

# PAISLEY EAST & WHITEHAUGH COMMUNITY COUNCIL

<p><b>MINUTES of a meeting of that was held at Sherwood-Greenlaw Church, Paisley on Wednesday, 9<sup>th</sup> January 2019 at 7.00pm.</b></p>	<p><b>09/01/19</b></p>
<p>Present: Helen Dykes; John Bell; Gaynor Corry; Elizabeth Logue; Robert Moore; Graham Paterson; Andrew Ramsay; Jean Ramsay; Catherine Scally, Diane Watt</p> <p>Attending: Cllr. Jim Sharkey; (Renfrewshire Council); PC Andrew Stewart and PC Alan Stevenson (Police Scotland - Item 2 only); Brian McLaughlin and Patrick McFarlane (Renfrewshire Wardens Service until end of Item 3 only); Margaret Cowie (Local Resident – from Item 4 only)</p> <p>Apologies: Jhulia Watt; Cllr Carolann Davidson</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Chair: Helen Dykes</p>	<p><b>Outcome/Action</b></p>
<p><b>1. Opening Remarks</b></p> <p>The Chair welcomed those present to the first meeting of 2019 and wished everyone a happy and prosperous New Year.</p>	
<p><b>2. Renfrewshire Wardens Service</b></p> <p>Brian McLaughlin and Patrick McFarlane from the Wardens Service were invited to provide their report.</p> <p>Since the last meeting in December, there had been 6 reports of abandoned vehicles; 2 parking contraventions and 2 complaints concerning dog fouling,</p> <p>The campaign targeting dog-fouling has been focused of late in Seedhill, in the vicinity of McKerrell Street and Bank Street, as those are known to be hotspots.</p> <p>A discussion took place during which a question was raised about the steps that residents can be take in relation to noisy neighbours. It was explained that this can be reported to the Noise Enforcement Team via the Wardens Service (0300 300 0380 or <a href="mailto:wardens.es@renfrewshire.gov.uk">wardens.es@renfrewshire.gov.uk</a>) or directly to the Police on the '101' number</p> <p><a href="http://renfrewshire.gov.uk/noisenuisance">http://renfrewshire.gov.uk/noisenuisance</a>.</p> <p>Concern was also raised about rubbish and dog excrement accumulating at and around the children's swingpark at Arkleston Drive. This appears to have been a particular problem since the recent removal of the footbridge over the nearby railway line.</p>	<p>Noted</p>

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<p>The Chair thanked the Wardens' for their informative input</p> <p><i>[Brian McLaughlin and Patrick McFarlane left the meeting at the conclusion of this item]</i></p>	
<p><b>3. Police Scotland</b></p> <p>PC Stewart and his colleague, PC Stevenson, both of whom had attended the last meeting, were invited to deliver their report</p> <p>The officers went on to provide an overview of the crime statistics and activity in the area</p> <p>Notably during the period there had been 40 crime reports raised across the area. This breaks down to 35 in the Seedhill area and 5 in Whitehaugh.</p> <p>In Seedhill, the reports included 8 common assaults; 1 serious assault; 8 instances of disorder/Antisocial Behaviour; 6 thefts with various other offences including vandalism, forgery and housebreaking. From those complaints, which also included instances of shoplifting in the Glasgow Road area, there have so far been 16 detections</p> <p>In Whitehaugh the offences related to theft from a car; street drinking; vandalism and a Road Traffic contravention</p> <p>Following a brief discussion of the issues arising from the officers' report, the Chair thanked them for coming along and their contribution.</p> <p><i>[PC Stewart and PC Stevenson left the meeting at the conclusion of this item]</i></p>	Noted
<p><b>4.Minutes of Meeting held on Wednesday, 12<sup>th</sup> December 2018</b></p> <p>The minutes of the previous meeting were proposed as accurate by Graham Paterson and this was seconded by Catherine Scally</p>	Approved
<p><b>5.Business arising from Minutes of Meeting held on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> December 2018</b></p> <p><b>Renfrewshire Council Changes to Waste Management Strategy</b></p> <p>Concern was raised about outstanding issues arising from the roll-out of the new bin collection arrangements and the Department's slow response to issues once those are brought to their attention</p> <p>Some residents are only just getting their first bin uplift in around 4 weeks</p> <p>It was also mentioned that some residents are experiencing difficulty in contacting the Council to raise these concerns.</p> <p>The general consensus was that rolling out the new arrangements over December and the festive period was inappropriate and it is</p>	Noted

