

# PAISLEY EAST & WHITEHAUGH COMMUNITY COUNCIL

<p><b>MINUTES of a meeting of that was held at Sherwood-Greenlaw Church, Paisley on Wednesday, 13<sup>th</sup> March 2019 at 7.00pm.</b></p>	<p><b>13/03/19</b></p>
<p>Present: Andrew Ramsay; John Bell; Gaynor Corry; Elizabeth Logue; Robert Moore; Graham Paterson; Jean Ramsay; Diane Watt</p> <p>Attending: Cllr Jeniffer Adam-McGregor; Cllr Neil Graham; Cllr John McNaughtan; (all Renfrewshire Council); Margaret Cowie; Piero Pieraccini (Local Residents); Bob Waddell; Amanda Ramsay (Renfrewshire Wardens Service until end of Item 2 only); Roslyn Woodland and Angela Hope (both Paisley Grammar Parents Council)</p> <p>Apologies: Helen Dykes; Catherine Scally; Jhulia Watt; Cllr Carolann Davidson; Cllr. Jim Sharkey (both Renfrewshire Council); Maurice Golden MSP</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 unexpected absence of the Chair, Andrew Ramsay, as Vice-Chair welcomed those present and thanked everyone for attending</p>	
<p><b>2. Renfrewshire Wardens Service</b></p> <p>The representatives from the Wardens Service were invited to provide their report.</p> <p>Amanda Ramsay provided an oversight in relation to issues tackled since the previous meeting.</p> <p>Those had included:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2 Control of Dogs complaints</li> <li>• 5 instances of flytipping</li> <li>• 1 complaint regarding youth</li> <li>• 1 noise incident</li> <li>• 3 Illegal Parking</li> <li>• 6 abandoned vehicles</li> <li>• 6 complaints re of dog fouling with one fixed Penalty imposed</li> </ul> <p>During the period there had been 45 foot patrols complemented by vehicle patrols around the area</p> <p>The DVSA have also been in the area as part of their routine enforcement patrols, resulting in one car being clamped.</p> <p>During the ensuing discussion, concerns were raised about dog fouling at and around Kelburne Oval; youths at Williamsburgh Court climbing onto parts of the building and further instances of graffiti at</p>	<p>Noted</p>

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<p>various locations around the area.</p> <p>The Chair thanked Ms Ramsay and Mr Waddell for their report</p> <p><i>[Amanda Ramsay and Bob Waddell left the meeting at the conclusion of this item]</i></p>	
<p><b>3. Minutes of Meeting held on Wednesday, 13<sup>th</sup> February 2019</b></p> <p>Due to a typographical error, the previous minute had erroneously referred to the meeting having taken place on 12<sup>th</sup> February rather than 13<sup>th</sup> February.</p> <p>In the sederunt, PC Laura Wylie's name had been inadvertently omitted</p> <p>Subject to incorporation of those amendments, the minutes of the previous meeting were proposed as accurate by Graham Paterson and this was seconded by Gaynor Corry</p>	<p>Approved subject to corrections</p>
<p><b>4. Co-option of Member</b></p> <p>As intimated at the previous meeting, Robert Moore formally moved that Margaret Cowie be co-opted as a member of the Community Council until the next round of Community Council elections.</p> <p>This was seconded by Graham Paterson</p> <p>There being no opposition expressed to this proposal, that was carried and Margaret Cowie was duly co-opted to serve as a member of the Community Council until the next round of Community Council elections.</p> <p>On behalf of the Community Council, the Vice-Chair welcomed Margaret as a member</p> <p>The Secretary provided Margaret with the relevant form for completion, together with a copy of the Code of Conduct. Once returned that will be duly lodged with Anne McNaughton for verification</p>	<p>Co-option approved</p>
<p><b>5. Business arising from Minutes of Meeting held on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2019</b></p> <p><b><i>Proposed Development of Surplus Land at Dykebar Hospital</i></b></p> <p>The Secretary intimated that Teri Porter from CBRE has suggested that they and the consortium representative(s) come along to the April meeting as they are still in the process of finalising some of their technical studies.</p> <p>Andrew Ramsay then provided a brief report from the inaugural meeting of the Neighbourhood Liaison Group. He explained that the main purpose of this initial meeting was to set the remit and</p>	<p>Noted</p>

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parameters for the Liaison Group, which will afford participants an opportunity to raise concerns

Of note, there were no representatives present from the Local Authority with whom concerns over pressures on existing infrastructure and services could be raised

Another major concern about the proposed development is the lack of any retail units, which is somewhat disappointing as the nearest local shop is located at Lochfield Road

The next meeting had been due to take place on 19<sup>th</sup> March but that has been postponed and will now likely take place the following week though that has yet to be confirmed.

