

# PAISLEY EAST & WHITEHAUGH COMMUNITY COUNCIL

<p><b>MINUTES of a meeting of that was held via Zoom Technologies Church, Paisley on Wednesday, 9<sup>th</sup> September 2020 at 7.00pm.</b></p>	<p><b>09/09/20</b></p>
<p>Present: John Bell; Gaynor Corry; Robert Moore; Andrew Ramsay; Jean Ramsay</p> <p>Attending: Lesley Paterson (Paisley Grammar School Parents Council)</p> <p>Apologies: Margaret Cowie; Graham Paterson; Catherine Scally; Diane Watt; 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>The Chair welcomed all those present to the first meeting of the 2020/2021 session, as well as the first ever to be held remotely via Videolink and went on to thank everyone for attending.</p> <p>It was observed that there was no presence by representatives from Police Scotland or the Wardens Service.</p>	
<p><b>2. Minutes of Meeting held on Wednesday, 11<sup>th</sup> March 2020</b></p> <p>Some typographical and composition errors were highlighted as follows:</p> <p>Item 2 – second paragraph – between the words <i>“briefly”</i> and <i>“himself”</i> insert the word <i>“introduce”</i> so that now reads <i>“Mr McVey, who has attended meetings in the past, took the opportunity to briefly introduce himself before going on to provide an overview of activity in the area.”</i></p> <p>Item 3 – fifth paragraph/second sentence– between the words <i>“that”</i> and <i>“went”</i> delete the character <i>“h”</i> and substitute the word <i>“he”</i> so that now reads <i>“Following that he went over the outline of factors, which he had produced to help inform the discussion on the issues surrounding the application”</i></p> <p>Item 8 – fourth paragraph - Proposal for erection of three storey extension to rear of 30 Mansion house Road, Paisley to form nine flats - between the words <i>“he”</i> and <i>“seek”</i> insert the word <i>“would”</i> so that now reads <i>“Cllr Sharkey advised that he would seek to clarify the position regarding the proposed development and let the Secretary know if any further applications are pending so that the Community Council can consider their response thereto.”</i></p> <p>The Secretary apologised, explaining that those had been overlooked on proof reading</p>	<p>Approved subject to inclusion of amendments highlighted</p>

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<p>Subject to incorporation of those adjustments, the minutes of the previous meeting were proposed as an accurate record by Gaynor Corry and this was seconded by John Bell</p>	
<p><b>3. Business arising from Minutes of Meeting held on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> March 2020</b></p> <p><b><i>Proposed development on surplus land at Dykebar Hospital (“Thornly Park Village”) &amp; concerns over the impact on Services, Infrastructure etc.</i></b></p> <p>Members were reminded that at the last meeting in March, it had been remitted to Chair &amp; Secretary to frame an appropriate objection in the agreed term. Reference was made to the copy of an email received from the Council’s Development Control Section, confirming the terms of the Community Council’s objection and a letter from Renfrewshire Council in which they formally acknowledging the objection.</p> <p>It is understood that no decision has yet been reached by the Council although it is believed that the application may be tabled for consideration at the next meeting of the Communities, Housing and Planning Policy Board, due to be held towards the end of October.</p> <p><b><i>Governance issues surrounding proposal to explore the formulation of a Renfrewshire Wide Strategy on HGV Movements</i></b></p> <p>Following the discussion at the meeting in February, the Council Leader, Cllr Nicolson had agreed to go back to the officers concerned with a view to obtaining a more substantive report in relation to these issues raised at that time and that he would come back to a future meeting, possibly in April, to update members in relation to thereto</p> <p>While this had been overtaken by issues surrounding the COVID19 outbreak, there has been no feedback from Cllr Iain Nicolson, so this issue appears to have stalled somewhat.</p> <p>It was therefore agreed that the Secretary write to Cllr Nicolson reminding him of the discussion that had previously taken place and to request feedback from that at the earliest possible juncture. It is also hoped that members will be afforded an opportunity to meet with the Council Leader again, as and when circumstances permit.</p> <p><b><i>HGV Movements/Traffic Management in Arkleston Road</i></b></p> <p>It was reported that just prior to lockdown in March, Gerard Hannah, Infrastructure, Transportation &amp; Change Manager at Renfrewshire Council had sent the Secretary the results of the Speed Survey carried out in Arkleston Road</p> <p>In his covering email, he explains that dashboard tab of the spreadsheet (copies of which were circulated in advance of the meeting) gives the best level of summary information for the three locations though those do not indicate that there is an issue with speeding in the area – with very few vehicles exceeding the speed limit for the road.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Continued pending further feedback</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Secretary to contact Council Leader – continued pending further developments</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Secretary to contact Mr Hannah – continued pending further developments.</p>

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As there is a fair amount of detail in the results, Mr Hannah had suggested that a meeting be arranged to talk through the detail and any associated implications. While the Secretary was in the course of making arrangements for the Chair to meet with Mr Hannah for this purpose, the meeting did not take place due to the subsequent COVID19 restrictions.