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hoped that the Department will overcome these problems sooner rather than later

## ***Proposed Development of Surplus Land at Dykebar Hospital***

Update from Fiona Robertson of StreetsUK in relation the inaugural meeting of the Neighbour Liaison Group. It is hoped to canvass all interested parties early in the New Year to sound out when would suit everyone to meet. It therefore seems likely that the Community Council's representatives, Helen Dykes and Andrew Ramsay will be contacted in the not-too-distant future

## ***Crossing at Kelburne Oval at junction with Glasgow Road***

The Secretary referred members to the discussions that had taken place at the previous meeting and went on to apologise for inadvertently misleading members regarding the content of the survey that was carried out at the locus on behalf of the local authority.

While it was previously agreed that it would be helpful to have sight of the full assessment report, it seems that there was actually more information sent to the Community Council than initially realised. It transpires that was additional data contained within tabs on the respective spreadsheets.

Given that this junction is situated in a busy shopping area, which tends to be popular with elderly residents, and on a route to three local schools, it was generally agreed that if installation of a crossing cannot be justified then other measures should be explored. Following a discussion of the issues, it was agreed to ask Renfrewshire's Council's Petitions Board to look at other ways of improving safety and allaying the perception of danger at the locus.

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

The Chair apologised, explaining that while she had offered to put together an outline proposal to enhance the area front of the hoarding, she has not yet managed to attend to that.

The matter was therefore continued to afford the Chair an opportunity to formulate a plan for submission to J C Decaux.

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

Members were referred to a copy of the request lodged with Renfrewshire Council on 17<sup>th</sup> December under the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 as agreed at December meeting, together with acknowledgment received.

The Secretary explained that the substantive response, which is due within the few weeks, will be circulated to members once received

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

The Secretary confirmed that, as agreed, he has written to Macasphalt

Noted pending further developments

Secretary to submit request for consideration by Council's Petitions Board

Continued to afford Chair an opportunity to formulate proposal

Noted

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<p>asking them to consider rerouting their vehicles away from Arkleston Road to roads more suited to carrying heavy vehicles.</p> <p>Any response received will be reported at a subsequent meeting.</p> <p>Members were also referred to a supportive article that had appeared earlier in the week in the Paisley Daily Express relating to the HGV issues affecting Arkleston Road.</p> <p><b><i>E-mail from Mark Ruskell MSP Safer Streets 20mph Bill</i></b></p> <p>The Secretary confirmed that, as agreed, he had responded to the consultation launched by the Scottish Parliament's Rural Economy and Connectivity Committee in supportive terms.</p> <p><b><i>Paisley 2021 Community Trust Baker Street Project</i></b></p> <p>Members were referred to the acknowledgment received from Gary Kerr, Chair of the Paisley 2021 Community Trust in response to the Secretary's e-mail expressing the Community's Council support for their work on the bold and ambitious Baker Street Project.</p> <p><b><i>Route from Seedhill Road to Wm Morrisons Supermarket</i></b></p> <p>In the absence of Cllr Davidson, no feedback was available on the issues raised at the previous meeting. Hopefully, information will be available by the next meeting</p>	<p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Continued pending update from Cllr Davidson</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>David Williams, Secretary Renfrewshire Community Council Forum [RCCF] RCCF Meeting in February</i></b></p> <p>E-Mail received from David Williams in his capacity as Secretary of RCCF. inviting constituent Community Councils to submit questions in relation to both the Local Development Plan and Realm Fees so that he can forward those in advance to Fraser Carlin, Head of Planning and Housing, who is due to address the next meeting of the Forum</p> <p>The Local Development Plan can be found on Renfrewshire Council's website (<a href="http://www.renfrewshire.gov.uk/article/2478/Renfrewshire-Local-Development-Plan">http://www.renfrewshire.gov.uk/article/2478/Renfrewshire-Local-Development-Plan</a>)</p> <p>After a brief discussion it was agreed to ask if Renfrewshire Council has in place a co-ordinated approach to, or policy on, the question of Realm Fees/Community Benefit.</p>	<p>Secretary to submit agreed question for Fraser Carlin per RCCF Secretary</p>

