

PAISLEY EAST & WHITEHAUGH COMMUNITY COUNCIL

<p>MINUTES of a meeting of that was held at Sherwood-Greenlaw Church, Paisley on Wednesday, 8th January 2020 at 7.00pm.</p>	<p>08/01/20</p>
<p>Present: John Bell; Cameron Connie; Gaynor Corry; Margaret Cowie; Robert Moore; Graham Paterson; Andrew Ramsay; Jean Ramsay; Diane Watt</p> <p>Attending George Corbett (Local Resident); Richard Wells (Renfrewshire Leisure)</p> <p>Apologies: Catherine Scally; Jhulia Watt; Cllr Jim Sharkey & Cllr Jeniffer Adam-McGregor; (both Renfrewshire Council);</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Chair: Andrew Ramsay</p>	<p>Outcome/Action</p>
<p>1. Opening Remarks</p> <p>The Chair welcomed those present and thanked everyone for attending the first meeting of 2020 and the new decade.</p>	
<p>2. Richard Wells, Renfrewshire Leisure Arts Related Community Development in Paisley East</p> <p>The Chair invited Richard Wells to address the meeting</p> <p>Richard briefly introduced himself and outlined the work that he had initiated in the area, explaining that £50,000 funding had been made available over three years for arts and leisure projects in Seedhill. Similar funding allocations had also been made to Gallowhill, Glenburn and Foxbar</p> <p>Having consulted with local organisations, it had been decided to initially concentrate on attempting to support regeneration attempts starting with better community utilisation of the small park in McKerrell Street.</p> <p>In conjunction with various partners including Williamsburgh Housing Association, Paisley Grammar School, Rig Arts, Steel Rings After-School Care and SUGaR, several, well-attended successful events have already taken place at the park in recent months, which has largely been overlooked and redundant over many years,</p> <p>Another event is currently being planned for the Spring</p> <p>It was pointed out that while it is feasible get local projects underway, those are only sustainable in the longer term if supported by members of the local community.</p> <p>A brief discussion took place following Richard's overview.</p>	<p>Noted</p>

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<p>Following conclusion of that discussion, the chair thanked Richard Wells for his informative input</p> <p>[Richard Wells left the meeting at this point]</p>	
<p>3 Minutes of Meeting held on Wednesday, 11th December 2019</p> <p>The minutes of the previous meeting were proposed as an accurate record by Diane Wat and this was seconded by Margaret Cowie</p>	<p>Approved</p>
<p>4. Business arising from Minutes of Meeting held on Wednesday 11th December 2019</p> <p><i>Invitation extended to Cllr Nicolson, Leader of Renfrewshire Council re Governance Concerns surrounding the proposed HGV Strategy in Renfrewshire</i></p> <p>In anticipation of Councillor Nicolson's attendance at the February meeting, a brief discussion took place regarding the concerns to be broached with him at that time.</p> <p><i>Proposed development on surplus land at Dykebar Hospital ("Thornly Park Village") & concerns over the impact on Services, Infrastructure.</i></p> <p>The Secretary updated members regarding development in relation to this issue by recapping briefly on the terms of the papers circulated in advance of the meeting, specifically</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Copy of e-mail from Fiona Robertson of Streets UK accompanied by a copy of a response to wider concerns concerning the development, which have already been raised by another organisation • Preliminary Submission by the Secretary to Planning Aid Scotland seeking advice together with a copy of the acknowledgement subsequently received • Revised Schedule of dates relating to the application - full details can be accessed on Renfrewshire Council's Planning Portal at http://pl.renfrewshire.gov.uk/onlineapplications/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=summary&keyVal=RENFRDCAPR33802 <p>To facilitate discussion, the following papers, which had already been circulated in advance of the December meeting, were also tabled:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Copy of e-mail received from Robert Scotson, Hawkhead and Lochfield Community Council • Copy of the outline proposal from the Developers' Website http://www.thornlyparkvillage.co.uk 	<p style="text-align: center;">Continued until February meeting</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Continued for further consideration</p>

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The Secretary confirmed that, so far, no response has yet been received from Fraser Carlin, Head of Planning & Housing at Renfrewshire Council in response to the concerns previously put to him.