It was therefore agreed that the Secretary also write to Mr Hannah to express the hope that the Chair will have an opportunity to meet with him once circumstances permit.

## ***Concern re conduct of drivers on the McGills No 20 Service.***

Members were referred to a copy of correspondence that has passed between the Secretary, and Elaine Lorimer, Supervisory Transportation Officer at Renfrewshire Council, which led to the officer writing to McGills Buses with a copy of the Community Council's complaint. While McGills were asked to look into these concerns and let the Secretary know the outcome, no feedback has been so far been forthcoming from the bus operator.

Following a brief discussion, it was agreed to find out from the complainant if the issues persist, especially in light of service changes following the introduction of COVID19 restrictions, before deciding how to escalate concerns about McGill's refusal to engage or deal with the issues that have now been brought to their attention on a number of occasions.

## ***Consultation on The Renfrewshire Council (Paisley – Kelburn Oval – Road Hump) Proposals***

The Secretary recapped on developments since it was agreed initially to object to the proposal to install a combined speed table and informal crossing point at Kelburn Oval and hold out for a formal crossing there.

Following the response received from Mark Higginbotham, Development Manager in Environment & Infrastructure members were consulted again by email. While feedback received from members was not overwhelming, the consensus from the responses that were received suggested that it would be prudent to abandon the objection and accede to the Council's proposal on the basis that it would be better than nothing.

It was noted that the Council's proposed traffic calming device has since been installed at that location

After discussion, it was moved by Jean Ramsay and seconded by John Bell that the decision to withdraw the objection be formally ratified and this was agreed unanimously.

## ***Proposal to relocate Paisley Grammar School to New Premises***

Email from Stephen Gorman, Resources Support Manager, Children's Services advising that on 20 August 2020 the Education and Children's Services Policy Board agreed to a formal consultation on a proposal to relocate Paisley Grammar School to a new build Community Campus at

Secretary to  
contact  
complainant-  
continued  
pending  
feedback

Decision to  
withdraw  
objection ratified

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Renfrew Road in Paisley. The Council's vision for its school estate is to promote learning and achievement, and to give children and young people the opportunity to learn in the best possible environment by providing facilities that are fit for learning in the 21st century.

From 31 August 2020 until 20 October 2020, Renfrewshire Council is consulting with communities, interest groups and parents on the relocation of Paisley Grammar School to a new build Community Campus at Renfrew Road in Paisley. The email also provided an indicative timetable for the consultation, together with links to the report submitted to the Policy Board and a form to submit a response to the Consultation

Lesley Paterson of the Parents Council spoke briefly regarding the proposal explaining that surveys had been sent home to parents in advance of the meeting due to take place later this month. While there does not appear to be much feedback, as yet, it seems to be recognised that the school needs to move with the times. Accordingly, it is anticipated that there will likely be enthusiasm for the idea of a new, modern school campus with associated sports facilities, as the existing estate is simply not fit for purpose.

After discussion, while it was felt that the proposals at this stage seem somewhat aspirational, the consensus of members was in favour of the plan to relocate Paisley Grammar to the proposed site at Renfrew Road.

### ***Proposal for erection of three storey extension to rear of 30 Mansion house Road, Paisley to form nine flats***

A question was raised as to whether there had been any developments in relation to this matter since the last meeting. The Secretary explained that following the meeting he had checked but it seems that the latest date for representations in relation to the proposals (Applications 19/0800 and 19/0801) was in fact the day of the last meeting, i.e. 11<sup>th</sup> March 2020

During the ensuing discussion it was mentioned that a previous application for a development of this nature had apparently been refused so the applicant has clearly resubmitted fresh applications. However, it is not clear to what extent, if any, the subsequent applications differ.

It appears that the applications are pending although there have been a number of submissions in relation thereto. The nature of those representations is presently unknown.

