

PAISLEY EAST & WHITEHAUGH COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES of a meeting of Paisley East & Whitehaugh Community Council that was held via Zoom Technologies on Wednesday, 8th September 2021 at 7.00pm.	08/09/21
<p>Present: John Bell; Gaynor Corry; Margaret Cowie; Robert Moore; Graham Paterson; Andrew Ramsay; Jean Ramsay; Catherine Scally</p> <p>Attending: Councillors Jim Sharkey and Neill Graham (Renfrewshire Council)</p> <p>Apologies: Diane Watt; Jhulia Watt; Paul O’Kane MSP; Cllr John McNaughtan; Gerry Hannah (both Renfrewshire Council)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Chair: Andrew Ramsay</p>	Outcome/Action
<p>1. Chair’s Opening Remarks</p> <p>The Chair welcomed those present and thanked everyone for attending the first meeting of the 2021/2022 session.</p>	
<p>2. Police Scotland</p> <p>The Secretary reported that earlier that evening, Sgt Michael Hart from Community Policing had sent a report with an update on local policing between 1st July up and 7th September. A copy of that had been forwarded to members in advance of the meeting.</p> <p>The Secretary outlined the terms of the report</p> <p>Over that period there has been 936 police incidents reported resulting in 161 crime reports being generated. Those were for a variety of incidents including road traffic, drugs, theft, assault, and disorder. However, there was nothing of immediate concern/risk to the local community.</p> <p>Recent initiatives have involved speeding checks in response to local complaints in Glasgow Rd and Hawkhead Rd. They have a dedicated weekend plan trying to combat to the disorder and anti-social behaviour around Barshaw Park and other areas where youth gather to drink alcohol. There are numerous areas in Paisley with these issues and we are working hard with the resources available to try and address this. We are also monitoring premises selling alcohol to ensure that there is compliance with licensing laws and not selling to juveniles or "agent purchase".</p> <p>Those weekend plans will continue to combat reports youth disorder.</p> <p>Following that, it was mentioned that a member recently had a dog carrier stolen from the back of his car between around 8.30 and 10.30am. while in his driveway in Whitehaugh. This highlights that there are always opportunist thieves on the lookout for an opportunity to steal so people should be aware of the need to be alert to that.</p>	<p>Noted</p>
<p>3. Minutes of Meeting held on Wednesday, 9th June 2021.</p> <p>At Part 1 – Chairs Opening Remarks, that should be amended to read “<i>The Chair welcomed those present and thanked everyone for attending the final meeting of the 2020/2021 session</i>”, rather than the 2021/2022 session as it originally read</p>	

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<p>Subject to that amendment, the minutes of the previous meeting were proposed as an accurate record by John Bell, and this was seconded by Margaret Cowie and those were formally approved without dissent.</p>	
<p>4. Business arising from Minutes of Meeting held on 9th June 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>Local Roads-Related Issues</i></p> <p>While Gerry Hannah had intimated that he was unable to come along to the meeting, he had sent a report in advance of the meeting, which had been among those circulated to members.</p> <p>In relation to the Council's Action Plan, Mr. Hannah had reported as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Road barriers – the barriers have been ordered and are now in stock, these should be installed by the end of next week- Gullies – two gulley vehicles are carrying out their routes just now and are in the Gallowhill area, they are scheduled to be in the Whitehaugh and Seedhill areas by the end of this week.- Speed Survey – they have commissioned the company who carry out these surveys for the Council. They advise that the cables will be in place in the next 2-3 weeks and those will be left in place for a 2 week period. <p>It was pointed out that while there was no reference therein to the hedges obscuring the visibility of the speed camera signage, those had actually been attended to within a day or so of the meeting with the officer.</p> <p>As there was no update included in Mr. Hannah's report regarding the defective flashing speed sign the Secretary advised that he follow this up and report back in due course regarding this issue.</p> <p>It was also mentioned that following the representations made by concerned residents in Oxford Road in Renfrew, as referred to at the previous meeting, it seems that no action is to be taken in response to those</p> <p><i>McGills Buses – Rerouting of Service 20</i></p> <p>In relation to the re-routing of the McGill's Service 20, it was mentioned that so far this does not appear to have given rise to any problems.</p> <p>While on this issue, Cllr Sharkey mentioned to members that McGills have raised concerns with him, as well, as several other elected members, about representations they have made to the operator regarding recent service changes.</p> <p><i>Foliage encroaching on to Footway at Seedhill Road and Mill Street</i></p> <p>Margaret Cowie mentioned that she had previously received a response from the Council advising that they attend to the foliage encroaching on to the footway at the junction of Seedhill Road and Mill Street, once the Heras fencing at the park had been removed. However, this has not yet been done. Cllr Sharkey confirmed that he had also followed this up with Environment and Infrastructure when the matter was raised previously but would contact them again</p>	<p>Noted pending further developments</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted pending further developments</p>

