

PAISLEY EAST & WHITEHAUGH COMMUNITY COUNCIL

<p>MINUTES of a meeting of Paisley East & Whitehaugh Community Council that was held via Zoom Technologies on Wednesday, 13th January 2021 at 7.00pm.</p>	<p>13/01/21</p>
<p>Present: John Bell; Gaynor Corry; Margaret Cowie; Robert Moore; Graham Paterson; Andrew Ramsay; Jean Ramsay; Catherine Scally</p> <p>Attending: Councillor Jim Sharkey (Renfrewshire Council): Gavin Newlands MP for Paisley & Renfrewshire North (from Item 8)</p> <p>Apologies: Diane Watt; Jhulia Watt</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Chair: Andrew Ramsay</p>	<p>Outcome/Action</p>
<p>1. Chair's Opening Remarks</p> <p>The Chair welcomed those present, wishing them a Happy New Year and thanked everyone for attending this first virtual meeting of the Community Council of 2021.</p>	
<p>2. Police Scotland</p> <p>The Chair reported that he has not yet received any Crime Statistics from Sergeant Carter for the past month. However, if the figures arrive over the course of the next day or so, he will arrange for those to be circulated to members.</p>	<p>Noted</p>
<p>3. Minutes of Meeting held on Wednesday, 13th January 2021.</p> <p>The Treasurer highlighted that there was a minor error in the record of her report – Item 7, Page 8. That should actually have read:</p> <p><i>“While the Treasurer is still endeavouring to register with the RBS for Digital Banking, the bank has provided a paper statement in the meantime; the charge for which is normally £3.00 per month though this has been waived on this occasion.”</i></p> <p>The Secretary apologised for the misapprehension on his part.</p> <p>Subject to the foregoing amendment, the minutes of the previous meeting were proposed as an accurate record by Gaynor Corry and this was seconded by Jean Ramsay and were duly approved without dissent.</p>	<p>Approved</p>
<p>4. Business arising from Minutes of Meeting held on 13th January 2021.</p> <p>In relation to matters arising and his subsequent report, the Secretary referred members the papers that had been circulated electronically in advance of the meeting.</p> <p><i>Governance issues surrounding proposal to explore the formulation of a Renfrewshire Wide Strategy on HGV Movements</i></p> <p>The Secretary referred members to a copy of the response that he had sent to the Council leader, Cllr Nicolson following the discussion that had taken place at the previous meeting. The terms of the response had been agreed with the Chair before being sent.</p> <p>While that was sent on 29th December, no feedback or substantive response has yet been received, though this is understandable given the ensuing break over</p>	<p>Continued pending further developments.</p>

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the New Year period.

Any response received before the next meeting will be circulated to members in the usual manner.

Changes to Roads Infrastructure to assist with COVID19 Distancing/ Concerns over implementation of Spaces for People Initiative

A further brief discussion took place during which, in response to an incidental point that was raised at the previous meeting, Cllr Sharkey explained that the bollards/barriers that had been used to widen the footways in Glasgow Road and elsewhere have been purchased by the Council rather than leased.

Noted

Following the discussion, it was agreed that as the retailers' concerns have largely been addressed by removal of the barriers, there is little point in pursuing this issue further at this stage.

Covid Infection Rates

Cllr Sharkey explained that in response to the question raised, he is still seeking to obtain data about the types of behaviours that that had given rise to the surge in the infection rate locally. He has spoken with one of the local MSPs who sits on the relevant Scottish Parliamentary Committee who has said that he will get some information to him regarding this issue. If this transpires Cllr Sharkey will pass it on to the Secretary to circulate to members.

Noted pending further developments.

Donations to local Projects

The Secretary confirmed that in conjunction with the Treasurer, cheques £200 had been sent to each of the organisations. Members were referred to the acknowledgments so far received from:

St. Vincent's Hospice

ROAR

Renfrewshire Foodbank

Accord Hospice

Star Project

Noted

Any further acknowledgments received will be reported in due course

In relation to the other project mentioned at the last meeting, whereby a local Newsagent, Rezk Afzal, has facilitated a Community Fridge and cabinet in their shop, the Secretary confirmed that he has made appropriate enquiries. Following upon those enquiries, the Secretary confirmed that he is able to recommend the Community Fridge and Cabinet at RSA Newsagents at 27B Moss Street, Paisley as an appropriate recipient for a donation.