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

The Secretary referred members to the copy of the formal submission lodged with the Council's Petitions Board regarding this issue.

Noted

A further report should hopefully be available by the next meeting

## ***Footway Defect at East Lane/Reporting Issue***

Members were referred to copies of the e-mails that had passed between the Secretary and Environment & Infrastructure at Renfrewshire Council regarding this issue.

While it had come to light that the locus of the defect is on a stretch of unadopted pavement, the Secretary had asked that the department consider effecting a repair in the interests of safety, as they have powers to do so in terms of the relevant legislation. A repair was subsequently carried out,

Noted

Members were also referred to an e-mail from Cllr Sharkey with a copy of an acknowledgment received to his enquiry to the Chief Executive. This enquiry was in relation to concerns expressed that issues raised via the dedicated Community Council mailbox were not being afforded appropriate attention. This is being investigated by Sandra Black's Executive Assistant and hopefully an update will be available by the next meeting

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

Following discussions at previous meetings, the Secretary reported that following contact with JC Decaux, the area in question had been tidied up within a matter of days

Noted

Following completion of the work, a photograph had been sent by the company to demonstrate the action that had been taken

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

Members were referred to an e-mail received from Steven McDougall Transport Manager at Macasphalt. In his response, Mr McDougall

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<p>confirms that their HGV drivers have been told not to use Arkleston Road. He adds that having checked the tracker system on all their HGVs, none appear to have used the route for some time and the only vehicles that still do so are their company vans and cars.</p>	<p>Noted</p>
<p><b><i>Lack of lighting on route from Seedhill Road to Morrisons Supermarket and deteriorating condition of internal path leading to store.</i></b></p>	
<p>The Secretary explained that when Cllr Sharkey had tendered his apologies, shortly before the meeting, he had mentioned that he has been in touch with Morrisons, as a result of which their representative has undertaken to deal with the concerns raised about the condition of the path.</p>	<p>Noted pending further feedback re lighting</p>
<p>Hopefully by the next meeting there will be an update in relation to the lighting issues on the route leading to the store and the Sir James Clark Building, which is the responsibility of Abbeymill Business Centre.</p>	
<p><b><i>Unauthorised Structure at 74 Arkleston Road, Paisley</i></b></p>	
<p>The Secretary recapped briefly on developments since the previous meeting and referred members to the copy of the objection that he had been lodged in relation to the retrospective planning application on behalf of the Community Council. The representation is somewhat briefer than the draft previously circulated for approval as the online system only allows a limited number of characters. Accordingly, the narrative had to be condensed to some extent.</p>	<p>Noted</p>
<p><b><i>HGV Strategy in Renfrewshire &amp; Related Governance Concerns</i></b></p>	
<p>Members were referred to a copy of the response received from Allison Black, Managing Solicitor (DPO), Legal &amp; Democratic Services following consideration to the Requirement for Review that was lodged on 20<sup>th</sup> January</p>	
<p>Under section 21(4)(b) of the 2002 Act, the Managing Solicitor has replaced the decision with her own, as she agrees that the Council's initial response does not fully address the specific question set out in the Community Council's Initial Request. Additional, more pertinent documents were disclosed with this response.</p>	<p>Noted</p>
<p>Following a lively discussion about how to progress this issue, given that members remain of the view that there have been failures in governance, it was decided to extend an invitation to both the current Leader of the Council, Cllr Ian Nicolson and the Council's Chief Executive, Sandra Black, to come along to the June meeting of the Community Council to address these concerns</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>	

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## **E-Mail from Anne McNaughton**

### **Renfrewshire Council**

#### **Social Media Accounts/Political Neutrality**

E-mail reminding Community Councils that their social media accounts must not be used (collectively or by individual members) to engage in Party political debate

Concerns have been raised by members of the public and politicians over the content of some Community Councils' social media accounts.

*Community Councils are reminded that they should not endorse any political Party or the activities of any political Party. □ Community Councils should not show bias for or against any political Party. □ in this sense, Community Council social media accounts should not display content from political parties and should not be used to comment on, subscribe to, follow, like, display, forward etc any Party-political postings □ Community Council social media accounts should be used to promote inclusivity and present a positive image.*

Noted

The Secretary advised members that, having checked with Anne McNaughton, it appears that the complaints received do not relate to any content on this Community Council's Facebook Page. Nonetheless, a post that had appeared on the page, which could be deemed to be in breach of this guidance, has since been taken down.

