

PAISLEY EAST & WHITEHAUGH COMMUNITY COUNCIL

<p>MINUTES of a meeting of that was held at Sherwood-Greenlaw Church, Paisley on Wednesday, 13th November 2019 at 7.00pm.</p>	<p>13/11/19</p>
<p>Present: John Bell; Gaynor Corry; Margaret Cowie; Robert Moore; Graham Paterson; Andrew Ramsay; Jean Ramsay</p> <p>Attending :Cllr Jim Sharkey & Cllr John McNaughtan (both Renfrewshire Council); Grace Paterson; George Corbett and Tom McFadden (Local Residents);Roslyn Woodland (Paisley Grammar Parent Council)</p> <p>Apologies: Catherine Scally; Diane Watt; Jhulia Watt; Cllr Jeniffer Adam-McGregor; Cllr Neill Graham; Cllr Iain Nicolson (all Renfrewshire Council)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Chair: Andrew Ramsay</p>	<p>Outcome/Action</p>
<p>1. Opening Remarks</p> <p>The Chair, Andrew Ramsay, welcomed those present and thanked everyone for attending.</p> <p>Before proceeding to the business of the meeting, the Chair intimated a late change to the agenda, insofar as earlier that day Councillor Nicolson's Secretary had intimated that he would not be able to attend after all and had sent his apologies. Members expressed disappointment and frustration at this news given that Councillor Nicolson had accepted the invitation at the start of October. The Secretary explained that having spoken with the Leader's Secretary, it seems that another pressing engagement had arisen at short notice. However, a further date is to be agreed early in the New Year.</p> <p>Councillor McNaughtan advised that he would convey to the Council Leader the Community Council's dismay at his failure to attend</p> <p>It was also pointed out that this meeting with Councillor Nicolson was originally mooted back in April. The meeting has now been pushed back until next year. Following discussion, it was agreed that a further invitation should be extended to Councillor Nicolson to the meeting on Wednesday 12th February. If it seems that Councillor Nicolson is unwilling to attend on that occasion, it was agreed to explore possible routes to bring the Community Council's concerns surrounding governance into the public domain.</p>	<p>Secretary to write to Cllr Nicolson in appropriate terms</p>
<p>2. Minutes of Meeting held on Wednesday, 9th October 2019</p> <p>On page 1, in relation to approval of the previous minutes of 11th September, the record should have read that those had only been seconded by Jean Ramsay</p>	<p>Approved</p>

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<p>Subject to inclusion of that amendment, the minutes of the previous meeting were proposed as an accurate record by Graham Paterson and this was seconded by John Bell</p>	
<p>3. Business arising from Minutes of Meeting held on Wednesday 9th October 2019</p> <p><i>Proposed development on surplus land at Dykebar Hospital (“Thornly Park Village”) & concerns over the impact on Services, Infrastructure.</i></p> <p>Members were referred to copies of correspondence that had been circulated in advance of the meeting as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Copy of representations submitted to Fraser Carlin, Head of Planning and Housing as agreed at last meeting – response still awaited at this time • Copy of response received from Joe Theodore, Hawkhead and Lochfield Community Council advising that they share the same concerns regarding extensive housing developments in the locality as well as the undermining of the green spaces. Moreover, they have made a submission to Renfrewshire Council for the need for expanding and upgrading infrastructure • Copy of e-mail sent by Secretary to office bearers with a copy of Facebook messages that have passed between him and Jennifer Reid of “<i>Lungs of Paisley Residents Association</i>” • Copy of draft report prepared by <i>Lungs of Paisley Residents Association</i> regarding Thornly Park Village on surplus NHS Land at Dykebar Hospital and UWS Development at Thornly Park, together with Scottish Planning Policy guidance issued by the Scottish Government. <p>Following a brief discussion, while acknowledging that the objectives and priorities of <i>Lungs of Paisley Residents Association</i> diverge from those of the Community Council, it was agreed that it might still be useful to meet with them, as has been suggested by their Secretary. To this end, it was agreed to invite a few representatives from their committee to attend the Community Council meeting in December.</p> <p><i>HGV Strategy in Renfrewshire & Related Governance Concerns</i></p> <p>In the absence of Councillor Nicolson, further consideration was continued pending his response to the further invitation to be extended to him</p> <p><i>HGV Movements/Traffic Management in Arkleston Road</i></p> <p>The Secretary referred members to a response received from Mark Higginbotham, Development Manager in Environment & Infrastructure at Renfrewshire Council, following representations made about the effectiveness of the speed bumps since the road has been resurfaced</p> <p>In his response, Mr Higginbotham had the resurfacing works had afforded an opportunity to revise the steepness of the ramps on the speed humps to match current design standards. which aim to minimise the</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Noted</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Noted</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Secretary to extend an invitation to representative(s) from Lungs of Paisley Residents Association to attend December meeting</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Continued pending response from Cllr Nicolson</p>

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noise created by larger vehicles and hence the impact on roadside residents. Most alternative types of traffic calming to speed cushions are difficult to insert into an already built road with junctions, parking spaces and driveways taking up most of the available space. However, given the Community Council's request, the Department will begin looking into what may be possible

The decision to provide or change traffic calming is based on a number of tests including most importantly the accident record, and vehicle speeds. Any speed surveys they hold will be from before the resurfacing works so their first task will be to survey current traffic speeds. This will allow them to understand the current situation following the resurfacing works.

