents wish to pursue their concerns further those should be directed to Ralston Community Council</p> <p>Noted</p>

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<p><i>Email from Sharon Marklow Place Strategy Manager Renfrewshire Draft Local Housing Strategy 2022-2027</i></p> <p>As it is now the halfway point of the 12-week consultation period that started in late March 2022, they thought it would be useful to remind stakeholders that there is still time to get involved in the consultation process.</p> <p>They are seeking views on their consultative draft of the Local Housing Strategy on what people think of the draft Strategic Priorities and accompanying actions. The detail of how they aim to achieve these Strategic Priorities is contained within the draft Local Housing Strategy with accompanying actions designed to achieve these priorities.</p> <p>The draft Local Housing Strategy 2022-2027, with a summary version, can be found on the Renfrewshire Council website at:</p> <p>https://www.renfrewshire.gov.uk/NewLocalHousingStrategy</p> <p>The quickest way to share views on this draft strategy, is by completing the online version of the questionnaire, which is available for interested parties to register comments up to the closing date of 13 June 2022.</p> <p><i>Email from Stuart Miller Community Regeneration Co-ordinator - Williamsburgh Housing Association Glasgow Airport FlightPath Fund</i></p> <p>Email highlighting that the Glasgow Airport FlightPath Fund has re-opened for applications</p> <p>The FlightPath Fund is making more than £90,000 available to help support community groups, charities and sustainability-themed projects local to Glasgow Airport in 2022.</p> <p>The Fund's committee is once again urging neighbouring groups and organisations to submit applications and is also keen to support sustainability-themed projects aimed at improving the environment in the communities local to the airport FlightPath Fund</p> <p><i>Email from Local Resident Concerns over removal/closure of Bus Stops in Seedhill Road</i></p> <p>The Secretary referred members to the terms of an email from a local resident expressing understandable concern over removal of a bus stop(s) in Seedhill Road.</p> <p>The resident has since confirmed that he has personally raised an objection with SPT.</p> <p>In turn, the Secretary had responded to thank the resident for drawing this issue</p>	<p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p>

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<p>to the Community Council's attention and explain that this is the first that have been made aware of this proposal.</p> <p>He went on explain that he had contacted SPT to ask for further information, including the rationale behind their proposal and a reply is awaited</p> <p>As part of that, SPT have also been asked what consultation, if any, had taken place regarding this proposal.</p> <p>There is certainly no indication that SPT had informed the Community Council of their intentions prior to pressing ahead with their proposals.</p> <p>Cllr McNaughtan explained that this is an issue on which local elected members should have been consulted. The Secretary confirmed that he would pass on a copy of any response received from SPT regarding this issue.</p> <p><i>Email from Pamela Girvan Arts Outreach Worker Remembering Together Paisley East and Whitehaugh</i></p>	<p>Noted pending further feedback</p>
<p>Members were referred to an invitation to be represented on the Remembering Together Renfrewshire Local Reference Group. Greenspace Scotland, One Ren and Renfrewshire Council will work with communities across Renfrewshire to co-create a Creative Memorial for Remembering Together which will be unique to Renfrewshire. Remembering Together is a project to co-create memorials that will honour the people we have lost, mark what has been lost and changed in our lives and preserve the best of what we have learned and created together during the COVID pandemic.</p>	<p>Noted</p>
<p><i>Email from Gregor Smart Service Delivery Co-ordinator, ROAR – Connections for Life Update on Activities</i></p> <p>Members were reminded that late last year, Gregor and Cassie from ROAR had addressed members to explain the organisation's activities and plans going forward. While they had hoped to come back earlier in the year to update members, unfortunately, largely due to the disruption caused by the Omicron Variant which had inevitably delayed their plans, this had been deferred.</p> <p>It has now been agreed that they will come along to the June meeting to provide the awaited update.</p>	<p>Noted</p>
<p><i>Emails from Sarah Ritchie SHARE Deputy Programme Manager School of Medicine, University of Dundee NHS SHARE, The Scottish Health Research Register Needs You</i></p> <p>Emails highlighting that the need for health research is essential so new treatments can be developed for conditions such as asthma, cancer, dementia, heart failure and mental health issues. They would like to improve the prevention and treatment of disease, which is why they are asking for help and</p>	<p>Noted</p>

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<p>for people to sign up to SHARE</p> <p>SHARE - The Scottish Health Research Register and Biobank, is a register of people aged 11 years and over, who are interested in helping health research and being contacted by SHARE if a health project relevant to you becomes available.</p> <p>Health research can be anything from filling in a survey about your diet, to researching a new medication for an illness you may have. They need healthy people and also those with medical conditions to participate. SHARE also seeks patients' permission to keep any leftover blood following routine clinical tests (e.g., if they have given a blood test at their GP). This leftover sample is anonymised and can be used to help genetic research</p> <p>They are asking organisation such as ours if we would be willing to help promote SHARE with colleagues, friends and family by sharing this email.</p> <p>They have also asked if the Community Council would consider displaying their poster – this has already been shared on the Facebook page</p>	
<p>7. Treasurer's Report</p> <p>The Treasurer reported that the balance at the bank stands at £3494.55 after applying the debit amounting to £84.28 to Keegan and Pennykid in respect of the insurance premium.</p>	<p>Noted</p>
<p>8. Any other Business</p> <p><i>Integrated Smoke Alarms</i></p> <p>As a postscript to previous discussions on this issue, it was highlighted that Home Insurers are likely to raise issues in relation to indemnity in the event of a claim from non-compliant households.</p> <p><i>Recruitment of Members</i></p> <p>As the recess approaches, members were reminded of the importance of bringing on board new members to ensure succession and sustainability of the Community Council going forward. Anyone members know who might be interested should be invited to attend a few meetings to let them see how the Community Council works and to let them determine if they might be interested in taking part.</p> <p>Although there are only three co-option slots left, it is open to the Community Council to ask Anne McNaughton to organise an interim election if more people are interested in participating.</p> <p>Cllr Davidson suggested the possibility of a leaflet drop and it agreed to look at this again following the recess</p>	<p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p>

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9. Date of Next Meeting The next meeting of the Community Council is due to take place on Wednesday, 8 th June at 7pm	