Agreed to make a donation in kind to RSA Newsagent's Community Fridge & Cabinet up to the value of £100.

Jean Ramsay explained that Mr. Afzal tends to stock short life, perishable items, it would be better to make several donations in kind over a period. Jean confirmed that, as before, that she would be happy to take a selection of items into the shop over several weeks and pass the relevant receipts back to the Treasurer for reimbursement.

Following discussion, it was moved by Gaynor Corry and seconded by Margaret Cowie that the Community Council make a donation in kind up to the value of £100. Arrangements for provisioning will be left to the discretion of Jean Ramsay who will be reimbursed for her outlay in due course. This was agreed unanimously.

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Community Councils (Pre-Consultation) – Developing Renfrewshire's new Local Housing Strategy

Following the discussion that took place at the last meeting, the Secretary reported that he had responded to the Strategy & Place Team in the agreed terms.

Members were referred to a copy of the representations that were made to the Strategy & Place Team and the response received from them; a transcript of which follows:

“We have noted your comments which will be reviewed at the end of this pre-consultation stage. With reference to your comment around the questionnaire closing date, you may wish to note that the new Local Housing Strategy engagement questionnaire closing date has been extended to 25 January 2021, to allow more time for interested parties to respond, at what has been a busy time of year for many. This therefore allows responses to be made for the period from 16 November 2020 to 25 January 2021. All feedback received during this pre-consultation phase will be used to inform a new draft strategy that will be consulted upon more fully in 2021.”

It was agreed to note the terms of their response and the Pre-consultation generally.

The strategy can be considered further once a new draft has been published.

Begging outside Greggs at Glasgow Road

The Chair confirmed that he had contacted Sgt. Carter at Police Scotland asking that they can look into the possibility that the person concerned might have been trafficked and is po being exploited. While he explained that has received no feedback, this is a distinct possibility as the matter is an operational one.

It was mentioned that the individual in question has not been seen recently though this may simply be due to the schools being closed.

It was agreed to monitor the situation after the schools re-open to see if the person concerned returns.

Note the terms of their response and the Pre-Consultation generally.

Noted - situation to be monitored after the schools re-open.

6. Secretary's Report

Impact of new/proposed Residential Developments on local Infrastructure and Services.

The Secretary reported that, just before the festive period, the Chair had highlighted to him an article that had appeared in the press regarding a medical practice in East Ayrshire having to deregister patients as a result of overcapacity due to the number of new housing developments in their area.

The media coverage can be found at:

<https://www.dailyrecord.co.uk/ayrshire/around-150-patients-facing-axe-23175581>

At the time, rather than wait until this meeting, it had been agreed to highlight this to Planning and copy in the local Councillors. It was felt that this it amply demonstrates that the concerns that we had raised previously were entirely relevant and well-founded and that these do need be addressed before new

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developments overburden the existing services and infrastructure.

Members were referred to a copy of the response received from Sharon Marklow Strategy & Place at Manager Renfrewshire Council. Therein, the officer advises:

"I can confirm that a range of stakeholders both internal to the Council and external such as Key Agencies and partners, including the NHS and the Health and Social Care Partnership, are consulted at each stage when preparing the Renfrewshire Local Development Plan. The Renfrewshire Local Development Plan provides the strategic overview across Renfrewshire as well as what is going on within each area in Renfrewshire. This allows, at a very early stage, as well as continuously throughout the Plan preparation process, stakeholders as well as Community Councils and community to provide valuable input to the land use plan.

There is then the opportunity at the planning application stage to get involved once the detail of each scheme has been submitted.

In terms of Planning Application 19/0810/PP, the applicant is the NHS along with the consortium of housebuilders. I have attached for your information the supporting statement submitted on behalf of the NHS in relation to this Planning Application.

This Planning Statement is online with all of the other plans and details of the application."

The application and associated details can be inspected online at:

<http://pl.renfrewshire.gov.uk/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=summary&keyVal= RENFR DCA PR 33802>

E-mail from Amar Shakoor

Community Liaison - Major Projects : SP Energy Networks SPEN Works at Ben Nevis Site - Ben Nevis Road Paisley

SP Energy Networks owns and maintains the electricity network in central and southern Scotland providing a safe and reliable supply to both households and business. To ensure they deliver this effectively and as part of our modernisation program they will be conducting civil and electrical works at Scottish Power's Ben Nevis Compound. These works are to repair electrical equipment which electrifies Paisley and other areas in the south side of Glasgow.

