

PAISLEY EAST & WHITEHAUGH COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES of a meeting of Paisley East & Whitehaugh Community Council that was held at Sherwood-Greenlaw Church on Wednesday, 12th October 2022 at 7.20pm.	12/10/2022
<p>Present: Gaynor Corry; Margaret Cowie; Christine McLellan; Robert Moore; Andrew Ramsay; Jean Ramsay</p> <p>Attending: Councillors Graeme Clark and John McNaughtan (Both Renfrewshire Council); Andrew McGlynn (Local Resident); PC Adam Marshall & PC Ali Kayani (Police Scotland – Item 2 only); Sarah Findlay (RAMH/ACUMEN – Item 3 only)</p> <p>Apologies: John Bell; Graham Paterson; Catherine Scally Diane Watt; Jhulia Watt; Councillor Carolann Davidson (Renfrewshire Council)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Chair: Andrew Ramsay</p>	Outcome/Action
<p>1. Chair’s Opening Remarks</p> <p>The Chair thanked everyone for staying on for the October Business Meeting, which customarily takes place after the Community Council AGM.</p>	
<p>2. Police Scotland</p> <p>The Chair invited PC Marshall and PC Kayani to address members.</p> <p>PC Marshall, who has attended these meetings in the past briefly introduced his colleague, PC Kayani before going on to provide members with an overview of local crime statistics/trends in the area.</p> <p>Only one incident of particular note over the past month was a willful fire-raising involving a motor vehicle. Forensic investigations and enquiries by the CID are ongoing.</p> <p>Otherwise during the past month there had been six drug recoveries, including almost 60g of Cocaine, 132g of Cannabis and 446 tablets believed to be a dug called Etizolam</p> <p>In relation to crimes of violence, there had been 2 minor assaults and another incident involving 4 minor assaults and an offensive weapon.</p> <p>Over the same period there had been 2 thefts by shoplifting; 4 thefts; 2 frauds and 1 theft from a motor vehicle.</p> <p>There were also 2 occurrences involving s38 Breaches of the Peace and 4 of vandalism.</p> <p>In relation to road traffic there had been 2 offences in which there had been failures to report an accident (s170); 1 incident involving a disqualified driver; 1 instance of s3 Careless Driving and 1 motorist caught driving a vehicle that had no valid MOT Certificate.</p> <p>A general discussion took place in relation to the foregoing and also concern regarding the lack of care exercised by some users of electric scooters who have no regard to the safety of pedestrians or other road users. Similar concerns also arise from the use of electric bikes</p>	<p>Noted</p>

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<p>Thereafter, the Chair thanked PC Marshall and PC Kayani for their informative input and their participation in the ensuing discussion.</p> <p><i>[PC Marshall and PC Kayani left the meeting at this point]</i></p> <p>There being no representative available from Renfrewshire Wardens Service, the Chair moved on to the next substantive item.</p>	
<p>3. Presentation by Sarah Findlay of RAMH/ACUMEN</p> <p><i>The Chair invited Sarah Findlay of RAMH (Recovery Across Mental Health) to address members.</i></p> <p><i>Sarah went on to introduce herself and her part-time role with RAMH/ACUMEN, the latter being RAMH's allied organisation in the Argyll & Bute area</i></p> <p><i>In essence, RAMH "..... promotes recovery from mental ill health, and empowers people to build independent, fulfilled lives."</i></p> <p><i>Locally, RAMH offer a range of free confidential services which provide</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Immediate support in crisis situations for residents aged 16 and over in Renfrewshire</i> • <i>Individualised care and practical support to people in their own homes</i> • <i>One to one counselling sessions with a qualified counsellor</i> • <i>Employability support to help individuals gain or maintain employment and/or volunteering opportunities</i> • <i>A range of social, creative, therapeutic, educational, and physical activity groups</i> • <i>Support to family, friends, carers and the wider community through information and education</i> <p>Sarah went on to explain in more detail their activities and services, which are provided 365 days a year by phenomenal colleagues, including volunteers.</p> <p>She also outlined the services provided by other allied organisations such as Causeway in East Renfrewshire</p> <p>Further details can be found at their site RAMH Recovery Across Mental Health</p> <p>RAMH's Headquarters are located at 41 Blackstoun Road, Paisley, PA3 1LU Telephone: 0141 847 8900</p> <p>Renfrewshire Community Services – 0141 404 778</p> <p>Email enquiries to: enquiries@ramh.org</p> <p>Following conclusion of that discussion the Chair thanked Sarah Findlay for his coming along and for her informative presentation</p> <p>[Sarah Findlay left the meeting at this point]</p>	<p>Noted</p>