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Offensive graffiti on Wooden Fence beside Arkleston Road Overbridge & at the Entrance to The Poplars, Cyril Street, Paisley

As per the copy correspondence circulated, the Secretary confirmed that he asked Environment & Infrastructure to attend the sectarian graffiti at these locations and this had been removed at both locations early in July.

Noted

5. Secretary's Report

Arrangements for forthcoming meetings for the 2021/2022 session

The Secretary reported that with the relaxation of many of the COVID restrictions over recent months, he had made tentative enquiries with Sherwood Greenlaw Church about resuming meetings there.

From his correspondence with the Church, it seems that they are happy from meetings to resume there, but, in view of the ongoing threat posed by the virus, a risk assessment has to be carried out and measures put in place to clean the hall following meetings

In the proposed "Licence Agreement" that has been issued by the Church, reference is made to the need for risk assessment to be carried out and charges to be levied for use of their facilities. However, the Church has since confirmed that a donation will suffice in lieu of any charges for use of their hall

However, notwithstanding the relaxation of restrictions, it is recognised that some members may not yet feel comfortable in resuming face to face meetings.

A discussion then ensued from which it was clear that the majority of members were not yet comfortable with resuming meetings in person

Following that discussion, it was agreed as follows:

- *To defer returning to meetings in person for the time being and for this to be reviewed in January 2022*
- *That meetings would continue using the ZOOM platform for the time being*
- *That the ZOOM subscription due to expire on 4th October should be renewed for the next 12 months at a cost of £143.99 or thereabouts, depending on current pricing, rather than on a rolling monthly basis at £14.39pcm.*
- *That once the Community Council is due to resume meetings in person then the Secretary is authorised to enter into the standard Church of Scotland "License Agreement" with the Sherwood Greenlaw Congregation for use of their premises*
- *That recent guidance issued by Anne McNaughton regarding the resumption of meetings in person would provide a useful template to assist in framing the risk assessment*
- *Once meetings at the church resume, then feasibility of hybrid meetings be examined so that members still not comfortable about attending in person can "tune-in" virtually and thus still be able to participate. Obviously, this will much depend on the constraints of the available technology*

To defer return to face meetings for the time being, subject to review in January 2022 and to continue virtual meetings using ZOOM Platform in the meantime

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E-mail from Anne McNaughton

New Community Council Year - Important Information

The Secretary referred members to two emails received from Anne McNaughton regarding resumption of meetings, especially those taking place in person.

Specifically: -

Please ensure any physical meetings comply with Covid-19 restrictions – wearing face masks is still mandatory while circulating in a space but can be removed when seated.