They will also be conducting drainage works to improve the ground conditions within the compound.

The first phase of the works is due to commence on 25th January for 9 weeks, barring any unforeseen circumstances.

The second phase of works will be carried out during the summer following results from some testing carried out in the first phase.

They require to utilise the cycle path from Ben Nevis Road as site access during the works and a temporary cycle path will be installed.

Electricity supplies to local properties will not be affected.

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Email from David Mellor

Chair

Lochwinnoch Community Council

The Yearnstane Project and Renfrewshire Climate Emergency Action Plan

Email setting out information regarding two local developments which they hope Community Councils in Renfrewshire will be interested in supporting or getting involved with.

The first is a major conservation project which is being developed by a group based in Lochwinnoch and is strongly supported by the Community Council there

The second is the Climate Emergency that we are all facing.

Also included were links to two videos regarding the Yearnstane Project. The first is a 5-minute trailer; the second is a 20-minute film.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=z9OMOTF2hHo>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MKpWtHeh2ek>

Report to Council on 27th February 2020 by the Chief Executive regarding the Climate Change Emergency can be found [here](#).

E-mail from Anne McNaughton

Strathclyde Concessionary Travel Scheme Review.

Online Survey - Extension to closing date until Friday 8 January 2021

SPT is carrying out a review of the Strathclyde Concessionary Travel Scheme on behalf of the Strathclyde Concessionary Travel Scheme Joint Committee.

The purpose of the review is to examine all options for the Scheme's future financial sustainability that will continue to achieve the Scheme's objectives for improving access for older and disabled people living in the Strathclyde region and for island communities.

Members were referred to the email trail culminating in the most recent from SPT advising that the deadline to submit the review questionnaire has been extended until 8th January.

The Secretary explained that this actually appears to have been the first notification received regarding this review and the associated survey. Given the timing and as this did not appear to be contentious, the Secretary advised that he has completed and submitted a response in a personal capacity within the timescale.

E-mail from Anne McNaughton

Events - COSS (Community Ownership Support Service) : Introduction to Community Asset Transfer webinars

Forwarded email from Callum Leavey-Wilson COSS Research and Administration Intern at Development Trusts Association Scotland (DTAS) regarding two webinars providing an introduction to the Community Asset Transfer process this month.

This is Module 1 of COSS 6-module program 'Assets for People and Places'.

The first webinar will be held on Thursday 21st January from 10am to 12 noon.

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<p>The second will be held on Thursday 28th January from 7pm to 9pm. Both webinars will be the same.</p>	
<p>7. Treasurer's Report</p> <p>The Treasurer reported that further progress has been made in the registration process for digital banking and it is hoped that all of the nominated office-bearer signatories will have full access shortly.</p> <p>In the meantime, based on the cheques that have been drawn recently, the available balance is forecast at £4054.16.</p>	<p>Noted</p>
<p>8. Any other Business</p> <p><i>[Gavin Newlands MP arrived during this item.]</i></p> <p>Overgrowing vegetation at the junction of Seedhill Road/Mill Street, Paisley</p> <p>It was mentioned that there is overgrowing vegetation encroaching on the pavement at the junction of Seedhill Road and Mill Street that requires cutting back.</p> <p>Cllr Sharkey confirmed that he would highlight this to the relevant department so that they can arrange for the matter to receive attention.</p> <p>Gavin Newlands MP</p> <p>Mr. Newlands apologised for his late arrival, explaining that he had believed that the meeting was scheduled to start at 7.30 rather than 7pm. He went on to say that he had not come along to address the meeting, as such, but to find out about more about issues currently affecting the local community.</p> <p>Mr. Newland's took the opportunity to report that his constituency office is particularly busy during the ongoing pandemic, with casework from constituents raising concerns surrounding their security of their jobs, benefits issues etc.</p> <p>In concluding, Mr. Newlands suggested that he would come along to the February meeting so if anyone has any questions or issues they wish addressed they would be welcome to raise those then.</p>	<p>Cllr Sharkey to raise this with the relevant department.</p> <p>Noted – members invited to raise any issues with Mr Newlands at the next meeting.</p>
<p>9. Date of Next Meeting</p> <p>The next meeting of the Community Council is due to take place on Wednesday, 10th February 2021 at 7pm.</p>	