## **Strathclyde Partnership for Transport (SPT)**

### **Regional Transport Strategy for the Strathclyde area**

Approach from SPT asking Community Councils to publicise their survey to help shape the, new Regional Transport Strategy.

This had been publicised via the Community Council's Facebook Page

The Secretary added that Dorothy Kerr Service Coordination Manager at Renfrewshire Council's Environment & Infrastructure has also sent a digital copy of the public survey which can be printed off and completed

Noted

Further details can be found at <http://www.spt.co.uk/2019/02/public-survey-launched-for-new-regional-transport-strategy-2/>

## **E-Mail from Sgt Stevie Airlie**

### **Community Policing Team – K Division**

#### **Police Survey – Community Input**

Police Scotland want to hear from the public and their partners about how they shape the service that they provide

The consultation, which is open until 18<sup>th</sup> March, can be found here:

<https://consult.scotland.police.uk/consultation/2019shape>

Noted

As part of their ongoing engagement, Police Scotland are looking for

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opinions from people across Scotland on their proposed outcomes, their approach, and how people want to be involved in working with them to continue to shape future services. They also keen to hear the public's views to help shape future strategies in relation to prevention and public contact and engagement.

Public opinions will help Police Scotland to make sure that their plan fits with expectations and enables continued collaboration, and that we identify any areas of the plan that require to be amended or strengthened.

The plan is due to be laid before the Scottish Parliament by the end of March.

***E-mail from Mark Hughes Senior Regeneration Officer  
Chief Executive's Service, Renfrewshire Council  
Invite to Public Consultation Event – 14<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> March***

Renfrewshire Council is currently working on a major programme of investment in Paisley town centre and its venues – aimed at driving new footfall and visitors to the town, making the most of our unique heritage, and creating attractive conditions for private sector investment.

As part of that, a £10m budget has been set aside to transform key outdoor spaces and road junctions in and around the town centre – to bring new life to the town and improve road safety. Accordingly, they would like to hear views on how these public spaces and junctions can be improved to make the town better for everyone.

As such they will be holding open public consultation events on the 14<sup>th</sup> March (13.00-19.00) and Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> (9.30-12.30) at 5 High Street, Paisley Town Centre, which members can attend, if convenient.

***E-Mail from Anne McNaughton  
Renfrewshire Council  
Further Revision of the Scheme for Establishment of Community  
Councils***

In September 2018, the Council published a Draft Scheme setting out a range of proposals to change the Scheme for the Establishment of Community Councils (2015). Amongst other things, these proposals included the introduction of a Community Council Complaints Procedure & Guidance and we asked for your views on this and all the other proposals by the end of November 2018.

At the Special Council meeting on 28 February 2019, feedback was considered and, in view of the responses received, the Council has agreed to make some further changes and to undertake another round of public consultation to find out what community councils and any other interested parties think about these new proposals.

Noted

Noted pending  
further  
developments

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The main changes this time are the removal of the original proposal to introduce a Complaints Procedure and the introduction of a new proposal to permit candidates for election or co-option to self-nominate; effectively removing the need for each candidate to be proposed and seconded by other residents – this change mirrors what happens at local government elections. We hope this particular change will help attract members by making it easier to join.

The Amended Draft Scheme highlighting all the new proposals is available on the Have Your Say page on the Council's website – where you can also find more information about this public consultation:

<http://www.renfrewshire.gov.uk/article/8688/Review-of-the-Scheme-for-the-Establishment-of-Community-Councils-Public-Consultation---Phase-2>

Community Councils now invited to comment on the new proposals in the Amended Draft Scheme by no later than Friday, 19 April 2019

***E-Mail from Anne McNaughton  
Renfrewshire Council  
Access to Banks in Scotland***

Forwarded e-mail from the Improvement Service advising that the Scottish Affairs Committee at Westminster wants to hear from the public regarding their experiences of accessing financial services in Scotland.

Noted

The Committee is examining how access to financial services in Scotland has changed since last year, and what impact ATM and bank closures have had on rural communities.

The deadline for submissions is Monday, 25<sup>th</sup> March 2019.

***E-Mail from Anne McNaughton  
Renfrewshire Council  
Statutory Review of Polling Districts & Polling Places***

Information regarding the Statutory Review of Polling Districts & Polling Places.

Noted

Responses to this consultation must be submitted by no later than Wednesday, 1 May 2019.

***E-Mails from Anne McNaughton & Community Planning Team  
Renfrewshire Council  
Local Partnerships***

In her e-mail, Anne McNaughton explains that the minute of the proceedings at the recent Forum meeting will be available soon.