- Find out the maximum number of people permitted to be in the meeting room and develop an appropriate 1m socially distanced seating plan;
- Consider using a different seating plan from normal to ensure the best use of the space available.
- Ask members and *ex officio* members if they intend to be present and allocate seats accordingly.
- Consider carefully before inviting guests – such as Police – would a written report be more appropriate in the circumstances? If so, give plenty of notice in order to facilitate this.
- consider allocating any remaining places on a first-come first-served basis to members of the public; and
- if possible, keep the meeting room well ventilated

Further information about keeping safe can be found at: [Coronavirus in Scotland gov.scot \(www.gov.scot\)](https://www.gov.scot)

The second email, directed more at office-bearers, contains useful advice regarding the arrangements for and conduct of Annual General Meetings. The Community Council tends to comply with the advice set out in any event.

The only outstanding aspect is appointing in advance an independent party - usually one of the local elected members - to chair the election of Community Council officebearers. For the purpose, after discussion, it was moved by Gaynor Corry and seconded by Graham Paterson that Councillor Jim Sharkey be invited to chair this item. This was agreed without dissent and Cllr Sharkey duly accepted that invitation

In her capacity as Treasurer, Gaynor reported that in advance of the AGM, the accounts to 31st August and have been finalised and checked by the independent auditors, Louise McDonald and Veronica Gallacher, who have both agreed for their electronic signatures to be adhibited to the Annual Accounts. The audited accounts will be passed on to the Secretary for distribution with the notice of the Annual General meeting.

Consultation: Draft Strategic Housing Investment Plan 2022 to 2027 (Community Councils)

E-mail from Sharon Marklow, Place Strategy Manager, Economy and Development Team with a link to the draft Strategic Housing Investment Plan for Renfrewshire for the period 2022 to 2027.

<https://www.renfrewshire.gov.uk/article/4232/Strategic-Housing-Investment-Plan>

Noted and agreed that Cllr Sharkey will Chair the election of office-bearers at the AGM

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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 2022 to 2027 includes projects which are being taken forward over the next 5 years.

They are inviting comments and feedback on the draft Strategic Housing Investment Plan by 28 September 2021. This will allow them to take account of feedback before submitting it to the Scottish Government in October 2021. Due to restrictions currently in place as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic they ask that any comments are provided by email where possible.

While there were no specific objections or comments regarding the content of the draft as it stands, it was observed that

- *The current draft does not appear to include the contemporaneous proposals for the Housing-led Regeneration and Renewal Programme in the Auchentorlie/ Seedhill Road & Howard Street Areas (see Page 6)*
- *Despite our previous suggestion in response to a previous document, this draft does not include an Executive Summary which would provide readers, especially lay-people, with a concise overview of the proposals*

Roar - Connections for Life

Email from Gregor Smart who has joined Roar – Connections for Life as Loneliness & Isolation Project Worker.

Loneliness and social isolation has been identified as a key health and wellbeing priority by Renfrewshire Health and Social Care Partnership. Loneliness is a subjective but negative experience that occurs when a person's network of social relations is deficient in some way, either quantitatively or qualitatively. Social isolation is an objective measure reflecting an individual's lack of contacts or ties with others. The impact of Loneliness and Social Isolation on health and wellbeing is seen in negative outcomes such as increased risk of premature death and a host of long-term physical and mental conditions including high blood pressure, heart disease, obesity, a weakened immune system, anxiety, depression, cognitive decline and Alzheimer's disease. Loneliness and social isolation was a growing societal challenge prior to the COVID-19 Pandemic. The pandemic has hugely exacerbated the loneliness and isolation 15 3 people are experiencing and has increased the challenges in tackling this issue due to measures required to prevent the spread of the virus and will have a continued impact even as lockdown measures are relaxed and society finds its way towards a 'new normal'

Gregor would very much appreciate the chance to attend a Community Council meeting, or to meet with Community Council members, along with Roar's CEO, Cassie Forbes, to discuss opportunities to work together for the benefit of local communities.

Members were referred to the copy correspondence that has passed between Gregor and the Secretary.

Noted – Secretary will raise issue about inclusion of an Executive Summary

It was agreed to extend an invitation to Roar's representatives to come along to either the November or December meeting.