Accordingly, they intend to commission a speed survey and shall revert back to the Community Council once the results are available.

It was mentioned that recently strips have been put down on the road surface to monitor the speed of traffic.

Moreover, in recent weeks, since the road was resurfaced, there have been two RTAs on the street.

Following discussion, it was agreed to continue consideration of this matter pending further feedback from Environment & Infrastructure.

Meanwhile, Councillor Sharkey advised that he has ascertained that during the period over which the road had been closed for resurfacing works there had been no complaints from residents elsewhere about traffic being displaced to their streets.

Former Whitehaugh Barracks

John Bell advised he had attended the meeting organised by Paisley Opera to discuss their bid to acquire the barracks. The proposed building survey has yet to take place and a further meeting is being organised early in the New Year,

John also mentioned that the Army had a presence at the meeting as they are looking at taking over part of the premises, though not the building that Paisley Opera is looking to acquire

As John hopes to attend the next meeting, he confirmed that he would report back thereafter

Richard Weeks

Renfrewshire Leisure

Arts Related Community Development

Subject to availability of representative from *Lungs of Paisley Residents Association* to attend the meeting in December, it was agreed to extend an invitation to Mr Weeks to come along to the January meeting.

Noted pending further feedback

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Invitation to be extended to January meeting once position is clarified

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<p><i>Tree Planting Scheme</i></p> <p>In the absence of Diane Watt, no further information was available regarding the Tree Planting Scheme that she had mentioned at the last meeting.</p> <p>Jean Ramsay explained that she had taken an opportunity to sound out Provost Lorraine Cameron about a parallel scheme in which celebrities visiting the town could be asked to plant a tree. However, it was pointed out that while, from time to time, there are appearances by celebrities who have a local connection, those visits are often impromptu so this would make it difficult to make any firm arrangements for tree planting ceremonies.</p> <p><i>Refurbishment Works to Homes in Whitehaugh</i></p> <p>Concerns were again expressed regarding the apparent lack of co-ordination and progress in relation to the refurbishment works and also the amount of debris and litter being left strewn across the area by their employees and/or sub-contractors.</p> <p>The Secretary reported that, a woman, understood to be one of the Directors of the contractors, Pro-cast, had called him before 9am on 18th October, Unfortunately, given the circumstances at the time he had not managed to note her details but she had, in any event, promised to e-mail him with contact details so that any specific issues could be highlighted for her attention. Despite texting back to that number on more than one occasion, to remind her to send the promised e-mail, that has not been forthcoming.</p> <p>However, the Secretary went on to explain that on the basis of their discussion, he had left with left under the impression that Pro-Cast were keen to engage with community representatives in the areas where they are working with a view to resolving any issues. There seemed to be some acknowledgment that there had been problems in Whitehaugh, giving rise to the departure of some personnel.</p> <p>Following discussion, it was agreed that apart from trying to engage again with Pro-cast regarding these issues, the Community Council should draw these concerns to the attention of Renfrewshire Council as they had commissioned the works. Councillor Sharkey confirmed that he would pass to the Secretary the name of the officer overseeing the project.</p>	<p>Continued pending further feedback</p> <p>Secretary to contact the Contractors and Council Officer overseeing works – continued pending response</p>
<p>4. Secretary's Report</p> <p>The Secretary referred to the following correspondence; copies of which had been circulated in advance of the meeting.</p> <p><i>E-Mail from Anne McNaughton Renfrewshire Council AGM / Annual Accounts</i></p> <p>E-mail from Anne McNaughton with a copy of the signed constitution and Standing Orders</p>	

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In her e-mail, Anne also goes on to explain that at the meeting of Renfrewshire Council on 26th September, a new Scheme for the Establishment of Community Councils (2019) was approved. As this document sets out the provisions Renfrewshire Council makes to support Community Councils and details what Community Councils must do to be recognised as a statutory body, all members should make themselves familiar with its content. Anne will send all members a copy of the Scheme by post in due course, but meanwhile a copy is available online at:-

<http://www.renfrewshire.gov.uk/article/2577/Paisley-East-and-Whitehaugh-Community-Council>

Proposal to Establish a Dedicated Community Council E-mail Address

The Secretary explained that in light of problems that he had encountered with his personal e-mail address on MS Outlook, he has been forced to set up an alternative address for Community Council correspondence

This is currently set up as PEWCC2020@outlook.com but as John Bell has suggested that it might be possible to set up an e-mail address(es) using the website domain, it was agreed that he should liaise with the Secretary with a view to finding a workable solution.