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<p>4. Minutes of Meeting held on 7th September 2022</p> <p>It was pointed out that there appears to have been some misapprehension during the recording of the minutes, insofar as on page 1 under the Police Report where it refers to the incident in Arkleston Road, this was at the corner shop there. It is no longer a Post Office, and it was the owner's car that was vanadised after he had refused to sell alcohol.</p> <p>The Secretary apologised for this misunderstanding on his part.</p> <p>Subject to rectification of that part, the minutes of the previous meeting were proposed as an accurate record by Christine McLellan and this was seconded by Jean Ramsay and those were formally approved without dissent.</p>	<p>Agreed subject to incorporation of highlighted revision</p>
<p>5. Business arising from Minutes of Meeting held on 7th September 2022</p> <p>Follow-up from Police on issues raised at previous meeting</p> <p>Following the last meeting, Sgt Fitzpatrick had looked into the circumstances surrounding the incident at the shop in Arkleston Road</p> <p>A crime report for vandalism has been raised. Sgt Fitzpatrick had gone on to say that no culprits had been identified due to no witnesses to the actual crime coming forward and there being no private or public space CCTV coverage of the incident.</p> <p>Blocked Gullies in Cyril Street, Paisley</p> <p>Following the previous meeting, the Secretary had raised this persistent problem again with Environment & Infrastructure.</p> <p>They have responded to say that it is their understanding that the works were completed on the 27th July. However, they have raised a further request to their inspector to revisit and make arrangements for any further necessary works.</p> <p>Gaynor confirmed that she would continue to monitor the situation and report back on any developments</p> <p>Email from Stuart Miller Community Regeneration Co-ordinator Williamsburgh Housing Association Funding/ Possible Arrangements for provision of Dog Bins</p> <p>The Secretary referred members to further feedback received from Stuart Miler, as circulated in advance of the meeting</p> <p>After discussion, it was agreed that the Community Council should work with Williamsburgh HA with a view to improving the availability of disposal facilities for dog waste in the Seedhill area.</p> <p>Renfrewshire Council's position is that dog owners can use any public bin for</p>	<p>Noted</p> <p>Noted pending further developments</p> <p>Secretary to liaise with Stuart Miller with a view to progressing this project.</p>

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<p>disposal of dog waste so it was agreed that the main focus should be in and around Seedhill.</p> <p>It was noted that there is a distinct lack of bins for use by owners exercising their dogs in East End Park.</p> <p>It was pointed out that permission would have to be sought from Renfrewshire Council to place any bins on their land or attaching those to any their lampposts or suchlike.</p> <p>The importance of publicity/education was emphasised as owners have to be willing to co-operate by using the bins provided.</p> <p>It was agreed that the Secretary would liaise with Stuart with a view to progressing this project.</p> <p><i>Email from Graeme Crawford Renfrewshire Council Update on Not far? Leave the Car</i></p> <p>The Secretary referred to the most recent update on the progress of the Not Far? Leave the Car campaign.</p> <p>Currently, the scheme is approaching nearly 1,000 people signed up to take part, but they continuing to push for more people to take part which is why we're getting in touch with our communities.</p> <p>They have also been promoting the campaign through the Beat the Street game currently running in Paisley, which is supporting young people, their parents and carers, and the community to get active.</p> <p>They also included a recap of the Not Far? Leave the Car Scheme - Participants can earn points by walking, wheeling, cycling or using public transport for your journeys - basically any journey that leaves the car at home.</p> <p>These points can be used to collect vouchers or discounts from more than 125 local businesses in Renfrewshire – including cafes, restaurants, hairdressers, jewellers and more.</p> <p>Points can also be donated to charities like St Vincent's Hospice, ACCORD Hospice or the Scottish Wildlife Trust.</p> <p>More information and the free app can be found at www.renfrewshire.gov.uk/leavethecar.</p> <p><i>30mph Speed signs on Bins</i></p> <p>Following the discussion at the last meeting, a draft flier was circulated for agreement before these are distributed to residents in Arkleston Road.</p> <p>With only a change to the response date, which was put back to 25th November, the draft was approved.</p>	<p>Noted</p> <p>Noted pending further developments</p>