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**Email from Graeme Crawford o/b Gerard Hannah
Infrastructure, Transportation & Change Manager, Renfrewshire Council
Survey - Improvements to Barshaw Park Junction**

Renfrewshire Council has been awarded funding from Sustrans Scotland's 'Places for Everyone' programme to look at improvements to the junction outside the main entrance to Barshaw Park, where Glasgow Road meets Arkleston Road and Hawkhead Road.

As a well-used route for both the park and commuting, they want to ensure that people can use this junction safely as a cyclist or pedestrian, so we've identified three possible options for upgrades that they would like your opinion on.

All options offer landscaping and improvements to the surrounding area around the junction.

The full technical drawings can be seen on the Council's website at www.renfrewshire.gov.uk/BarshawParkJunction

The survey will run from Monday 9 August 2021 to Sunday 5 September 2021 and presented three options

Option 1 – Unidirectional (2 traffic lanes going North/South)

Option 2 – Unidirectional (1 traffic lane going North/South)

Option 3 – Protected Junction

Following consideration, members felt that the proposals had not been properly thought out and the priority for improving safety at this junction has to be rephrasing of the traffic lights there.

The Secretary confirmed that he would reiterate this view Gerry Hannah

Auchentorlie/ Seedhill Road Area & Howard Street Area Housing-led Regeneration and Renewal Programme

At the Communities, Housing and Planning Policy Board on 18th May it was agreed that consultation should take place on regeneration and renewal proposals for eight areas, including Auchentorlie/ Seedhill Road and the Howard Street Areas

Members had an opportunity to consider the proposals for both areas that fall within the Community Council Boundary

Pre-Planning Consultation RFW17618 WHP Telecoms o/b H3G -Proposed 5G Mast @ Seedhill Road

Letter to inform stakeholders of their proposed installation prior to the submission of a formal planning application. The application will be in the name of CK Hutchison Networks (UK) Ltd who will be responsible for construction of the site, the Operator will be H3G better known as 'Three'.

In view of the limited feedback from members during the recess, there was no mandate to submit any representations to the applicant in relation to this Pre-Planning Consultation

Secretary to advise Council that the priority for improving safety at this junction has to be rephrasing of the traffic lights there.

Noted

Noted

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Proposed Redevelopment of the Paisley Centre

Email from Steven Livingston with a letter from Kenneth C Ford of Beyond Retail Property Fund Ltd (BRPF)

Email explaining that BRPF completed the purchase of The Paisley Centre in November 2020. In addition, they have subsequently agreed the purchase of the now vacant M&S High St store. The investment rationale for both properties was prompted by the Vision For Paisley Town Centre 2030, suggesting the shopping centre be repurposed to include a new residential quarter together with a mixture of retail, leisure & commercial uses and new outdoor public spaces.

Members had an opportunity to consider the terms of the Proposal of Application Notice (POAN) for the development.

Given the ongoing pandemic and in accordance with the associated regulations it is intended that the required pre-application public consultation will be undertaken via a hybrid approach of an interactive web-based platform and a face-to-face drop-in session.

The virtual exhibition will be accessible at www.paisleycentre.co.uk.

That was expected to go live ahead of the drop-in session on Wednesday 8th September 2021 (1pm-6pm) at Unit 14, The Paisley Centre, 23 High Street, Paisley, PA1 2AQ. This will provide an opportunity for members of the public to view consultation materials and speak to members of the project team in a socially distanced, face-to-face format. In order for us to manage social distancing, we would kindly ask those that would like to attend to register their attendance by contacting us in advance.

As well as the drop-in session they will hold two live chat sessions the first of which will take place on Thursday, 16th September between 2pm and 7pm and will be accessible via the website outlined above. They will then hold a follow-up live chat session to demonstrate how they have responded to feedback from members of the public and local stakeholders. That will take place between 4pm and 7pm on Tuesday 5th October 2021.

