

# PAISLEY EAST & WHITEHAUGH COMMUNITY COUNCIL

<p><b>MINUTES of a meeting of that was held at Sherwood-Greenlaw Church, Paisley on Wednesday, 12th December 2018 at 7.00pm.</b></p>	<p><b>12/12/18</b></p>
<p>Present: John Bell; Gaynor Corry; Elizabeth Logue; Robert Moore; Graham Paterson; Andrew Ramsay; Catherine Scally, Diane Watt</p> <p>Attending: Cllr. Jeniffer Adam-McGregor &amp; Cllr. Jim Sharkey; (Renfrewshire Council); PC Andrew Stewart and PC Alan Stevenson (Police Scotland - Item 2 only); Bob Waddell &amp; Peter Hogan (Renfrewshire Wardens Service until end of Item 3 only); Margaret Cowie (Local Resident – from Item 4 only)</p> <p>Apologies: Helen Dykes; Jean Ramsay; Jhulia Watt</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Chair: Andrew Ramsay</p>	<p><b>Outcome/Action</b></p>
<p><b>1. Opening Remarks</b></p> <p>In the absence of the Chair, Andrew Ramsay, in his capacity as Vice Chair, welcomed everyone present and thanked them for attending the final business meeting of 2018.</p>	
<p><b>2. Police Scotland</b></p> <p>PC Stewart briefly introduced himself and his colleague, PC Stevenson before providing a n overview of the crime statistics and activity in the area</p> <p>Notably during the period there had been 35 crime reports raised across the area. This breaks down to 26 in the Seedhill Area; 2 in Whitehaugh and 7 in and around Glasgow Road.</p> <p>In Seedhill, the reports related to common assaults, Breach of the Peace/Antisocial Behaviour; Possession of Drugs and an attempt to Pervert the Course of Justice.</p> <p>In Whitehaugh the offences related to an assault at the bowling club, which is still being investigated and a Road Traffic contravention</p> <p>The offences in and around Glasgow Road were largely thefts by shoplifting</p> <p>Concern was raised about some recent serious incidents at Williamsburgh Court. The advice given was that the Wardens can be called to attend to deal with relatively minor incidents of disorder. However, if it seems that there is any question of a potentially dangerous situation then the Police should be summoned via 999. It was agreed to return to the issue later in the meeting</p> <p>Following the conclusion of the discussion the Chair thanked the officers for their informative input and advice</p>	<p>Noted</p>
<p><b>3. Renfrewshire Wardens Service</b></p> <p>Bob Waddell &amp; Peter Hogan from the Wardens Service were invited to provide their report.</p>	



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the installation of a pedestrian crossing.

An e-mail in similar terms sent to Cllr Sharkey had been forwarded to the Secretary.

It was felt that sight of the full assessment report would be helpful. Cllr Sharkey agreed to obtain a copy. However, Cllr Adam-McGregor advised that she had just e-mailed Environment & Infrastructure to request that and shall forward a copy of the response once that is received

## ***Unauthorised structure at 74 Arkleston Road, Paisley***

The Secretary explained that on 20<sup>th</sup> November, Cllr Sharkey had forwarded an e-mail from Fraser Carlin, Head of Planning and Housing at Renfrewshire Council. A copy of that had been circulated to members in advance of the meeting.

Cllr Adam-McGregor then outlined the terms of an e-mail that she had received earlier in the day from Sharon Marklow, Strategy & Place Manager in Communities, Housing & Planning, a copy of which had since been forwarded to the Secretary for information. This advises that the Department had served a subsequent enforcement notice on the owner/occupier of No.74 Arkleston Road on 5<sup>th</sup> December 2018 for the erection of an unauthorised building and the unauthorised use of the building for commercial activity

A planning application for an office to the side and rear of the building (in retrospect) at No.74 Arkleston Road was received by Planning on 7<sup>th</sup> December.

The retrospective planning application is not a valid planning application. Once valid it will require to run its course.

Planning have informed the owner that the current building in situ is not acceptable and would require to be changed to fit in better with the surrounding area.

It was agreed to continue the matter pending a competent retrospective application being lodged.

## ***E-Mail from Anne McNaughton Renfrewshire Council Establishment of Local Partnerships***

Further to the report at the previous meeting, the Secretary referred members to an e-mail forwarded by Anne McNaughton from Annabelle Armstrong-Walter, Strategic Partnerships and Inequalities Manager setting out an update on the establishment of the new Local Partnership meetings, which have replaced the former Local Area Committees.