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<p>The Secretary confirmed that a batch of fliers will be printed for delivery to the Chair, who has agreed to organise distribution and whose address will be used as a delivery point for responses.</p> <p>Feedback on the consultation will be available for the meeting in December</p> <p><i>Planning Permission Appeal: Grounds of Dykebar Hospital Grahamston Road Paisley PA2 7DE</i></p> <p>Following the last meeting, an approach was made to Gerry Hannah to find out if CCs whose areas will potentially be affected by construction traffic and what input they might have to approval of the Construction Traffic Management Plan. Our query was passed to David Love, the Council's Chief Planning Officer who responded promptly.</p> <p>His position is that in terms of members of the public/Community Councils having the opportunity to make comment on details submitted in respect of any attached planning conditions, that this is not something that is provided for within the relevant legislation and as such this is not something they are able to accommodate.</p> <p>Details relating to any approved conditions will be posted on the planning portal.</p> <p>The Chair expressed some disappointment at the response received and in the brief discussion that followed, the general consensus was that communities affected should have the right to comment upon and influence such arrangements</p> <p>At the conclusion of that discussion, Cllr McNaughtan confirmed that he would ask the officers concerned to note his interest in this issue and to be kept informed of developments.</p> <p><i>Email from Rebecca Livesey-Wright, Project Coordinator EVOLVE and Park Life! Community Consultation - McKerrell Street Play Park</i></p> <p>Rebecca has emailed to confirm that she would still very much like to meet with the Community Council to discuss the possibility of connecting in some way over their Park Life! project. As mentioned, insight into how best to connect with local communities would be wonderful but she also wonders if the community council itself might be interested in taking part in some activity with their lead artists, Robert and Skyler.</p> <p>Robert and Skyler are currently leading creative workshops to open up dialogue around public parks and greenspaces in Paisley and how they positively impact community mental health and wellbeing. They will also be delivering some creative walks along the same themes.</p> <p>Andrew has confirmed that a meeting has since been arranged with Rebecca for 17th November following which he will report back to the next meeting</p>	<p>Noted pending further developments</p> <p>Noted pending further developments</p>

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<p><i>Proposed Community Asset Transfer – Whitehaugh Barracks</i></p> <p>Following the last meeting, Cllr Clark had forwarded the email he had received from the Western Desert Recce Group (WDRG) made up of retired military personnel regarding their proposed Community Asset Transfer for Whitehaugh Barracks.</p> <p>Gary Wallace from WDRG has since written to outline their plans and to suggest a meeting to explain those in more detail and to ask if the Community Council would be prepared to meet with them to discuss their plans in more detail</p> <p>Following discussion, it was agreed to extend an invitation to representatives to attend the meeting on 9th November.</p> <p><i>Councillors’ attendance at Community Council meeting</i></p> <p>Following Anne McNaughton’s email in June, Erskine Community Council has since come back to say that point 4 of that e mail, is by far the most important, as it highlights the current concern with regards "accountability", of elected Councillors to participate in Community Council meetings, and to respond to any concerns raised at said meetings.</p> <p>Erskine Community Council have indicated that they fully appreciate that our councillors have differing and variable concerns and views, however it would be very useful if our residents could be assured that regardless of politics and agendas, that our elected representatives have a "common" agenda with regards their constituents.</p> <p>As such they ask if Councillors, as advised, confirm that they have a plan in place to ensure that at least one Councillor can be present at notified meetings, and have the ability to take the lead with regards "Accountability" for ensuring that common concerns are reported and conveyed to other Councillors on our behalf?</p> <p>As Erskine Community Council understand that this is a common concern, their observations have been copied to other Community Councils.</p> <p>Anne McNaughton has since responded, also copying in all other Community Councils advising that the assurances sought by Erskine Community Council can only be provided by the Councillors who attend Community Council meetings.</p> <p>Renfrewshire Councillors are <i>ex officio</i> members of all Community Councils that cover areas within their constituency. Some Councillors have up to six different Community Councils that cover an area within their constituencies and are entitled to receive agenda/invites to attend all. They are, however, not required to attend.</p> <p>Accountability for actioning any decisions made by a Community Councils rest entirely with the Community Council in question. In this respect, any assistance by Renfrewshire Councillors is given voluntarily.</p>	<p>Agreed to extend invitation to WDRG representatives to November meeting.</p> <p>Noted</p>