Interested parties wishing to register to attend the drop-in session or to arrange a meeting can contact Steven Livingston at steven.livingston@libertyone.co.uk or call 0141 264 2831

Information Commissioner's Office

Data Protection Registration Certificate

Following renewal of the Community Council's registration for 2021/2022, members had been provided with a copy of the updated certificate.

The Secretary explained that the Community Council is not obliged to register a Data Protection Officer (DPO)

Tree felling at Seedhill Park/Community Sports Ground

Following concerns raised by a member of the public, those were taken up with Environment & Infrastructure who have responded to clarify the situation. A copy of the correspondence that had passed between the Secretary and the department had been made available to members.

Noted

Noted

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This information received had been duly conveyed to the individual who raised the concerns in the first place.

Cllr Sharkey took the opportunity to report that given the environmental importance of trees, in a forward thinking move, the Council have appointed an appropriately qualified Tree/Woodland Officer, who, among other duties, will carry out tree inspections across Renfrewshire and review the authority's policy on management of its trees.

It was also explained that while the Community Sports Ground is operated by Renfrewshire Leisure Limited, the trees around the park remain the responsibility of the Council.

Cllr Sharkey confirmed that he would provide further information regarding the work of the appointee at a future meeting

***Email from Emma Scott @ Surf Scotland
2021 SURF Awards Launched - Information on how to apply***

The purpose of the Awards is to highlight, celebrate and share the achievements of initiatives that address physical, social and economic challenges in communities across Scotland.

This year's five thematic categories include Supporting Youth Employability sponsored by Skills Development Scotland, Creative Regeneration sponsored by Creative Scotland, Community Led Regeneration sponsored by Highlands and Island Enterprise, Scotland's Most Improved Place sponsored by Scotland's Towns Partnership and Architecture & Design Scotland and finally Housing and Regeneration sponsored by the Scottish Federation of Housing Associations.

Further information on the Awards and how to apply can be found at <https://www.surf.scot/surf>

***Forwarded E-Mail from Scottish Civic Trust
Awards for Community-Led built Environment Projects***

E-mail forwarded from Renfrewshire Council Community Council Mailbox from Erin Burke at Scottish Civic Trust

The Scottish Civic Trust's My Place Awards celebrate community-led built environment projects that have transformed their locality.

The 2021 Awards have two categories: the general Award honours recently completed projects (2018-2020); and the Sustainability Award honours projects completed between 2001 and 2011 that demonstrate continued fitness for purpose, as well as having a robust approach to climate readiness.

The My Place Awards are a great opportunity to showcase a project's success to the community, stakeholders and funders by receiving much-deserved exposure and media attention. Shortlisted entries will feature in a My Place exhibition.

It was noted that the 2019 My Place Exhibition had hosted over 12.3k visitors and built environment stakeholders.

Noted pending further feedback regarding the work of the Tree/Woodland Officer

Noted

Noted

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Forwarded E-Mail from Anne McNaughton Communitycouncils.scot Facebook Page

Information regarding The Scottish Community Councils Facebook page that was launched earlier this year. They are keen to ensure that the page becomes both a resource for Community Councillors and a forum for highlighting best practice and innovative projects by Community Councils.

Noted

The Facebook page can be found here <https://www.facebook.com/ScottishCCs>

Forwarded E-Mail from Anne McNaughton Fireworks Consultation Launch and The Fireworks (Scotland) Miscellaneous Amendments Regulations 2021

On Sunday 20th June, a public consultation was launched seeking views from the public and stakeholders on the introduction of four specific requirements in relation to the sale and use of fireworks in Scotland, as well as a new offence in relation to carrying a pyrotechnic device in a public place without reasonable excuse or lawful authority.

Specifically, the consultation is seeking views on:

- Requiring the general public and community groups to meet a number of mandatory conditions before they are able to purchase fireworks.
- Restricting the days fireworks can be sold too and set off by the general public.
- Introducing no-fireworks areas where it is not permitted for the general public to set fireworks off.
- Introducing a proxy purchasing offence to criminalise the supply of fireworks to people under the age of 18.

