

PAISLEY EAST & WHITEHAUGH COMMUNITY COUNCIL

<p>MINUTES of a meeting of Paisley East & Whitehaugh Community Council that was held via Zoom Technologies on Wednesday, 10th February 2021 at 7.00pm.</p>	<p>10/02/21</p>
<p>Present: John Bell; Gaynor Corry; Margaret Cowie; Robert Moore; Graham Paterson; Andrew Ramsay; Jean Ramsay</p> <p>Attending: Councillor John McNaughtan (Renfrewshire Council); Gavin Newlands MP for Paisley & Renfrewshire North; Christine McLelland (Paisley Grammar Parent Council); Rev John Murning (Sherwood-Greenlaw Church); Gordon McNeill (Director of Environment & Infrastructure, Renfrewshire Council), Gerard Hannah (Infrastructure, Transportation & Change Manager, Renfrewshire Council)</p> <p>Apologies: Graham Paterson; Catherine Scally; 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 and thanked everyone for attending the February virtual meeting of the Community Council.</p>	
<p>2. Police Scotland</p> <p>The Chair reported that again he has not received any Crime Statistics from Police Scotland for the past month so it seems that he may have to raise this again with the Inspector. However, should the figures transpire over the days ahead, he will arrange for those to be circulated.</p>	<p>Noted</p>
<p>3. Discussion with Council Officers re Active Travel/Cycling Infrastructure</p> <p>The Chair invited the officers from Renfrewshire Council to address members.</p> <p>Gordon McNeill briefly introduced himself and Gerard Hannah and passed over to his colleague to explain the purpose of their visit and to provide an overview regarding cycling infrastructure and active travel.</p> <p>Mr. Hannah went on to explain that in applications for planning permission for new developments, applicants need to show that they have considered the question of Active Travel and have made adequate provision by way of routes for cyclists and pedestrians. Previously, the emphasis had been on cars.</p> <p>In the meantime, the Council is looking to expand the current network of cycle lanes. This is an ongoing project with annual applications for funding to Sustrans, who are also responsible for National Cycle Network, to implement small and larger schemes.</p> <p>In addition, given the ongoing Pandemic there is an imperative for provision of additional temporary routes.</p> <p>Apart from the obvious health benefits for individuals, encouraging more people to walk and cycle rather than use motorised transport is important for the environment to contribute towards mitigating the current climate emergency.</p> <p>At the moment, locally, the Department are looking at developing a cycling route from Gauze Street along Glasgow Road. This is not entirely straightforward as space is at a premium; especially on the stretch up to Barshaw Park. However, a possible solution would be combined bus and cycle lanes.</p>	<p>Noted</p>

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<p>A lively discussion took place thereafter with questions regarding various aspects including issues surrounding the road markings for cyclist in Arkleston Road at its junction with Glasgow Road; the extension/completion of cycle routes in Hawkhead Road and the provision for cycle routes along Renfrew Road to serve the relocated Paisley Grammar School.</p> <p>On a separate but related issue regarding walking routes, it was highlighted that a number of footways in and around Arkleston, such as Kingsburgh Drive, are unadopted and their condition is such that many pose a hazard. In the road mentioned, pedestrians are forced to walk on the road. This includes children on their way to school, so this poses a significant danger. It was pointed out that the Council will only ever consider adoption of unadopted footways and carriageways for public maintenance once those are brought up to a reasonable standard of repair. However, the department could perhaps look at contacting the householders in those streets to remind them of their obligation to improve and maintain the areas for which they are responsible.</p> <p>Following conclusion of the discussion, the Chair thanked the Council Officers for their input.</p> <p><i>[Gordon McNeill and Gerard Hannah left the meeting at the conclusion of this item]</i></p>	
<p>4. Minutes of Meeting held on Wednesday, 13th January 2021.</p> <p>It should be noted that the headings of Sections 3 and 4 should read “Minutes of Meeting held on Wednesday, 9th December 2020” and “Business arising from Minutes of Meeting held on 9th December 2020”, respectively, rather than as those appeared in the minutes.</p> <p>Subject to incorporation of the foregoing amendment, the minutes of the previous meeting were proposed as an accurate record by John Bell and this was seconded by Margaret Cowie and were duly approved without dissent.</p>	<p>Approved subject to amendment</p>
<p>5. 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 to recent feedback from the Council Leader, Cllr Iain Nicolson, the latest of which was circulated to members shortly after 5.15pm that evening.</p> <p>In his initial email, Cllr Nicolson had apologised for the delay and confirmed that he had asked the officers concerned to provide a response to the proposal put forward by the Community Council previously, i.e. “<i>We appreciate that this issue has now dragged on for some considerable length of time so if the Directorate is prepared to concede that Council’s decision of 23rd April 2012 was not followed through to any satisfactory extent then we would be inclined to regard the matter as concluded</i>”.</p> <p>Subsequently, earlier that day, the Council Leader had conveyed a response received from an unnamed Council officer in the following terms “<i>We have reflected on the actions and communications at the time of the motion and are of a view that better communication on the actions back to members who raised the</i></p>	<p>Secretary to respond to the officer(s) via Cllr Nicholson in agreed terms.</p>