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<p>6. Secretary's Report</p> <p><i>The late Jim Sheridan</i></p> <p>Before commencing his report, the Secretary took an opportunity to pay a short tribute to the Late Jim Sheridan who had sadly passed away on 23rd September. Jim had served as the Member of Parliament for Paisley & Renfrewshire North between 2005 and 2015, having previously represented the subsequently abolished constituency of Renfrewshire West from 2001. As a significant part of the Community Council area falls within the Paisley & Renfrewshire North parliamentary constituency, it was agreed that it would be fitting to record this tribute for inclusion in the minutes.</p> <p><i>Renfrewshire Foodbank Acknowledgement of Donation</i></p> <p>The Secretary referred to an email received from the Foodbank's Manager, Crystal Clayton on 27th June to thank us very much for our donation. She goes on to say that it is support like ours that enables them to maintain a service to those in need</p> <p>Unfortunately, this had been omitted from the Secretary's Report in September, for which he apologised</p> <p><i>Emails from Anne McNaughton Renfrewshire Council Guidance re CC Procedures and in relation to forthcoming AGMs</i></p> <p>Email thanking all Renfrewshire CC members for their hard work last year and to offer some procedural advice for the coming year</p> <p>In addition, a separate email was received reminding officebearers of the procedure for Community Council AGMs due to be held this month.</p> <p><i>Renfrewshire Council Consultation on tackling Anti-social Behaviour</i></p> <p>Email forwarding correspondence from the Improvement Service on behalf of the Scottish Government/Scottish Community Safety Network.</p> <p>The Scottish Government are keen to consult with Community Councils on a new Anti-Social Behaviour project. We would be most grateful if you would consider sharing the message below and attached document with community councils in your area. The message below asks Community Councils to respond by Friday 30th September if they are interested in sharing their views in a Teams call sometime in October with Scottish Government and Scottish Community Safety Network.</p> <p>Given this was circulated to Community Councils on 27th September, this did not afford them to formulate their views with a view to responding and participating in the Teams call by the end of that week.</p>	<p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p>

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<p>Following that, Terry McTernan, Chair of Ferguslie Community Council, had responded to Anne to express concern over the time afforded to respond in advance of the Teams Meeting, now scheduled to take place on 12th October.</p> <p>The Secretary reported that he had also taken the opportunity to reinforce that point:</p> <p><i>“Many thanks for forwarding the email regarding the consultation about approaches to tackling anti-social behaviour, which blights most, if not all, of our communities to some extent.</i></p> <p><i>While our members have not yet had an opportunity to consider the discussion paper, I would like to echo Terry’s concerns regarding the timescale that has been afforded to respond to the consultation, It will certainly will not help to make it “as broad and as inclusive as possible”.</i></p> <p>However, subsequent correspondence clarifies that the Consultation as a whole is open until 31st October.</p> <p><i>Email from Kellie Miller Senior Policy & Dev Officer (Community Empowerment #Youdecide : Phase 2</i></p> <p>Email explaining that Phase 2 of #Youdecide Campaign will commence shortly</p> <p>Phase 1 of the campaign sought ideas from residents across Renfrewshire as to where the council should allocate their £1.2M Environment & Infrastructure projects. We received almost 3000 ideas from phase one, which have now been marked against the set criteria and a shortlist has been created.</p> <p>#Youdecide has taken a participatory budgeting approach to allocating the councils funds. Participatory budgeting (PB) is a democratic process in which local people decide directly how to spend part of a public budget.</p> <p>As such they are currently preparing to deliver phase 2 of the project. Phase 2 is the voting phase, whereby you, your clients/service users can vote on the shortlisted projects in the community where they live. The voting period will take place from 30 September – 30th October 2022</p> <p>Assistance was requested to publicise the next stage. While the Secretary has asked that they send any digital resources for sharing via FB and the website, it seems none are available. They did promise to send me a hard copy poster and leaflet (which was hoped could be scanned to share digitally) those have not so far been forthcoming.</p> <p>The Secretary reported that he been unable to find anything online to confirm that Phase 2 is actually underway but Cllr McNaughton explained that he understands that the launch of this phase has been temporarily postponed.</p>	<p>Noted pending further developments</p>