Noted

The consultation also considers the use of pyrotechnic devices and specifically whether it should be an offence to carry a pyrotechnic device in a public place without reasonable excuse or lawful authority, and whether police powers should be extended to allow a stop and search provision for anyone reasonably suspected of committing the offence.

The consultation ran for 8 weeks and closed on Sunday 15 August.

Meanwhile, back in February 2021, the Minister for Community Safety laid The Fireworks (Scotland) Miscellaneous Amendments Regulations 2021 in the Scottish Parliament. The regulations include three new measures in relation to the way the general public can use and access fireworks and came into force on 30 June. The regulations:

- Restrict the times of day fireworks can be used by the general public to between 6pm and 11pm (subject to exempt dates),
- Restrict the times of day fireworks can be supplied to the general public to during the daytime hours of 7am and 6pm, alongside existing requirements on retailers around sale and storage licences.
- Limit the quantity of fireworks that can be supplied to the general public to 5kg.

The regulations include a number of exemptions for organisers of public organised firework displays, including community groups arranging a public firework display in their local area.

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Easy to read guidance on the impact the measures have how the fireworks can be supplied to and used by the general public is available below.

[The Fireworks \(Scotland\) Miscellaneous Amendments Regulations 2021: information for retailers -gov.scot \(www.gov.scot\)](https://www.gov.scot/information-for-retailers)

[The Fireworks \(Scotland\) Miscellaneous Amendments Regulations 2021: information on the use of fireworks - gov.scot \(www.gov.scot\)](https://www.gov.scot/information-on-the-use-of-fireworks)

***Forwarded E-Mail from Anne McNaughton
Free Bus Travel for under-22s***

Forwarded email from Emma Swift form the Improvement Service advising that all residents in Scotland under the age of 22 will be eligible for free bus travel with effect from 31 January 2022.

The Scottish Government has confirmed the timetable for the roll out of the scheme, delivered in partnership with the Improvement Service, the National Entitlement Card Programme Office and Young Scot.

Legislative changes to allow the scheme to be extended from its original commitment to provide free travel for under-19s will be introduced to the Scottish Parliament during summer. Approximately 930,000 young people will join the third of Scotland's population who already benefit from free bus travel through the Older and Disabled Persons Free Bus scheme.

***Email from Gerard Devaney
Friends of Clyde Muirshiel Regional Park***

Email from the Secretary of the Friends of Clyde Muirshiel Regional Park; a newly formed group with the aim of helping to preserve and enhance Clyde Muirshiel Regional Park landscape.

In the email, it explains that they are a voluntary, constituted community group with representation from North Ayrshire, Renfrewshire and Inverclyde. They hope to meet their objectives by working with the three local authorities and landowners and other organisations with an interest in this landscape.

It was agreed, without dissent, to register with the group as an expression of support for its aims

***Email from Anne McNaughton
Celebrating Renfrewshire - by young people, for young people
Fund Application Deadline Approaching!***

Forwarded email from Community Planning at Renfrewshire Council advising that today marks the closing date for applications to the fund

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

Secretary to
register
Community
Council with
group

Noted

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E-mail from Graeme Crawford

Renfrewshire Council

Scottish Fire and Rescue Service – Consultation on Unwanted Fire Alarm Signals (UFAS)

Scottish Fire and Rescue Service are looking at how they will respond to Unwanted Fire Alarm Signals (UFAS) in the future and are running a consultation in which, they are seeking views from interested parties

Every year, the Fire Service responds to an average of 28,479 unwanted fire alarm signals (UFAS) that are caused by automatic fire alarms (AFAs) in the workplace, making up 31% of all the incidents attended. This means they make around 57,000 unnecessary blue light journeys every year.

They hope that the outcome of the consultation will reduce the impact of UFAS on the service and allow them to utilise the regained time to free up their frontline firefighters to do additional operational training and work more within our communities.