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motion would have enabled an update to have been provided to the Community Council and/or officers to come along to the Community Council to explain and discuss”

A lively discussion took place, the consensus from which was that the response received is wholly inadequate and does not address what was proposed.

Following discussion, It was agreed to respond in those terms and put the proposition to the officers again with a view to bringing the matter to a conclusion. The Secretary confirmed that he would draft a response and agree its terms with the Chair.

During the discussion, with regard to HGV Movements locally, Cllr McNaughtan suggested that the Community Council might wish to look at the possibility of preparing a Local Place Plan, a relatively new concept in civic planning. ([Local Place Plans - Renfrewshire Website](#))

Donations to local Projects

Following the report at the last meeting, the Secretary referred members to copies of further acknowledgments that have since been received from:

Renfrewshire Carers Centre
Renfrewshire Women’s Aid

All organisations have now acknowledged receipt of the cheques sent to them

Noted

The Chair went on to report that three lots of foodstuffs had already been delivered to contribute to the replenishment of the Community Fridge and Cabinet operated by RSA Newsagents at 27B Moss Street, Paisley, with the final batch to be delivered this week. Receipts will then be passed to the Treasurer for reimbursement. The Treasurer confirmed that on receipt of the vouching arrangements will then be made for reimbursement.

Email from Joseph Greenlees Yearn Stane

The Yearnstone Project and Renfrewshire Climate Emergency Action Plan

Members were referred to the follow-up to the email last month from David Mellor, Chair, Lochwinnoch Community Council. In this, Mr. Greenlees emphasises that a large project like Yearn Stane needs all the support it can get locally and from the wider community. The wilder areas of Renfrewshire, North Ayrshire and Inverclyde have tremendous potential to store carbon, reduce flooding and provide sustainable employment.

Noted

In his email, Mr. Greenlees adds that in interests of accuracy, while it is correct that Renfrewshire Council has declared a Climate Emergency, their project has not been adopted as part of that strategy. Perhaps it might possibly be in the future?

6. Secretary’s Report

Absence of members from Virtual Meetings

The Secretary reported that three Community Council members have not participated in virtual meetings since the start of the new session. It is acknowledged however that some people are not confident or comfortable with technology or virtual meeting platforms, such as Zoom.

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However, Paragraph 9.2 of the Scheme of Establishment for Community Councils (2019) stipulates that if any member of a Community Council fails to attend six consecutive meetings then their membership should be terminated and this should then be intimated to the Director of Finance & Resources

As a number of Community Councils in Renfrewshire are not meeting at all during the pandemic, it was generally felt that it would be unreasonable to terminate the membership of those individuals due to their absence from meetings at this time.

It was therefore agreed without dissent that in these exceptional circumstances the individuals concerned be granted a leave of absence until such time as members of the Community Council can meet again in person.

Accessibility of Community Council Websites

Email from the Improvement Service forwarded By Anne McNaughton

The Cabinet Office Government Digital Services advise that Scottish CCs websites are classed as Public Sector and therefore need to comply with accessibility regulations.