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<p><i>Email from Stuart Miller Community Regeneration Co-ordinator Williamsburgh Housing Association Community Growing Place</i></p> <p>Friends of Barshaw Park have confirmed that they are ready to offer people places at their brand new RHS Scotland Community Garden growing space, just beside the old donkey area. One of the large planters in the garden has been set aside for the use of Williamsburgh Housing Association residents from Seedhill.</p> <p>If any WHA's residents are interested in growing their own fruit and vegetables in Williamsburgh's very own planter then they should get in touch with Stuart Miller stuartm@williamsburghha.co.uk Volunteers from Friends of Barshaw Park will provide support for Williamsburgh HA tenants, providing advice, information and training.</p> <p><i>Email from the Rev. John Murning Sherwood-Greenlaw Church Caring in the Community</i></p> <p>The Rev. Murning had written to say that in his capacity as Minister at Sherwood Greenlaw Church in Paisley, and school chaplain at Williamsburgh Primary, he has had a meeting with staff where concerns were expressed about the rising cost of living, fuel prices, and levels of deprivation in our community</p> <p>Following from that he was planning to hold a meeting of local community groups, church leaders, and representatives from Renfrewshire Council in the near future.</p> <p>It is th hope that they can serve the people and meet some of the needs that are certain to impact on everyone in the months ahead. They are aware that some are already doing things to help but feel it would be better if everyone concerned could learn from and help each other.</p> <p>The meeting had been subsequently scheduled for Monday 3rd October, which Andrew had attended on behalf of the Community Council.</p> <p>Andrew then went on to report on the meeting that had taken place.</p> <p>There had been a reasonable level of participation, with representatives from Sherwood Greenlaw Church; Williamsburgh Primary School; Renfrewshire Council Chief Executive's Department; Williamsburgh HA; St Mirin's Cathedral; Women's Aid; St Vincent De Paul and Paisley Grammar School as well as the Community Council.</p> <p>Andrew outlined a number of initiatives via Sherwood-Greenlaw, including proposed activity days at the Church every 6-8 weeks; their Santa supermarket for which donations are sought; their Community Garden/Growing Area and an informal lunch club organised by pupils from Paisley Grammar in the Church foyer where they have been sharing for those without a lunch.</p>	<p>Noted</p> <p>Agreed to increase donation to Sherwood-Greenlaw this year to £500</p>

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<p>The representative from Renfrewshire Council highlighted the significant lack of uptake of benefits by those eligible and took the opportunity to explain that some benefits are now under the control of the Scottish Government. A payment is available of £50 to those in receipt of school clothing grants and reference was made to the Winter Connections Fund designed to assist organisations. (Winter Connections Fund - Renfrewshire Website)</p> <p>Williamsburgh Primary School explained that they have taken in over 30 children from Ukrainian Families fleeing the war there. This gives rise to the need for warm winter clothing (hats, gloves, scarves) and there is also increasing demand for the school uniform bank organised in conjunction with the parents Council</p> <p>There is a proposal for a drop-in centre at school during parents' evenings and provision of advice on Council tax, benefits and difficulties surrounding energy. Reference was also made to their Breakfast Club which is in operation Monday to Friday from 8am until 9am</p> <p>During the session it was highlighted that Paisley Grammar School make an annual donation to the local foodbank. They also have also developed a digital app signposting to over 1000 parents/carers. The school also hosts Roar's Digital Café providing assistance with literacy and completion of online applications</p> <p>Williamsburgh Housing Association have been providing vouchers to tenants enabling them to top-up pay-as-you-go mobile phones on the O2, Virgin and 3 networks. A planter has also been installed at the foot of violet</p> <p>A lively discussion took place as to how the Community Council might contribute to these sterling efforts.</p> <p>Acknowledging that the Community Council is about due to consider its customary annual donation to Sherwood-Greenlaw Church for providing accommodation for meetings, it was moved by Jean Ramsay and seconded by Christine McLellan that for this year a donation should be made in the sum of £500. There being no dissent expressed, this was duly agreed.</p> <p>During this discussion, it was mentioned that by Cllr Clark that there is a possibility of a forthcoming merger between Sherwood-Greenlaw and St. Mark's Church in Ralston. It was agreed that the secretary make further enquiries with the Rev Murning when writing to him about the agreed donation.</p> <p>Subsequently, the discussion then centred around the challenges faced by Williamsburgh Primary School following the intake of refugee children. In recognition of the necessity to mitigate the increasing pressures on those facing hardship, it was moved by Margaret Cowie and seconded by Robert Moore that the Community Council donate the sum of £200 to assist the school's efforts in this connection with the funds to be applied at the Head Teacher's discretion to assist those pupils most in need. There being no dissent expressed, this was also duly agreed.</p> <p>As there were no representatives present at the meeting from St. John Ogilvie</p>	<p>Agreed to donate £200 to Williamsburgh Primary to help mitigate hardship</p> <p>Secretary to contact Headteacher at St John Ogilvie to find out what pressures pupils are facing due to economic climate.</p>