In the meantime, given the urgency of a discussion surrounding Local Partnerships, Anne has sent a copy of the report approved by

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Renfrewshire Council at its meeting on 27 September 2018, which had established the Local Partnerships. Appendices to the document set out the Local Partnership Terms of Reference and Standing Orders, which may go some way to answering the questions that had been raised.

The Forum agreed that each Community Council be asked to email the Forum Chairperson to advise of any concerns about the operation of Local Partnerships and their experiences thus far.

Noted

On a separate but related topic, members were referred to an e-mail received from Community Planning, setting out an overview of Local Partnerships and Local Partnership Grant Funding.

***E-Mail from Aimie Aimie  
Introducing Scotland's New Community Platform***

Information about the launch of FROG a new national platform that aims to signpost citizens in every community including Renfrewshire to the services, help, support, events and attractions that are local to them.

FROG was developed in partnership between Stirling Council and Glasgow based Frog Systems as a tool to tackle multiple health and social issues including reducing loneliness, isolation, and encourage citizens to lead healthier lifestyles.

Community groups are the life blood of any local area and yet many without funding or marketing skills struggle for visibility in their area.

Noted

FROG offers a simple but extremely effective solution to this problem. Every Community group or organisation across Scotland- can upload a listing onto FROG for free.

***E-mail from Cameron MacFarlane ALISS Programme –  
Community Engagement Manager  
Health and Social Care Alliance Scotland  
ALISS (A Local Information System for Scotland) Community  
Roadshow***

Information regarding ALISS (A Local Information System for Scotland) Roadshow event in Renfrewshire on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2019

Noted

***E-mail from Dr David Williams  
Secretary. Renfrewshire Community Council Forum  
RCCF Meeting – Developer Contributions***

E-Mail explaining that John McEvoy of Houston Community Council has reached out to every Council in Scotland seeking information on their Public Realm and Developer Contributions. There appears to be variances from authority to authority.

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The key points highlighted were

*Community Councils may not be consulted on Developer Contributions. However, Community Councils can input in to the Local Development Plan. □ Developer Contributions are often detailed in the Supplementary Guidance annexe of the Local Development Plan. □ Developer Contributions must link directly to the development from where the contribution comes. □ Developer Contributions can involve the signing of legal contracts. This is done before planning applications are approved. □ Not all developer contributions are received. They can be phased over the period of a project especially depending on cash flow.*

Noted

Cllr McNaughtan confirmed that Renfrewshire Council's position can be found in the Local Development Plan

***E-mail from Alan Crawford  
Strategic Support Co-ordinator  
Home Energy Scotland***

E-mail to introduce Home Energy Scotland, with a view to exploring the possibility of working with us to enable residents and constituents alike to benefit from our service.

Funded by Scottish Government and managed by Energy Saving Trust, Home Energy Scotland is the free, impartial energy advice and information service that is an integral part of Scottish Government's approach to tackling fuel poverty in Scotland.

Noted

The service aims to help householders, irrespective of affluence or tenure, reduce their energy bills and make their homes warmer, not least as the link between cold, damp homes and health and wellbeing is well documented.

***E-Mail from Anne McNaughton  
Renfrewshire Council  
Renfrewshire Council Budget 2019-2020***

E-mail accompanied by copy of internal staff briefing on the newly approved Council budget for 2019/2020 to help Community Councils understand its impact.

Noted

Cllr McNaughtan spoke briefly about the budget measures and the Council's investment plans during the upcoming financial year and beyond

***E-mail from Valerie Wright  
Williamsburgh Parent Council  
Fundraising for Trim Trail Repair***

E-mail on behalf of Williamsburgh Primary School Parent Council to request that the Community Council consider donating to their current playground fundraising campaign. Their initial objective is to repair and reinstate the Trim Trail which is situated in the main

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<p>playground.</p> <p>During a brief discussion, concern was expressed about who should be responsible for the upkeep of the equipment, the condition of which appears to have deteriorated through lack of maintenance.</p> <p>Cllr Adam-McGregor advised that she make enquiries via Renfrewshire Council to ascertain if there might be funding available to assist with the reinstatement of the equipment.</p>	<p>Continued pending further feedback re potential funding sources</p>
<p><b>7. Treasurer's Report</b></p> <p>The Treasurer reported that as there have been no transactions since the previous statement on 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2019, the balance at the bank stands at £4607.48.</p>	<p>Noted</p>
<p><b>8.. Date of Next Meeting</b></p> <p>The next meeting of the Community Council is due to take place on Wednesday, 10<sup>th</sup> April 2019 at 7pm</p>	