E-Mail from Anne McNaughton

Renfrewshire Council

'Present Voices, Future Lives' Housing Exhibition

The Scottish Government is committed to plan together with stakeholders for how our homes and communities should look and feel by 2040. To support the Scottish Government's wider engagement on the future of housing in Scotland, a travelling exhibition - curated and designed by Edinburgh University's School of Architecture and Landscape Architecture (ESALA) and Collective Architecture - will be visiting 12 locations across Scotland between 4 November and 16 December.

Further information on the exhibition can be found at <https://www.ads.org.uk/ht2040exhibition/>, or contact the Housing to 2040 team at Housing2040@gov.scot.

E-mail from Provost Lorraine Cameron

Provost's Community Awards 2019/20

E-mail from the Provost, Councillor Lorraine Cameron accompanied by a letter setting out the award categories and how to nominate prospective recipients accompanied by supporting publicity material. Any nominations must be submitted prior to the deadline of Friday 6th December

Noted

Noted pending further feedback.

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<p><i>E-mail from Connie Lamb Licensing Section, Renfrewshire Council Liquor - Premises Licence - 2005 Act Variation (Major) : Burgh Bar, 64 Glasgow Road, Paisley.</i></p> <p>E-mail seeking representations regarding an application that has been lodged for variation of their Premises License to allow 11am opening on a Sunday.</p>	<p>Noted</p>
<p>5. Treasurer's Report</p> <p>The Treasurer reported that there appears to be no change to the balance reported in the annual accounts tabled at the AGM, which currently stands at £4324.51.</p> <p>The Secretary mentioned that as the annual Administration Allowance had been due to be credited to the account in October, he would check with Anne McNaughton that this had been processed and liaise with the Treasurer.</p> <p>The Secretary also reported that he has managed to obtain forms from the Bank of Scotland to amend and update the mandate for operation of the bank account. The relevant office-bearers will now liaise to ensure that the forms are completed for submission to the bank.</p>	<p>Noted</p> <p>Noted pending further feedback</p>
<p>6. Any other business</p> <p>Cycling Safety on Arkleston Road/ Hawkhead Road Corridor</p> <p>Tom McFadden was invited to address the meeting following previous discussions regarding this issue</p> <p>Mr McFadden reminded members that the junction of Arkleston Road/Hawkhead Road/ Glasgow Road remains the most dangerous in Scotland for cyclists. This is due to the road markings on the southbound approach along Arkleston Road. As drivers approach the junction, they do not see the road markings which indicate that they need to be in the 'inside lane' to pass through onto Hawkhead Road until they are almost on the junction. Since resurfacing, the new markings are even closer to the junction than the old ones. The result of this is that drivers often change lanes at the last second as they approach the junction.</p> <p>While the new cycle lanes on Hawkhead Road are a welcome and helpful development, cars are sometimes parked on the lane, so it would be safer if steps were taken to prohibit this.</p> <p>It is noted, however, that the hazardous section of Hawkhead Road, i.e. over the railway bridge and through the mini roundabout, remains unchanged.</p> <p>It was also pointed out that there is nothing to indicate the intended purpose of the "Cyclist Safety Boxes" at all four entrances to the junction. Consequently, cars all too regularly stop on the boxes, preventing</p>	<p>Noted pending further feedback</p>

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<p>cyclists from using those; thereby potentially forcing them to stop in places that render them more vulnerable.</p> <p>Following a brief discussion, it was agreed to continue consideration of these issues pending further feedback from Mr McFadden.</p> <p>Dog Fouling/ Litter/Graffiti in Whitehaugh</p> <p>Concerns were expressed about the scale of dog fouling and litter strewn in and around Greenlaw Gardens and Arkleston Drive. The litter tends to be fast food wrappings which have been discarded; particularly around the approach to the railway footbridge.</p> <p>There also appears to have been a recent outbreak of graffiti on street furniture in this locality.</p> <p>At the same time, an increased incidence of dog-fouling in Barshaw Drive was highlighted; albeit that is to a lesser extent than around Greenlaw Gardens/Arkleston Drive.</p> <p>The Secretary confirmed that he would arise these issues with the Wardens Service and also ask Environment and Infrastructure to organise appropriate clean-ups</p>	<p>Secretary to contact Wardens Service and Environment & Infrastructure - continued pending response</p>
<p>7. Date of Next Meeting</p> <p>The next meeting of the Community Council, is due to take place on Wednesday, 11th December 2019 at 7pm.</p>	