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<p>Primary, it was agreed that the Secretary write to their Head Teacher to find out what additional pressures the school has been facing as a result of the current economic climate and if there are any particular hardships among their pupils that need to be addressed. Subject to their response, members can look at the possibility of a financial contribution at a subsequent meeting.</p> <p>The Secretary confirmed that he would proceed accordingly and in conjunction with the Treasurer arrange for the agreed donations to be disbursed.</p> <p><i>Email from Stuart Miller Community Regeneration Co-ordinator Williamsburgh Housing Association Engage Renfrewshire's Community Mental Health & Wellbeing Fund.</i></p> <p>Email with link to the second round of the Community Mental Health & Wellbeing Fund.</p> <p>https://engagerenfrewshire.org/engage-support/community-mental-health-wellbeing-fund.html</p> <p>If any organisations have project ideas that Williamsburgh HA can support or be part of please get in touch for a chat.</p> <p><i>Cllr Neill Graham Renfrewshire Council Updated Renfrewshire Tenant Participation Strategy</i></p> <p>Cllr Graham has forwarded an email from Fraser Carlin, Head of Housing at Renfrewshire Council explaining that at the meeting of the Communities & Housing Board of 16th August 2022, an updated Renfrewshire Tenant Participation Strategy was approved for consultation.</p> <p>The document presented to the Board was developed with the full cooperation of tenant representatives and organisations over a six-month period and tenants along with a staff panel and specialist participation consultants were involved in shaping the strategy and informing its content including the Action Plan of activities that sits within the Report.</p> <p>Subsequent to the Board Meeting a further consultation took place during September via targeted emails and on-line publicity with tenant representatives and to this end no further comments were submitted</p> <p>As such, it is now the intention to refer the Document to the meeting of the Communities & Housing Policy Board on October 25th</p> <p>It is hoped that the Strategy will allow Renfrewshire Council to continue its longstanding commitment to positive tenant participation but if you have any comments on the document then they would ask that you send these to tenantparticipation@renfrewshire.gov.uk.</p>	<p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p>

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<p><i>Email from Anne McNaughton/Community Council Mailbox Renfrewshire Council Update on Tesco Grants Scheme</i></p> <p>Forwarded email from Tamara Hedderick Community Enabler, Greenspace Scotland with some more detail on a local Renfrew funding</p> <p>While applications are open to the Paisley Tesco store, there are currently more applications to this store and applicants will have to wait quite some time to hear a decision.</p> <p>Groups receive a grant of either 1st £1500; 2nd £1000 and 3rd £500 after the vote results are counted.</p> <p>This is also a great opportunity for groups to promote the good work that they do locally</p> <p>To be considered for the January - March customer vote, with awards in May 2023, please submit an application by late October.</p> <p>Awardees have a year to spend the funds so organisations can look ahead in their costings</p> <p>Applications that are unsuccessful in this selection round will await consideration for the April - May customer vote with awards in July 2023</p> <p>Grants are awarded to voluntary or community organisations, charities, schools, health bodies, Community Councils and local authorities, social housing providers. This list is not exhaustive and there are many other types of 'not-for-profit' organisations that are also funded.</p> <p>For further details follow this link Tesco Community Grants Greenspace Scotland and please do get in touch with tamara@greenspacescotland.org.uk if you have any queries as she can assist with the application process.</p>	<p>Noted</p>
<p><i>Johnstone Community Council Re-establishment/ Ferguslie Community Council – Enquiry about reconvening RCCF</i></p> <p>E-mail from Geraldine McNealy advising that Johnstone Community Council has been re-established and providing details of new officebearers etc.</p> <p>In response to that, Terry McTernan of Ferguslie Community Council had circulated a query as to when the Renfrewshire Community Council forum meetings are likely to resume. There has been no feedback in relation to this so far</p>	<p>Noted</p>
<p><i>Cllr Neill Graham Renfrewshire Council Roar's Walking Football</i></p> <p>Cllr Graham has forwarded on a flier which may be of interest to Community Council members and has been posted on the FB Page for a wider audience.</p>	<p>Noted</p>

