

# PAISLEY EAST & WHITEHAUGH COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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<p>Present: Gaynor Corry; Margaret Cowie Andrew McGlynn; Christine McLellan; Robert Moore;; Andrew Ramsay; Jean Ramsay</p> <p>Attending: Councillor Graeme Clark (Renfrewshire Council); PC Paul Lynch and PC Kirsty Logue (Police Scotland – Item 2 Only); Martin Fotheringham (CEO Renfrewshire Citizen’s Advice Bureau (to end of Item 3 only)</p> <p>Apologies: John Bell; Graham Paterson; Catherine Scally; Diane Watt; Jhulia Watt; Councillors Neill Graham and John McNaughtan (Renfrewshire Council), Danny Rossiter (on behalf of the Wardens Service)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Chair: Andrew Ramsay</p>	<p style="text-align: right;"><b>Outcome/Action</b></p>
<p><b>1. Chair’s Welcome &amp; Opening Comments</b></p> <p>The Chair welcomed those present, wishing them a Happy New Year and thanked everyone for attending this first meeting of the Community Council of 2023</p>	
<p><b>2. Police Scotland</b></p> <p>The Chair the invited the officers present to address members</p> <p>PC Lynch introduced himself as a member of the local team while his colleague, PC Logue is attached to another team in the area</p> <p>He then went on give an overview of the crime reports since 9<sup>th</sup> November.</p> <p>During that period there had 12 assaults/crimes of violence with many of those occurring in the vicinity of the town centre, although there had been some associated with drunk and disorderly incidents and in domestic settings.</p> <p>There had been 5 incidents involving possession of drugs</p> <p>32 crimes of dishonesty had come to the attention of the Police; a number of which were instances of shoplifting.</p> <p>Over this period there had been 14 road traffic complaints, a number of which had involved vehicles driving off following accidents without the drivers providing their details</p> <p>In addition, there have a been a number of instances of anti-social behaviour by pupils from Paisley Grammar, particularly near the railway line leading over to Gallowhill.</p> <p>A brief discussion then took place regarding the report presented and a question was raised about enforcement of the markings for on-street</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Noted</p>

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<p>parking as some people have been parking inconsiderately in Greenlaw Avenue by ignoring the road markings.</p> <p>At the conclusion of the discussion, the chair thanked the officer for their input</p> <p><i>[PC Lynch and PC Logue left the meeting at this point.]</i></p> <p>Apologies having been submitted on behalf of the Wardens Service, it was agreed to move on to the next item on the agenda.</p>	
<p><b>3. Presentation by Martin Fotheringham, Chief Executive, Renfrewshire Citizens' Advice Bureau</b></p> <p>The Chair invited Martin Fotheringham to address members.</p> <p>Martin introduced himself as Manager of the local Bureau situated in Glasgow Road and thanked members for the opportunity to present to members.</p> <p>Renfrewshire CAB is a registered charity and has been open since 1979. It is a member of the larger CAB Scotland/Scottish Citizens Advice Network.</p> <p>Advice, guidance and information can be offered in a number of different areas, including benefits, consumer issues, immigration, workplace disputes as well as other matters.</p> <p><a href="http://renfrewshirecab.org.uk">Renfrewshire Citizens Advice Bureau   Free, impartial and confidential advice (renfrewshirecab.org.uk)</a></p> <p>Citizens Advice research shows that as many as half a million people every month in Scotland have no money left after they have paid essential costs like tax, rent/mortgage, energy bills and food.</p> <p>The extent of the financial crisis is really shocking. Experienced advisers in Renfrewshire have been saying they've never seen it quite this bad – and it looks set to get even worse - even with the proposed freeze on energy bills.</p> <p>So many people are presenting to advisers to who just have no money at all. Their income is completely wiped out by the basic payments everyone is faced with so there is nothing left for things like clothes, household items, a day out or extras for children or grandchildren or anything else.</p> <p>CAB are continuing to exceed projections for the number of people coming to them who cannot afford to top up their prepayment energy meter, and therefore can't do the basics like turning on their fridge or heating their hob</p> <p>Enquiries to CAB websites across Scotland looking for energy advice have gone from 1000 in August last year to 7000 this year. This is higher than in any of the previous winters.</p>	<p>Noted</p>