### ***Refurbishment Works to Homes in Whitehaugh***

The Secretary referred members to recent correspondence from the daughter of the resident who had been encountering problems with the contractor, Procast.

It appears that Procast employees have been out on several different days repairing the roof and replacing the sills again and had arrived on 11<sup>th</sup> August to take down the scaffolding after some eleven months.

Noted

Continued  
pending further  
feedback.

Noted

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<p>The resident has expressed thanks to the Community Council for our part in getting the work moving and hopefully it will now progress to a satisfactory conclusion</p>	
<p><b>4. Secretary's Report.</b></p> <p><b><i>Renfrewshire Community Council Forum</i></b></p> <p>Update from Anne McNaughton advising that due to the current restrictions, Forum meetings remain suspended and providing an update following the AGM and the last business meeting, both of which took place on 25<sup>th</sup> February 2020</p> <p>Minutes of the respective meetings were also circulated for information.</p> <p>Members were pleased to note that Gaynor has again been re-elected to the Management Committee.</p> <p>Community Councils have been asked to consider the following points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• All Community Councils are asked to examine the RCCF Constitution and suggest changes. What should be on the list of roles and responsibilities of Forum members?</li><li>• Community Councils should also consider if there are any barriers that prevent them from engaging with the Forum and responding to requests for information etc?</li><li>• All Community Councils are asked to send any questions for guest speakers to the Forum Secretary on the topic "Planning applications for new housing developments must take greater cognizance of the implications for existing infrastructure such as roads/traffic, schools, shops etc"</li></ul> <p>At the present time, Forum meetings remain suspended so it was agreed to continue this item so that members can give further consideration to the foregoing and come back to the next meeting with any observations on the first two points or questions they might have for the guest speaker on the topic highlighted.</p> <p><b><i>Renfrewshire Council – Our Values</i></b></p> <p>Email from Dave Low, Democratic Services Manager, Finance &amp; Resources explaining that since April 2019, the Council has been working to create a set of values that every one of their staff members should live by as they carry out their role within the council.</p> <p>More than 4,000 voices have contributed to the discussion of what type of organisation Renfrewshire Council should be, now and in the future, with ideas gathered from our staff, community groups, members of the public, young people and elected members.</p> <p>This work has produced four core values that they, as a Council and a community, believe should shape how they work moving forward.</p>	<p>Continued to allow members to bring forward suggestions or questions on the topic highlighted</p> <p>Noted</p>

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The new Council Values are:

- We are fair, we treat each other and everyone we deal with respectfully and work hard to build trust in Renfrewshire Council.
- We are helpful, we care about getting things right and are always approachable.
- We are great collaborators; we work as one team and with people who care about this place.
- We value learning to help us innovate, improve and deliver better services.

During the brief discussion that followed it was queried against which Key Performance Indicators observance of these values would be measured.

## ***Keegan & Pennykid – Renewal of Community Council’s Insurance Cover***

Members were reminded that in April, approval had been sought via email to renew the policy and agree the premium for 2020/2021.

The consensus was that the policy be renewed, and that the premium was agreed at £69.97

On that basis the cover was duly renewed and the premium paid on time. The Secretary has since been reimbursed for this outlay.

As the decision to renew had been made via an exchange of emails, it was moved by John Bell and seconded by Gaynor Corry that the decision to renew the policy at the premium quoted by the broker be formally ratified and this was agreed unanimously.

## ***Changes to Roads Infrastructure to assist with COVID19 Distancing***

### **A) Footway Widening**

Email from Mark Higginbotham, Development Manager forwarded by Dorothy Kerr, Service Co-ordination Manager

Officers have visited premises and have been speaking directly to these affected businesses about the Council’s intention to install barriers where the footway is narrow to support them in their recovery. A successful funding bid submission to Sustrans means that we are able to temporarily widen the footway where people queue outside and the footway is too narrow for people to maintain social distancing.

The locations are in the attached document. Any barriers removed and replaced with temporary barriers shall be reinstalled to their original position when these measures are no longer required.

Noted and decision to renew cover at the quoted premium ratified

Noted

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## B) Cycleways

Email from Gordon McNeill, Director of Environment & Infrastructure forwarded by Dave Low, Democratic Services Manager

Earlier in the year Renfrewshire Council was awarded £540,000 in funding from the Scottish Government's Spaces for People Fund to make temporary changes in Renfrewshire as they look to make physical distancing easier for our residents.