The Secretary also explained that he has been approached on several occasions by the Paisley Daily Express seeking the Community Council's views on the application. However, on those occasions he has simply explained that as members are still considering their position, it would not be appropriate to comment further, As and when a decision has been reached then that will be duly recorded in the minutes of that meeting and will thus be in the public domain.

As this had previously been alluded to by Roberts Scotson of Hunterhill and Lochfield Community Council, it was agreed that the Secretary advise their Secretary that members would be open to a meeting with them to discuss the proposed development.

Following discussion, the general consensus was that members should make full use of the time available between now and the end of March to carefully consider the Community Council's strategy in relation to concerns surrounding this application. That will be informed by the advice received from Planning Aid Scotland in due course,

HGV Movements/Traffic Management in Arkleston Road

It was reported that as there has still been no further feedback from Environment & Infrastructure following the recent speed survey, he will follow this up with the Department and report back to the next meeting

Continued pending further developments

Tree Planting Scheme

The Secretary reported that Diane Watt has sent him a link to another similar scheme operated by the Woodland Trust. As he has not yet had an opportunity to look further into this, details will be tabled at a subsequent meeting

Noted pending further developments

Refurbishment Works to Homes in Whitehaugh

The Secretary referred members to the encouraging feedback that has been received from a local resident who had raised concerns at the last meeting regarding delays to the work being carried out to her mother's home. Those had been subsequently set out in an email to the Secretary who in turn has passed those to Carol Cameron, Managing Director of Procast, for attention

Noted

It was reported that there are also still ongoing problems with litter and debris around Whitehaugh left by Procast's employees/sub-contractors and also contamination of the pavements in places from "grit" believed to be used during the rendering process

Secretary to raise these concerns with Contractors

The Secretary confirmed that he would draw these concerns to the attention of Carol Cameron and ask her to urge their employees/sub-contractors to clean as they go with a view to minimising the nuisance to residents.

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<p>Dedicated Community Council E-mail Address</p> <p>The Secretary reported that the e-mail alias secretary@paisleyeast.org set up by John Bell is now fully functional to send and receive emails.</p> <p>It was agreed that should be the general contact email address for the Community Council.</p> <p>The Secretary confirmed that he would inform Anne McNaughton accordingly so that the Council's website can be updated and the new address notified to the various departments The Community Council's letterhead will also be updated accordingly.</p> <p>Dog Fouling/ Litter/Graffiti in Whitehaugh</p> <p>Members were concerned to note that despite the previous assurances by Andrew Dobie, Community Regulation Manager at Renfrewshire Council, the previously highlighted dog fouling, litter and graffiti issues around Barshaw Drive, Greenlaw Gardens and Arkleston Drive persist.</p> <p>The Secretary confirmed that he would contact Mr Dobie to highlight these issues again and report back to the next meeting.</p> <p>Lighting at Millstream Court</p> <p>Margaret Cowie reported briefly on her endeavours to secure improvements to the street lighting at Millstream Court. It transpires that while the access road to the estate has been adopted by the local authority for maintenance purposes, the area where the additional lighting is required remains unadopted so any additional lighting would have to be organised and paid for by the owners.</p>	<p>Secretary to publicise new contact e-mail address</p> <p>Secretary to highlight these issues again</p> <p>Noted</p>
<p>5. Secretary's Report</p> <p>The Secretary referred to the following correspondence; a copy of which had been circulated to members in advance of the meeting.</p> <p>E-mail from Stuart McMillan Regeneration Manager, Renfrewshire Council Paisley Town Centre 2030 – 'Hold the Date'</p> <p>Renfrewshire Council, the Scottish Government and Scotland's Towns Partnership intend to reveal '<i>A Vision for Paisley Town Centre 2030</i>' – a report that uses the town as a case study to examine issues affecting town centres across the country and potential solutions.</p> <p>The proposed scheme contains some bold ideas for how the town centre could be reimagined to better meet current and future challenges.</p> <p>They plan to launch the report on Friday 24 January with the Cabinet Secretary for Communities and Local Government at a special event in Paisley and the Council invites interested parties to 'Hold the Date' in order to attend.</p>	<p>Once further details are available those will be passed to the Chair</p>

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Full details are yet to be confirmed and Andrew Ramsay indicated that by the time those are available he should be able to confirm his availability to attend on the day

Email from Anne McNaughton

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Silencing of Town Hall Chimes 17th January – 20th January 2020

Forwarded email from Helen Emberson, Programme Manager Cultural Infrastructure Programme advising that the Paisley Abbey Choir are due shortly to make a special recording. In order not to disrupt this, the Abbey asked if the Town Hall chimes could be silenced over the weekend this takes place, and the Council has agreed to this request, This will take place from 4pm on Friday 17th January 2020 until Monday 20th January at 9am.