The Cabinet Office they are aware that many small organisations struggle with their financial obligations and do not have the capacity to comply fully with the legislation - but they do expect them to comply. The best way forward is for Community Councils to include an accessibility statement on their websites so people can have contact details for someone if they encounter a problem with the site.

Various links are provided to assist with this:

<https://accessibility.campaign.gov.uk>

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/accessibility-requirements-for-public-sector-websites-and-apps#when-complying-with-accessibility-regulations-might-be-a-disproportionate-burden>

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/sample-accessibility-statement>

<https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukxi/2018/852/made>

John Bell spoke briefly regarding this issue following which it was agreed to work towards compliance with the Accessibility Regulations as resources permit.

Liquor - Provisional Premises Licence - Licensing (Scotland) Act 2005- - The Ladyburn Cafe, 53 Kilnside Road.

Details of application for Provisional Premises Licence lodged with the Council's Licensing Section. Representations are to be made regarding the application by 12th February.

From the ensuing discussion, it was clear that there was no objection to the opening of a Café in itself, but it was generally felt that there was no need for the sale of alcohol for consumption either on or off the premises.

Following that discussion, it was moved by Margaret Cowie and seconded by Gaynor Corry that the Community Council object to the application as it was felt that this would give rise to overprovision of outlets in and around the Seedhill

Agreed to grant absent members a leave of absence until such times as meetings in person can resume.

Community Council to work towards compliance with the Accessibility Regulations as resources permit.

To object to the grant of this application

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area from which alcohol can be purchased for consumption on or off the premises.

This was agreed without dissent and the Secretary confirmed that he would lodge an objection prior to the stipulated deadline.

Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982

Application for Renewal of Late Hours Catering Licence - LHC-087

Wm Morrison Supermarkets PLC Anchor Mill, Paisley PA1 1GZ

Proposed Times: Monday to Sunday 11.00pm until 12.00 midnight

Application for renewal of a Late Hours Catering licence which was received on 25 January 2021 at the Licensing Section. Should anyone wish to make any objection/ observation on any application lodged under the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982 it should be submitted, in writing and signed on behalf of the Community Council.

Noted

Cllr McNaughtan spoke briefly to explain the background to Late Hours Catering Licences

Responses are sought by 22 February 2021 to comply with time limits under the above Act. If they do not hear before this date, they shall assume that we have no objection to this application.

E-mail from Anne McNaughton

Comments sought to assist development of National Planning Framework 4

Forwarded email from the Improvement Service, explaining that the Scottish Government is reviewing national planning policies and is developing Scotland's fourth National Planning Framework (NPF4) and providing further information thereon.

The Government's Position Statement sets out current thinking now that the wealth of information received through the Call for Ideas has been digested.

Noted

Comments are invited on whether people agree with the Government's current thinking set out in the Position Statement. The Government appreciates that stakeholders may not have much capacity to contribute in the current climate, particularly if you have already shared ideas through the Call for Ideas.

Parties who wish to contribute should do so through the Government's consultation hub by 19 February 2021.

E-mail from Kenny MacLeod

Waste Solutions & Sustainability Manager,

via Dorothy Kerr @ Renfrewshire Council

Household Waste Recycling Centre - Welfare Unit Replacement Project

The Welfare Unit Replacement Project at four of the Council's five Household Waste Recycling Centres began on Monday, 1st February stretching over the next eight weeks. The Welfare Unit at the Underwood Road, Paisley site was replaced in 2014 and is a modern facility. During this project, they will require to close each site at certain periods. Each welfare unit will take around 2 weeks from disconnection of existing power supplies, removal off site of old units, preparatory works for the new ones, all the way through to installation and commissioning of each new unit.

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E-mail from Anne McNaughton

NHS Relative Bus Services Update from Sunday 7th February 2021 & Vaccination Programme Support

Latest update on bus services to NHS Hospitals across SPT area.

Noted

E-mail from Anne McNaughton

Consultation: Smarter Choices, Smarter Place

Renfrewshire Council has been awarded match funding from Sustrans' Paths for All Fund for a 'Smarter Choices, Smarter Places' project which will investigate the potential for using a smartphone app provided by the organisation *Better Points Ltd*.