As part of this, they plan to create nine cycleways for active travel, which include Glasgow Road

Following a consultation in July on the proposed cycleways the Department are currently working through the feedback to inform the future design of the projects.

### ***Resumption of Grass Cutting and Proposals to improve Biodiversity***

Information been released in July regarding resumption of grass cutting around Renfrewshire

As per the subsequent email sent on behalf of Gordon McNeill, Director of Environment and Infrastructure. the current pandemic has given the Council a one-off opportunity to assess the potential of the uncut panels to be developed into biodiversity areas.

To this end, they have been carrying out assessments of panels within communities to consider what areas would be suitable for this.

The local areas affected are:

GMS/39015 - LINSIDE AVE

GMS/42836 - BARSHAW PARK PAVILION TO OLDHALL ROAD

GMS/42858 - BARSHAW PARK NURSERY AREA TO OLDHALL ROAD

A discussion took place during which it was pointed out that summaries for all the sites, not just those in the local area, are not meaningful; they are a cut and paste approach with the only unique features being the numbers for flora and fauna.

Other observations made during the discussion included the following: -

- It appears that this is a smoke and mirrors approach to justify cutting grassed areas only once a year.
- Wildflowers cannot be simply sown and then forgotten about; they need active management to ensure that the dominant species does not take over.
- There is no mention of which Key Performance Indicators would demonstrate that the aims of increasing biodiversity and greening the environment have been achieved.

Noted

Chair &  
Secretary to  
liaise with a view  
to submitting  
appropriate  
representations.

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The consultation launched towards the end of August, can be accessed [www.renfrewshire.gov.uk/biodiversityconsultation](http://www.renfrewshire.gov.uk/biodiversityconsultation) and the survey must be submitted before midnight on Sunday 13 September.

After discussion, it was remitted to the Chair and Secretary to respond to the Consultation along the lines discussed within the timescale

## ***Celebrating Renfrewshire Fund***

Email from Tracy Slater, Committee Services Officer with details of the Celebrating Renfrewshire Fund, which has relaunched for 2020/21

Celebrating Renfrewshire is a £150,000 fund for young people, by young people. It is available for young people aged 12-25, and groups who work with young people this age, from across Renfrewshire who have an idea to make their community better for them. Schools are also eligible to apply via their Parent Councils, as long as the project benefits the wider community and not just the school.

Noted

## ***Renfrewshire Draft Strategic Housing Investment Plan 2021/22 to 2025/26***

Email from Fraser Carlin, Head of Planning & Housing Service including a link to the draft Strategic Housing Investment Plan for Renfrewshire for the period 2021/22 to 2025/26.

### [Draft Strategic Housing Investment Plan website link](#)

Renfrewshire Council is required to prepare a Strategic Housing Investment Plan for its area and to update this each year. The Strategic Housing Investment Plan sets out investment priorities for affordable housing which will help to achieve the outcomes set out in the Local Housing Strategy.

This draft Strategic Housing Investment Plan 2021/22 to 2025/26 includes projects which are being taken forward over the next 5 years.

The Council are inviting comments and feedback on the draft Strategic Housing Investment Plan by 29 September 2020. This will allow them to take account of feedback before submitting it to the Scottish Government in October 2020.

It was noted that the link to the page with the relevant documents, which had been included with the papers previously circulated, appears to have become corrupt so that could not be accessed from the bundle summary.

The Secretary confirmed that he would send out the link again inviting comments or observations. Members wishing to do so should so circulate their views to members by the date stipulated so that, if considered appropriate. A response can be formulated and submitted in good time.

## ***Scottish Government Consultation: Proposed Changes to Pre-Application Consultation Requirements in Planning***

E-mail forwarded by Anne McNaughton from Alan Cameron Planning & Architecture | Scottish Government re launch of a [consultation paper](#) on

Secretary to re-circulate link so that members can submit comments and observations with a view to formulating representations, if deemed appropriate



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'Proposed Changes to Pre-Application Consultation Requirements in Planning'.