Noted

They intend to link in with the Visually Impaired Forum, elected members, Paisley First and Chamber of Commerce to make them aware.

A Facebook post will be issued to advise the public and staff will be notified beforehand as part of the weekly communications update.

Email from Anne McNaughton,

Renfrewshire Council

***Planning Performance and Fees Consultation :
18 December 2019 to 14 February 2020***

Forwarded e-mail from the Chris Sinclair, Planning Improvement, Planning & Architecture at the Scottish Government, via The Improvement Service, explaining that the Scottish Government have published a consultation on updating the planning performance and fee regimes, which will run until 14th February 2020. This was a key action identified in their work programme which was published in September 2019. The consultation reflects Scottish Ministers' commitment to the principle that any increases to planning fees must be linked to improved performance.

Noted

The consultation seeks to move planning fees towards covering the costs of determining applications for planning permission as well as seeking views on what additional services that planning authorities currently provide should be subject to a fee, the circumstances whereby an authority may reduce or waive a planning fee and the introduction of charges for appealing planning decisions.

<https://consult.gov.scot/planning-architecture/planning-performance-and-fees/>

5. Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer reported that, as forecast, the balance on the statement issued on 23rd December stood at £5169.51.

Noted

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<p>The Treasurers went on to explain that, so far, there has been no further progress in relation to the Mandate Variation Request that is supposedly being processed by the Bank of Scotland. Unfortunately, the relevant section at the Bank is difficult to contact to check on progress of the request. Hopefully, there will have been some progress by the February meeting so that the account can be operated under the provisions of the new mandate.</p> <p>The Secretary took the opportunity to remind members that in relation to printing costs, he is subscribed to the HP Instant Ink Service. This costs £7.99 per month allowing for 300 pages per month. The current printing pro-rata allowance of 150 sheets per month is entirely adequate for the Community Council's need. In accordance with the previous arrangement to contribute 50% of the Secretary's printing costs, it had been agreed in December 2018 to make a payment to the Secretary of £47.94 representing half of the anticipated cost over a period of 12 months.</p> <p>It was therefore moved by Graham Paterson and seconded by Margaret Cowie that a further payment of £47.94 be made to the Secretary to cover anticipated printing costs throughout the current year. This was agreed without dissent on the understanding that this would be disbursed once the bank mandate is updated.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Noted pending further developments</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Agreed</p>
<p>6. Any other Business</p> <p><i>Environmental Issues</i></p> <p>A discussion took place, during which a number of issues throughout the area were highlighted by members, as follows:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vandalised remnants of a car in the field at sharp right hand bend on farm section of Arkleston Road • Graffiti on the street furniture/utility cabinets between that bend on Arkleston Road down to Gallowhill Road (then across to Arkleston Drive as previously highlighted) • Graffiti on the wall at Lang's Tannery in Seedhill Road • Litter in Seedhill Road • Dog Fouling hot-spot at Millstream Court <p>The Secretary confirmed that he would draw these concerns to the attention of Environment & Infrastructure</p> <p><i>Crossing outside 86 Arkleston Road</i></p> <p>It was pointed out that that since completion of the resurfacing works, the crossing outside 86 Arkleston Road does not have metal studs marking its width to assist the visually impaired. The other crossing nearer Regent</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Secretary to raise these concerns with the relevant department</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Secretary to raise this issue with the relevant department</p>

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<p>Street does have those studs. This could well be due to an oversight by the contractors.</p> <p>The Secretary confirmed that he would also draw this issue to the attention of Environment & Infrastructure for attention</p>	
<p>7. Date of Next Meeting</p> <p>The next meeting of the Community Council, is due to take place on Wednesday, 12th February 2020 at 7pm.</p>	