## ***Area at Advertising Hoarding between Iceland and Burgh Bar***

In the absence of the Chair, who had offered to put together an outline proposal to enhance the area front of the hoarding for which J C Decaux are responsible, it was agreed to continue this matter to the next meeting.

The Secretary took the opportunity to remind members that when embarking on schemes such as this it is vital that appropriate risk assessments are carried out and that the work is done to a satisfactory standard so not to expose the Community Council to claims for damages in respect of personal injury. An ongoing case at the Court of Session, where Connel Community Council is being sued by the relatives of a man who was seriously injured on stairs at a site they had improved in their local community, serves to reinforce the need for due

request for a copy of the assessment carried out

Continued pending submission of a competent planning application

Noted

Continued to allow Chair to produce outline proposal for submission to J C Decaux

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diligence and competent workmanship.

The ongoing litigation has recently been highlighted by Anne McNaughton to emphasise the importance of Community Councils having in place appropriate Public Liability Insurance.

It was agreed that if any works are to be carried out then, as part of the initial planning and preparation, the Secretary should check with the Brokers if the current policy covers all risks associated with projects of this nature or if an extension to the existing cover or perhaps a separate policy might be required.

## ***Accumulation of Rubbish/Debris at Seedhill Community Sports Ground & Tesco Mini-Recycling Centre***

Following the concerns raised at the previous meeting, the Secretary referred members to the following correspondence received regarding these issues.

- E-mail from Darryl Ramage at Renfrewshire Leisure explaining that they have asked Renfrewshire Council to deal with the rubbish that has accumulated at the side of their football pitch.
- E-mail from Cllr Jim Sharkey explaining that he has raised the issue of the rubbish/fly tipping with Tesco and Environment & Infrastructure at Renfrewshire Council. This was accompanied by copies of the related correspondence with the respective parties. Renfrewshire Council has agreed that to put in place arrangements to have the mini recycling centre removed. This is on the basis that the centre is clearly being abused by householders and businesses and, in any event, households in the area now have access to kerbside recycling services

Noted

## ***HGV Strategy in Renfrewshire & Related Governance Concerns***

A lively discussion took place regarding the terms of the Council's Chief Executive, Sandra Black's response to the issues raised by the Community Council.

The general consensus was that the terms of the response were less than satisfactory.

Before deciding what further steps to take in relation to the governance issue, it was agreed that the Secretary should submit a request under the *Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002* with a view to recovering a copy of the minutes of the meeting of officers within the Roads Section at which it was determined that the decision of the Council of 23rd April 2012 "to consider HGV issues across Renfrewshire with a view to establishing a Council-wide policy on the subject" should be set aside as the officers' assessment was that across the council area as a whole, HGVs did not create issues which required a standalone strategy.

Continued  
pending  
response to FoI  
request

## ***HGV Movements in Arkleston Road***

Members were referred to correspondence received from the undernoted in response to the concerns raised previously:

- *Alex Snedden at J & M Murdoch;*
- *Andrew Malcolm, Chief Executive of the Malcolm Group; and*
- *Colin Graham at Miller Developments.*

It was reported that no further feedback has been received from Yuille and Dodds despite a reminder being issued to their Training & Compliance Manager.

Continued for the  
Secretary to  
write to  
Transport  
Manager at  
Macasphalt in