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<p>Enquiries for help regarding mortgage or rent payments have also doubled over the same period.</p> <p>Their advice to their clients remains free, confidential and completely impartial. Whatever the situation is, whether its debt or bills or anything else, their supportive, expert advisers are waiting for people facing difficulties to talk to them.</p> <p>Moreover, Martin emphasised that they don't judge; they just help and can do so in a range of ways. Locally, they have supported over 4000 people and families over the past year with 13000 issues and helped people increase their income by over £2.2 million pounds.</p> <p>Volunteers are always welcome and intensive training is provided,</p> <p>Following a brief but lively discussion, the Chair thanked Martin for coming along and his informative input to members</p> <p><i>[Martin Fotheringham left the meeting at this point]</i></p>	
<p><b>4. Minutes of Meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> December 2022</b></p> <p>The minutes of the previous meeting were proposed as an accurate record by Gaynor Corry and this was seconded by Andrew McGlynn and those were formally approved without dissent.</p>	<p>Approved</p>
<p><b>5. Business arising from Minutes of Meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> December 2022</b></p> <p><b><i>Kelburne Hockey Club – Appeal against Refusal of Community Asset Transfer Application</i></b></p> <p>The Secretary reported that as agreed at the last meeting, he has written to the six local councillors and to Cllrs Michelle Campbell and Steven Burns as the Convener and Depute Convener respectively of the Infrastructure, Land and Environment Policy Board</p> <p>Only Cllr Campbell had so far responded to say that “As the Convener, it would not be appropriate for me to express a view as we are within a due process to fully consider the appeal”, which is accepted to be entirely understandable in the circumstances.</p> <p>A copy of the representation sent to the respective Councillors on behalf of the Community Council was circulated to members prior to the meeting</p> <p><b><i>Potential Funding Application for provision of Dog Bins</i></b></p> <p>Following previous consideration of this matter, further discussion took place.</p> <p>It was suggested on reflection that perhaps bins mounted on lampposts would</p>	<p>Noted pending further developments</p>

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<p>not be ideal as those would be more difficult to empty. Standalone bins might be a more practical solution. However, it was pointed out that consent may still be required from Renfrewshire Council to have those situated on their footways.</p> <p>As the discussion developed, Cllr Clark suggested that he could speak with the appropriate officers in Environment and Infrastructure to find out if there were any resources available to improve bin provision in the Seedhill area. At the same time this would enable him to sound out the department's views on the Community Council seeking funding to augment bin provision in the area.</p> <p>At the conclusion of the discussion, it was agreed to continue matters for the time being so that Cllr Clark can provide feedback from his discussions with the officer(s) concerned.</p> <p><b><i>30mph Speed Signs on Bins in Arkleston Road*</i></b></p> <p>Following the discussion at the last meeting, given that the festive period has now passed it was proposed that this would be an opportune time to proceed with the order to <a href="http://www.smartwheelie.co.uk">http://www.smartwheelie.co.uk</a> for the stickers.</p> <p>The total cost should amount to £190 for 200 white self-adhesive weatherproof vinyl. Size: 220 x 300mm stickers. At this stage, pending processing of the order, there does not appear to be any delivery charge but that has yet to be confirmed.</p> <p>It was agreed to proceed as any delivery cost is likely to be relatively modest.</p> <p>The Secretary referred members to an email that has been received from Gerry Hannah at Renfrewshire Council. This is in response to his enquiry as to whether the department yet has developed any plans for measures to tackle speeding on the Arkleston Road-Hawkhead Road corridor.</p> <p>The officer's position is that the speed levels revealed in the last speed survey conducted do not trigger any further action at this stage. When providing a copy of the Tracsis data from the surveys he has also included the vehicle classifications to demonstrate the type of vehicles travelling in the area.</p> <p>Moreover, Mr. Hannah has highlighted that the two vehicle activated speed signs on Arkleston Road have been replaced.</p> <p>Given that when the surveys were conducted some 14 months ago there were still a fairly significant proportion of vehicles exceeding the speed limit, it was generally agreed that there is still a need for some proactive traffic management measures on the Arkleston Road/Hawkhead corridor.</p> <p>Following the discussion, it was agreed to invite Gerry Hannah to a forthcoming meeting, either in February or March to discuss matters further and explore the way forward.</p>	<p>Noted pending further developments</p> <p>Secretary to place an order to purchase 200 stickers for distribution.</p> <p>Invitation to be extended to Gerry Hannah to attend a meeting in the near future</p>