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<p><i>Email from Stuart Miller</i> <i>Community Regeneration Co-ordinator</i> <i>Williamsburgh Housing Association</i> <i>Paisley Creature Cult</i></p> <p>Forwarded email from Kirsten Millar from arts organisation <i>Feral</i>, based in Glasgow.</p> <p>As part of this year's Paisley's Halloween Festival, theatre makers MHZ are working in Paisley to create a new promenade performance which is looking for local community members to join in. MHZ will be running three workshops (9, 16 and 23 October 3 pm-5 pm) prior to the performances (27, 28 and 29 October, 4 pm - 7.45pm).</p> <p>They are looking for organisations to help them spread the word and share this opportunity on website and socials to anyone who might be interested.</p> <p>The email goes on to explain that once in a decade, five reclusive and mythical creatures are summoned to the streets of Paisley by the mysterious Mistress of Ceremonies 'MC Empress' and her cult of devotees. Catch a glimpse of local legends including the 'Werewolf of Gilmore Street', the 'Vampire of Stanley Castle' and the 'Creature from the Blue Lagoon Centre' in Paisley Town Centre.</p> <p>MHZ are award-winning visual theatre makers and designers based in Glasgow. They will be bringing a troupe of 25 extraordinary dancers and community performers to the streets of Paisley this Halloween building on the success of their previous participatory project STRUT Seedhill. This promenade performance will be an explosion of sound, story and costume. Make sure you join in the fun!</p> <p>https://www.m-hz.co.uk/shows#/paisley-creatures-cult/</p> <p>Their publicity material has been shared on the Facebook page</p>	Noted
<p><i>Email from Anne McNaughton</i> <i>Renfrewshire Council</i> <i>Scottish Government Planning Update</i></p> <p>Email forwarding correspondence from the Improvement Service on behalf of the Scottish Government/Scottish Community Safety Network.</p> <p>In response to the pandemic, the Scottish Government had introduced several temporary legislative provisions to enable aspects of the planning system to continue operating in the context of coronavirus restrictions. Those temporary provisions ceased to apply after 30 September 2022. These are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Extensions to the duration of planning permission, listed building consent and conservation area consent (where a permission or consent would expire on or before 30 September 2022 if development is not begun, then the duration has been extended to 31 March 2023);	Noted

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<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Suspension of requirements for physical public events in pre-application consultation (PAC) requirements (see below for changes to PAC from 1 October); and• Suspension of requirements on the physical availability for inspection of Environmental Impact Assessment Reports. <p>The following regulations come into force on 1 October 2022:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Town and Country Planning (Pre-Application Consultation) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2021 (legislation.gov.uk) (The PAC Regulations)• The Planning (Scotland) Act 2019 (Commencement No. 9 and Saving and Transitional Provisions) Regulations 2022 (legislation.gov.uk) (The Commencement Regulations). <p><u>Pre-application Consultation</u></p> <p>The PAC Regulations change the PAC provisions to require:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• A minimum of two public events;• Newspaper notices in relation to each such statutory public event (and indicating where additional information can be obtained and how comments can be made to the prospective applicant);• Consultation with relevant community councils;• Feedback to be provided at the second statutory/ final public event; and• Compliance with new statutory requirements on the content of PAC report. <p>There are transitional arrangements in place covering the change from old to new PAC requirements and taking into account the temporary changes to PAC to address Coronavirus.</p> <p>The changes to PAC also introduce new exemptions from PAC requirements in certain cases, with necessary changes to the required content of PAC screening notices.</p> <p>Broadly speaking, the statutory criteria provide a PAC exemption where a proposal for essentially the same development has been through PAC before and an earlier application was then made within the previous 18 months.</p> <p><i>Cllr Neill Graham Renfrewshire Council Supporting our communities – OneRen’s Winter Programme</i></p> <p>Cllr Graham has forwarded on for information an email from Dr Victoria Hollows, Chief Executive of OneRen promoting their new Winter Programme which they hope will bring some much-needed cheer to our communities in the run up to Christmas.</p> <p>Emerging from the pandemic and working to bring people back together, many within our communities are facing the cost-of-living-crisis. OneRen facilities have always provided a warm welcome for people across</p>	<p>Noted</p>