Views are sought by completing out the survey attached or do this online - <https://firescotland.citizenspace.com/sfrs-communications/time-for-change-reducing-ufas/>

Any questions can be directed to SFRS.UFASConsultation@firescotland.gov.uk.

Email from Anne McNaughton

#YouDecide: Participatory Budgeting campaign – Roads

Forwarded email from Kellie Miller, Senior Policy & Development Officer (Community Empowerment) at Renfrewshire Council with a document explaining that participatory budgeting allows communities to discuss and agree on how a percentage of the budget can be spent in their area and it has been shown that better community engagement and participation leads to the delivery of more responsive services and better outcomes for communities.

Therefore, they have allocated 5% of the annual Roads Capital Budget over three years (2020-2023) for communities to decide on how it is spent, which equates to £1.2million.

The Coronavirus pandemic delayed the start of the project, but they are now almost ready to launch this to our local communities.

This will be the first participatory budgeting project of its kind within Renfrewshire Council and they hope that it inspires further projects across council services in the coming years.

Their campaign to promote this new project is called #YouDecide and will focus on reaching as many people throughout Renfrewshire as possible, especially those who wouldn't normally engage with the Council, to support them to submit ideas for improvements to their community.

A highly visible marketing and communications campaign will be carried out using the council brand to promote #YouDecide, aiming to receive as many ideas and votes as possible.

This will take place online via a Survey123 accessed at www.renfrewshire.gov.uk/YouDecide or via our social media channels. The webpage will be made live when we launch the campaign.

Noted

Members were encouraged to suggest any ideas for submission at the routine business meeting in October

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<p>People will also be able to submit ideas via postcards which can either be posted back to the Council or placed into post-boxes at key community sites, including at our community volunteer hubs, local supermarkets, libraries and leisure centres.</p> <p>Residents will be encouraged to speak to their friends, family and other residents and assist them to vote if they do not have online access themselves. If a community member asks for your help to do this, the team will be happy to help you support them to submit their idea(s).'</p> <p>Members were encouraged to suggest any ideas for submission at the routine business meeting in October</p>	
<p>6. Treasurer's Report</p> <p>The Treasurer reported that the balance at the bank stands at £3839.08, as reported last month. This is after the collection by Direct Debit of the annual registration fee of £35.00 due to the Information Commissioner's Office.</p>	<p>Noted</p>
<p>7. Any other Business</p> <p><i>Kelburne Cricket Club Fundraising to install Defibrillator</i></p> <p>Graham Paterson reported that he has been approached by officebearers in Kelburne Cricket Club who are seeking to raise funds to install a defibrillator which would be for the benefit of the club and local residents.</p> <p>It was suggested that if the Club make a formal approach via the Secretary, this matter can be discussed at a future meeting. Graham advised that he ask the club President, Raymond Nelson to get in touch</p> <p><i>Scottish Government Campaign to have Homeowners install interlinked Smoke Alarms and CO Detectors</i></p> <p>Graham Paterson expressed some concerns regarding this development, whereby all householders who do not already have these will need to install interlinked alarms from February 2022. This will be mandatory and will apply to every home in Scotland, regardless of age or tenure.</p> <p>It was pointed out that the website (https://www.gov.scot/news/changes-to-fire-safety-laws/) is less than helpful</p> <p>Moreover, the cost of installing these interlinked alarms could prove expensive for some homeowners and may expose elderly and vulnerable people to predatory tactics by unscrupulous traders charging exorbitant prices for work that might not be done properly or at all.</p> <p>It is not clear how this will be monitored to check for compliance or the impact on Home Insurance Cover and premiums if a householder fails to fit the alarms or have those installed.</p>	<p>Kelburne Cricket Club to approach Secretary directly regarding a possible contribution</p> <p>Noted</p>
<p>8. Date of Next Meeting</p> <p>The next meeting of the Community Council is due to take place on Wednesday, 13th October 2021 at 7pm. This will be the annual General Meeting followed by a routine business meeting</p>	