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<p>Cllr Clark suggested that he would also make his own enquiries in this connection with the officers concerned</p> <p><i>Meeting with Rebecca Livesey-Wright, Project Coordinator EVOLVE and Park Life! Community Consultation - McKerrell Street Play Park</i></p> <p>Further to his report at the previous meeting, the Chair explained that unfortunately he had been unable to participate in one of the recent walks as he had intended.</p> <p>The Secretary confirmed that he would check with Rebecca to find out if she can come along to either the February or March meeting to update members on the Park Life Project and schedule the forthcoming meetings accordingly.</p> <p><i>Brown Bin Deliveries to The Poplars, Cyril Street</i></p> <p>While unable to attend the meeting, Cllr McNaughtan has advised that he had raised this issue with officers but is still awaiting a reply. He will update the Secretary as soon as he receives a response.</p>	<p>Secretary to check availability with Rebecca to attend the February meeting.</p> <p>Noted pending further developments</p>
<p><b>6. Secretary's Report</b></p> <p><i>Email from Graeme Crawford Renfrewshire Council Causeyside Street Improvements</i></p> <p>Email from Graeme Crawford sent on behalf of Gerry Hannah, Infrastructure Transportation &amp; Change Manager</p> <p>As part of the Council's engagement with local people, they created a concept design to visualise the plans and information and a survey was issued to all stakeholders, including ward members, community councils, local partnerships and Paisley-based partners.</p> <p>Letters were delivered directly to residents and businesses received an in-person visit</p> <p>Members of the project team were also available in-person at 5 High Street on various occasions during the engagement period, while the plans were also communicated through the local media and social media</p> <p>While a large number of the responses were positive, there were also constructive points raised about the project that people perceived could be improved. It is important that they incorporated this feedback into the project and the email sets out the Council's response to a number of concerns that were raised.</p> <p>They have updated the project plans which you can be found at the following link - <a href="http://www.renfrewshire.gov.uk/CauseysideStreetImprovements">www.renfrewshire.gov.uk/CauseysideStreetImprovements</a></p>	<p>Noted</p>

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All residents and businesses on Causeyside Street will receive a letter outlining the plans and key stakeholders such as bus and taxi providers, Local Partnerships and Community Councils will also be contacted directly.

Awareness will also be raised through the local media and through the Council's social media channels.

The closing date for any comments on the final designs is Sunday 15 January 2023

***Email from Graeme Crawford  
Renfrewshire Council  
Next set of Biodiversity Areas***

Email sent on behalf of Ken Gray, StreetScene Manager

Following the successful introduction of seven biodiversity areas in Renfrewshire earlier this year, we are now engaging with the local community about the next 11 areas they plan to create

The plans form part of the council's Ren Zero campaign as we strive to reach net zero emissions in Renfrewshire by 2030. The next set of areas can be seen at [www.renfrewshire.gov.uk/biodiversity](http://www.renfrewshire.gov.uk/biodiversity).

By following the link and clicking on the respective images, information can be found regarding the specific location and the plans to transform the current site

There is a survey on the link for people to provide feedback, with a closing date for feedback of Sunday 22 January 2023.

The only local area included among the options is #16: Paisley East and Whitehaugh - Barshaw Park Verge - Biodiversity Area. (Upcoming site)

Biodiversity areas introduced earlier this year included wildflower corridors at Linwood Road, Paisley and Greenock Road, Paisley (St James), and the A726 in Erskine, wildflower areas at Glenburn Road in Paisley, Spateston Road burn in Johnstone, and two tree plantations at Freeland Drive in Inchinnan and Newark Drive/Mossneuk Drive/Nethercraigs Drive in Paisley.

They have apparently been great results so far, particularly at the wildflower corridors at Linwood Road and Greenock Road, with bright, diverse vegetation coming through in the first planting and these have been cut for the winter season to maintain and improve the growth of wildflowers as these favour the growth of the Scottish meadow plants over the existing turf.