The app challenges people to carry out their journeys through sustainable methods of transport, i.e., on foot, by cycling or on public transport, with the aim of reducing the level of carbon emissions created in Renfrewshire. The more 'green journeys' they carry out, the more points they receive and these can be exchanged for discounts at local businesses and other rewards which would be set out at the beginning of the project. The purpose of the app is to motivate people to make positive changes to their behaviour by travelling more sustainably and to live healthy lives - something which is incredibly important as we continue in the current pandemic.

Noted

Their consultant has created an online survey to see if the Better Points system could work for people in Renfrewshire.

Direct link to survey - [Better Points survey](#)

Website - www.renfrewshire.gov.uk/betterpoints

E-mail from Anne McNaughton

Discounted tickets for Community Councils - Scottish Empty Homes Partnership Conference

Forwarded email from the Improvement Service advising that discounted tickets had been available for Community Councils to attend the Scottish Empty Homes Partnership Conference at the beginning of February.

Noted

Email from Claire Guthrie on behalf of Alasdair Morrison

Head of Economy & Development

Digital Transformation for Planning and Building Standards

Renfrewshire Council is about to launch a new digital version for its planning and building warrant applications system. They have been working towards introducing this new system over the last 10 months and hope to be able to have the new system in place during spring 2021. The new system, called 'Uniform' will make it easier for applicants, community groups, individuals and elected members to navigate through and view the information the Council holds in relation to development proposals, and will allow the Council to increase the efficiency of their processes and modernise working practices.

Noted

Any questions or queries relating to these proposed changes to their ways of working, can be directed as follows

Planning - dc@renfrewshire.gov.uk or call 0141 618 7835

Building Standards - bc@renfrewshire.gov.uk or call 0300 300 0144

Further detailed information on changes will follow in future correspondence

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<p>nearer to the transition period.</p> <p>Email from Dorothy Kerr Service Coordination Manager - Environment & Infrastructure Waste Services Update as Result of Weather Impact</p> <p>Email setting out an update on waste services as those have been affected by the adverse weather conditions during this week.</p>	<p>Noted</p>
<p>7. Treasurer's Report</p> <p>The Treasurer reported that she now has full access to the RBS Digital Banking Platform.</p> <p>As forecast at the last meeting, the available balance is currently £4054.16.</p>	<p>Noted</p>
<p>8. Any other Business</p> <p>Gavin Newlands MP</p> <p>As reported at the last meeting Mr. Newlands explained that his constituency office is still particularly busy with enquiries and casework from constituents.</p> <p>However, while his office has until now been based in Porterfield Road in Renfrew, he is currently in the course of relocating to a more central location in the town, although that is not yet up and running.</p> <p>Proposed development at Dykebar Hospital</p> <p>The Chair reported that he was pleased to note that Planning Application 19/0810/PP, in which the applicant was the NHS together with the consortium of housebuilders, has been refused. However, this decision might still be overturned on appeal.</p> <p>Grit Bin at Millstream Court</p> <p>Margaret Cowie asked if there was any possibility of a grin bin being installed at Millstream Court. Cllr McNaughton explained that while there is always a demand for grit bins, there is information available on the Council website showing where the current bins are strategically placed http://renfrewshire.gov.uk/gritbins</p> <p>Graffiti on wall at Langs Tannery</p> <p>It was reported that graffiti had appeared again on the wall outside Langs Tannery in Seedhill Road. It is hoped that this will be removed following completion of the ongoing Scottish Water works, which have temporarily closed the road.</p> <p>Former Accord Hospice Shop at 77B Glasgow Road</p> <p>It was mentioned that there is a rumour that the premises formerly occupied by the Accord Hospice in Glasgow Road is to re-open as a "dog-friendly" burger bar. It was pointed out that, if true, this would be yet another food outlet in a street where there is already more than adequate provision.</p> <p>The Secretary advised that he had not heard anything to this effect but if he does he will report back accordingly.</p>	<p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted pending further developments.</p>

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9. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Community Council is due to take place on Wednesday, 10th March 2021 at 7pm.