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<p>Renfrewshire and beyond and we hope that their exciting programme that provides a range of free and low-cost activities, will be enjoyed by all.</p> <p>Their Winter Programme was going live on 6th October and are they are looking for organisations to share across networks and with constituents.</p> <p>Further information of the programme can be found at www.oneren.org/winter</p> <p><i>Dorothy Kerr</i> <i>o/b Lyall Rennie, Operations Manager</i> <i>Renfrewshire Council</i> <i>Wildflower Corridors</i></p> <p>Email sent, with an update surrounding seven wildflower areas introduced to Renfrewshire earlier this year - three wildflower corridors, two wildflower areas and two tree plantations.</p> <p>More details here can be found by following the link:</p> <p>https://storymaps.arcgis.com/stories/d1f9b798f41844d1afcdc2a11d02b8a3</p> <p>These form part of the council's commitment to improving our local environment and are supporting our ambitious climate change target of Renfrewshire becoming net-zero by 2030.</p> <p>They have seen great results with our wildflower corridors at Linwood Road and Greenock Road in Paisley, with bright, diverse vegetation coming through in the first planting.</p> <p>To maintain this for future years, and in keeping with our maintenance of these spaces, we have cut these sections to limit the plant growth of faster growing species</p> <p>This favours the growth of Scottish meadow plants over the existing amenity turf.</p> <p>They will leave the plants for a couple of weeks to allow the seeds to fall before cutting and lifting them</p> <p>While we will lose the wildflowers in the short-term, this will give the corridors the best chance of reappearing in the spring.</p> <p>Any further information can be obtained, by emailing ei@renfrewshire.gov.uk with any questions.</p>	<p>Noted</p>
<p>7. Treasurer's Report</p> <p>The Treasurer report that the balance at the bank at the end of the financial year on 31st August was £3294.55 after the agreed contribution to Renfrewshire Foodbank was debited.</p>	<p>Noted</p>

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<p>Since then, the £35.00 Fee to the Information Commissioners Office has been debited so the balance now amounts to £3259.55</p> <p>A brief discussion took place as to how some of the available funds can be applied towards projects of benefit to the local community and it was agreed to look at proposals that might come forward in the months ahead.</p>	
<p>8. Any other Business</p> <p><i>Co-option of Member</i></p> <p>Following the AGM, at the suggestion of the Secretary, Andrew McGlynn has expressed an interest in being co-opted to the Community Council.</p> <p>It was therefore agreed that this would be included as an item in the agenda for November's meeting</p> <p>The Secretary confirmed that he will arrange for the necessary formalities to be completed</p> <p><i>Kelburne Hockey Club</i></p> <p>Jean Ramsay explained that while she no longer has any direct involvement in the club, following their recent unsuccessful application for the Community Asset Transfer, representatives from Kelburne Hockey Club have indicated to her that they would welcome an opportunity to address members of the Community Council.</p> <p>Jean gave a brief overview of the club which has over 250 players, both male and female had been hoping to develop the facility to provide an appropriate playing surface locally.</p> <p>Following that, it was agreed that their representatives be invited to attend the December meeting of the Community Council.</p> <p><i>Renfrewshire Citizens Advice Bureau</i></p> <p>Cllr Clark suggested that in the new year the Community Council might be interested in hearing from a representative from Renfrewshire CAB. It was agreed that this would be of interest to members so Cllr Clark advised that he let the CAB know and no doubt someone will be in touch in due course to arrange a firm date.</p>	<p>Continued to November meeting for formal approval</p> <p>Agreed to extend invitation to Kelburn HC representatives to December meeting.</p> <p>Agreed to extend invitation to Renfrewshire CAB representatives to meeting in the new year</p>
<p>9. Date of Next Meeting</p> <p>The next meeting of the session of the Community Council is due to take place on Wednesday, 9th November at 7pm</p>	