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<p>The Secretary confirmed that he would pass this to David Williams for inclusion in the questions to be put to Mr Carlin</p> <p><b><i>E-mail from PC Norman MacRae, Partnership Office Safer Communities, Renfrewshire and Inverclyde Neighbourhood Watch Schemes</i></b></p> <p>E-mail sent on behalf of Sgt Manjit Singh with link to sources of information on setting up local Neighbourhood Watch Schemes</p> <p>If there is sufficient interest, Sgt Singh can make arrangements for Neighborhood Watch to attend and provide a more detailed presentation and facilitate a question &amp; answer session. It is envisaged that such a scheme could empower our communities to become more resilient thereby reducing demand on frontline services.</p> <p><a href="https://www.neighbourhoodwatchscotland.co.uk/">https://www.neighbourhoodwatchscotland.co.uk/</a></p> <p><b><i>Overflowing Bin in Seedhill Road</i></b></p> <p>The Secretary explained that on the evening of 8<sup>th</sup> January, an image had appeared on the Community Council's Facebook page depicting a bin in Seedhill Road overflowing with bags deposited by dog owners exercising their animals in and around East End Park. This was notified straight away to Environment &amp; Infrastructure by e-mail via the dedicated Community Council mailbox. To the Department's credit, the bin was emptied and the immediately surrounding area cleaned up first thing the following morning.</p> <p>The Chair advised that she had taken a photograph of the area after it was cleaned up and has posted that on Facebook as an update.</p> <p>It was mentioned that Cllr Adam-McGregor had since e-mailed the Chair and Secretary to advise that she had also reported that and another overflowing bin to the Department</p>	<p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p>
<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 £4622.07 This balance reflects the debit of the cheque issued to the Secretary for £47.94 representing the anticipated printing cost over the next 12 months.</p> <p>A further cheque is being drawn in favour of the Secretary in the sum of £14.59 to cover stationery and that will be reflected in a future statement.</p>	<p>Noted</p>
<p><b>8. Any other Business</b></p> <p><b>Penilee Road Overbridge – Feasibility Study</b></p> <p>A question was asked about the £100,000 that was set aside by Renfrewshire Council several years ago to carry out a feasibility study looking at the possibility of strengthening the Penilee Road Overbridge.</p>	<p>Noted</p>

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<p>Cllr Sharkey confirmed that the feasibility study had been carried out and advised that he would arrange for the member who raised the issue to receive a copy.</p>	
<p><b>Community Council Website</b></p> <p>John Bell explained that while he has been curating informative items to appear on the website, he suggested that if anyone else cares to suggest relevant material or items for inclusion on the site then they should forward that to him.</p>	Noted
<p><b>W. J. &amp; W. Lang Tannery at Seedhill Road</b></p> <p>It was mentioned that recently there has been a stronger than usual stench emanating from the Tannery. It was suggested that if this persists it would be matter for the Scottish Environmental Protection Agency (SEPA) to investigate and act upon</p>	Noted
<p><b>9.. Date of Next Meeting</b></p> <p>The next meeting of the Community Council is due to take place on Wednesday, 13<sup>th</sup> February 2019 at 7pm</p>	