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<p><i>Email from Anne McNaughton Renfrewshire Council The Scottish Civic Trust - My Place Awards 2023</i></p> <p>Email forwarded from Erin Burke, Scottish Civic Trust in order to raise awareness of their My Place Awards, which celebrate community-led built environment projects</p> <p>The awards celebrate community-led built environment projects. and are a great opportunity to showcase a project's success to the community, stakeholders and funders by receiving much-deserved exposure and media attention.</p> <p><a href="https://myplacescotland.org.uk/about-my-place-awards/">https://myplacescotland.org.uk/about-my-place-awards/</a></p> <p>Shortlisted entries will be celebrated at an award ceremony and receive PR support from the Scottish Civic Trust. Eligible projects include new buildings, historic buildings or monuments that have been reused or refurbished, designed public realm schemes such as street-works or parks, and designed landscapes such as gardens or public green spaces. Projects must also have been completed between 1 January 2019 and 31 December 2022.</p> <p>Community groups responsible for a built environment project can enter by filling out the My Place Awards entry form. The deadline for entries is 12 February 2023.</p>	Noted
<p><i>Email from Anne McNaughton Renfrewshire Council Free Training Courses for Community Council members</i></p> <p>There are a range of training courses available for community council members provided online via the Open University and grouped around the following four areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Digital Skills</b></li><li>• <b>Business Skills</b></li><li>• <b>Finance &amp; Fundraising</b></li><li>• <b>Community &amp; Society</b></li></ul>	Noted
<p>More information can be found at <a href="https://www.communitycouncils.scot/help-and-support/skills-andlearning">https://www.communitycouncils.scot/help-and-support/skills-andlearning</a></p> <p><i>Email from Anne McNaughton Renfrewshire Council Social Media Guide</i></p> <p>Anne has distributed a useful Social Media Guide, as circulated to members in advance of the meeting</p>	Noted

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<p><i>Email from Dorothy Kerr Renfrewshire Council TTRO – High Street, Paisley</i></p> <p>Email sent on behalf of Laura Anderson, Technician in the Traffic Section, intimating that the following Road Closure is currently underway:-</p> <p>Closure of High Street, Paisley outside no.22 (between Moss Street and New Street).</p> <p>This closure will be in place from Monday 9th January 2023 until Monday 23rd January 2023.</p> <p>Closure Reason: Water Connection Works. Alternative routes: St Mirren Street – New Street or vice versa</p> <p><i>Email from Robyn Dale Media and Communications Manager AMEY PLC A737 Works Package</i></p> <p>Email with a copy of a press notice relating to ongoing maintenance on the A737 at various locations from Monday, 9th January.</p>	<p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p>
<p><b>7. Treasurer’s Report</b></p> <p>The Treasurer reported that the balance at the bank stands at £3544.55, with only the agreed payment of £60.00 to the Secretary, as a contribution to printing costs, over the past month.</p> <p>As of now, the cheque for £200 issued to Williamsburgh Primary has still not been presented to their bank or debited to the account. The Chair advised that he would highlight this to the Headteacher at the next Caring in the Community Meeting.</p>	<p>Noted</p> <p>Chair to follow up with WPS Headteacher at next meeting.</p>
<p><b>8. Any other Business</b></p> <p><b>Flooding</b></p> <p>Gully/carrageway flooding was highlighted at the following locations</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Corner of Mill Street/Seedhill Road</li> <li>2. Glasgow Road at first parking bay just east of junction with Clarence Street (outside Subway) – mud has accumulated possibly blocking drain there.</li> <li>3. Glasgow Road approximately 40m east of above location (between Sherwood Chip Shop and Nisa Store)</li> </ol> <p>Cllr Clark noted these issues and confirmed that he would follow this up.</p> <p>On a separate issue relating to Glasgow Road, the poor level of street lighting was also highlighted</p>	<p>Cllr Clark to highlight this locations to relevant officers</p>



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<b>Housing Repairs</b>  Cllr Clark reported for information that due to a backlog that has accumulated, only emergency housing repairs are being undertaken at present	Noted
<b>9. Date of Next Meeting</b>  The next meeting of the session is due to take place on Wednesday, 8 <sup>th</sup> February at 7pm.	