These changes are not related to COVID-19, but follow on from the review of Planning, the report 'Empowering Planning to Deliver Great Places', our 'Places, People and Planning' consultations, and new powers at section 18 of the Planning (Scotland) Act 2019. Information about the planning reform programme and the 2019 Act is available at: [www.transformingplanning.scot/planning-reform/](http://www.transformingplanning.scot/planning-reform/)

Noted

## **Scottish Planning Policy and Housing: Technical Consultation on Proposed Policy Amendments - Scottish Government - Citizen Space**

E-mail forwarded by Anne McNaughton from Sandra Liddell, Bridge of Weir Community Council re this consultation due to close on 9<sup>th</sup> October

<https://eur01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fconsult.gov.scot%2Fplanning-architecture%2Fproposed-policy-amendments%2F&data=02%7C01%7Canne.mcnaughton%40renfr ewshire.gov.uk%7C24a565c1899340911b1b08d838654e28%7Cca2953361aa64486b2b2cf7669625305%7C0%7C0%7C637321355049631114&amp;sdata=9rYrG9C6ZgnDGgN9Z9Xur7uNVHoylisvnmk7ESgAmbE%3D&amp;reserved=0>

Noted

## **Re-introduction of Car Parking Charges**

E-mail forwarded by Anne McNaughton from Dorothy Kerr, Service Co-ordination Manager explaining that as we move through the Scottish Government's route map, travel for exercise and leisure activities has been permitted giving rise to a significant rise in the use of Council car parks as a result.

Noted

Therefore, to ensure that there is a turnover of spaces for those who need them, charges were reintroduced from Monday 17 August.

Anyone using one of car parks will require to purchase a ticket for the length of time they plan to stay and display it clearly in their windscreen.

However, the parking pilot in six of Paisley town centre's car parks remains in place and continues to offer the first three hours of parking for free at specific times – although a ticket must still be obtained and displayed.

## **Community Council Meetings**

Email from Anne McNaughton with guidance to officebearers re Community Council meetings during the current restrictions and arrangements for submission of annual accounts for 2019/2020

Noted

## **Arrangements for future Community Council Meetings**

Members were referred to an email from the Rev. John Murning advising that Sherwood Greenlaw Church would be happy to welcome the Community Council back for Community Council meetings, as soon as restrictions are lifted.

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<p>Currently, they have only been allowed to open for worship activities since 6<sup>th</sup> September but hope that access will be granted to other hall users at some point, and they shall confirm when it is possible to do so.</p> <p>Members went on to discuss how best to organise future meetings in the meantime until current restrictions are lifted.</p> <p>Following discussion, it was agreed to continue convening meetings via Zoom though it may be appropriate to take out a Pro Subscription, so that meetings are not limited to 40 minutes. It was noted that the basic subscription is £119.90 per annum but there may be additional costs/taxes which could bring the total cost it up to nearer £150. It was therefore moved by Jean Ramsay and seconded by Gaynor Corry that the Secretary be authorised to set up the Pro subscription to Zoom in the Community Council's name for the next twelve months up to a maximum cost of £150.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Noted and agreed to arrange a Pro Subscription on Zoom so that remote meetings can continue in the interim</p>
<p><b>5.. Treasurer's Report</b></p> <p>The Treasurer reported that the balance at the Royal Bank of Scotland stands at £5045.04, as per the end of year accounts to be presented at the forthcoming AGM.</p> <p>The reduction in the balance is accounted for by a payment to the Secretary to reimburse the payment made to Keegan and Pennykid for the Insurance premium, the agreed contribution to printing costs and postage.</p> <p>It was reported that the transition of bank arrangements from the Bank of Scotland to Royal Bank of Scotland PLC (RBS) has been successfully concluded with the funds now transferred from the one account to the other.</p> <p>The only glitch in the process was the Direct Debit to the Information Commissioners Office (ICO) which was due to come out at the end of August. Despite providing the ICO with a fresh mandate in June, in good time for the Direct Debit to be changed, payment was claimed from the Bank of Scotland. As there were no funds in that account, the Direct Debit was rejected. This has since been resolved with the ICO and the payment of £35 is now due to be taken from RBS during the week ahead to maintain the Community Council's registration.</p> <p>Now that the Community Council has access to the funds, the donation of £250 agreed on 11<sup>th</sup> September 2020 to Sherwood-Greenlaw Church can now be paid. The Treasurer confirmed that she would liaise with the Secretary to have a cheque countersigned to send to the church.</p> <p>In relation to the 2020/2021 session, it was agreed to continue the question of an appropriate donation to the Church until the next meeting.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Noted</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Continued to next meeting to decide on level of donation to Sherwood-Greenlaw Church for 2020/02010</p>
<p><b>9. Date of Next Meeting</b></p> <p>The next meeting of the Community Council is due to take place on Wednesday, 14<sup>th</sup> October at 7pm. This will be the Annual General Meeting followed by a routine business meeting</p>	