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<p>Cllr Sharkey gave a commitment that during the process to formulate a new Local Transport Strategy, as referred to by the Chief Executive in her response, he will be pressing for inclusion of measures in relation to HGV movements</p> <p>During the brief discussion that followed, it was mentioned that HGVs operated by Macasphalt have been using the road frequently of late. It was agreed that the Secretary should write to the company in similar terms in the hope that they might be persuaded to co-operate by rerouting their vehicles away from Arkleston Road to roads more suited to carrying heavy vehicles</p>	<p>same terms as approach to other operators</p>
<p><b>6. Secretary's Report</b></p> <p>The Secretary referred to the following correspondence, copies of which had been circulated in advance of the meeting.</p> <p><b><i>E-mail from Mark Ruskell MSP Safer Streets 20mph Bill</i></b></p> <p>Update on progress of Bill with a link to the consultation launched by the Rural Economy and Connectivity Committee. As the Community Council remains supportive of this proposal, it was delegated to the Secretary to respond to the RECC consultation in appropriate terms</p> <p><b><i>Renfrewshire Community Council Forum [RCCF]</i></b></p> <p>Members were referred to the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Update of Baker Street Project via Anne McNaughton following the last Forum Meeting;</li> <li>• Copy of Minutes of the Forum AGM and Business Meeting that took place on 20<sup>th</sup> November 2018;</li> <li>• E-mail from Mary McElhinney with link to a <i>You Tube</i> video about Community Councils (possible recruitment resource),</li> <li>• Social Media Guide published by the Improvement Service</li> <li>• Presentation slides from the Winter Maintenance briefing delivered to Councillors on 12th November 2018.</li> <li>• <a href="https://www.gov.uk/data-protection">https://www.gov.uk/data-protection</a> - a link to the <i>gov.uk</i> information about Data Protection –guiding principles; and</li> <li>• The Data Protection Policy used by CCs in East Renfrewshire Council</li> </ul> <p><b><i>E-Mail from the Secretary of the Fair Trade Steering Group Renfrewshire Fair Trade Minutes of Previous Meeting</i></b></p> <p>Copy of minutes from last meeting of the Fair Trade Steering Group held on 24<sup>th</sup> October with intimation that the next meeting will take place at 6pm on 16th January 2019</p> <p><a href="http://www.renfrewshire.gov.uk/article/3885/Renfrewshire-Fairtrade-Steering-Group">http://www.renfrewshire.gov.uk/article/3885/Renfrewshire-Fairtrade-Steering-Group</a>).</p>	<p>Secretary to respond to RECC Consultation in appropriate terms</p> <p>Secretary to send expression of support</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p>

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<p><b>7. Treasurer's Report</b></p> <p>The Treasurer reported that the balance as per the statement issued on 23rd November 2018 stood at £4670.01 This balance reflects the credit of the annual Administration Grant amounting to £845, remitted to the account by Renfrewshire Council.</p> <p>The Secretary reported that in relation to printing costs, he has subscribed to the HP Instant Ink Service. This costs £7.99 per month allowing for 300 pages per month. In accordance with the previous arrangement to contribute to 50% of the Secretary's printing costs it was agreed, without dissent, to make a payment to the Secretary of £47.94 representing half of the anticipated cost over the next 12 months. This will afford the Community Council printing capacity of 150 sheets per month though it was agreed to review this during that period in the event that output exceeds the current threshold. The Secretary confirmed that he will also shortly submit a claim for stationery expenses although this is likely to be fairly modest.</p>	<p>Noted</p> <p>Agreed to contribute 50% of Secretary's printing costs over next 12 months</p>
<p><b>8. Any other Business</b></p> <p><b><i>Williamsburgh Court</i></b></p> <p>Following the earlier brief discussion, Diane Watt explained the problems being experienced at the building and the Tenants &amp; Residents Association's attempts to persuade Renfrewshire Council to provide a 24-hour concierge system to improve safety and security for residents</p> <p>It was mentioned that Cllr Sharkey and T&amp;RA representatives are due to meet shortly with the Director to discuss these concerns.</p> <p>It was agreed to support the residents' call for a concierge at Williamsburgh Court and that Cllr Sharkey may inform the Directorate accordingly at the forthcoming meeting</p> <p><b><i>Route from Seedhill Road to Wm Morrisons Supermarket</i></b></p> <p>Members were dismayed to hear that the street lights between the James Clark and Mile End Buildings are again inoperative, thus posing a danger to members of the Public using this route at night. This was disappointing given the efforts of Cllr Sharkey and the Community Council to have the street lighting restored some years ago.</p> <p>Concern was also raised about the condition of the path within the boundary of the store leading to the car park and the entrance as this is in a state of disrepair</p> <p>Cllr Sharkey noted these points and confirmed that he would pass appropriate details of his previous representation to Cllr Davidson, in whose ward the road and store is now located, so that she can raise these issues with Marcus Dean of Abbeymill Business Centre and the Store Manager</p>	<p>Noted pending further developments</p> <p>To be referred to Cllr Davidson to raise these issues with the respective quarters</p>
<p><b>9.. Date of Next Meeting</b></p> <p>Before closing the meeting, the Chair extended his compliments of the season and took the opportunity to remind everyone that the next meeting of the Community Council is due to take place on Wednesday, 9<sup>th</sup> January 2019 at 7pm</p>	