

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 October 2021 at 7.15pm.</p>	<p>13/10/21</p>
<p>Present: John Bell; Gaynor Corry; Margaret Cowie; Robert Moore; Andrew Ramsay; Catherine Scally</p> <p>Attending: Councillors Jim Sharkey and John McNaughtan (Both Renfrewshire Council) Christine McLellan (Paisley Grammar Parents' Council)</p> <p>Apologies: Graham Paterson; Jean Ramsay Diane Watt; Jhulia Watt; Katy Clark MSP</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Chair: Andrew Ramsay</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Outcome/Action</p>
<p>1. Chair's Opening Remarks</p> <p>The Chair welcomed those present and thanked everyone for attending the October business meeting following the successful conclusion of the 2021 Annual General Meeting.</p>	
<p>2. Police Scotland</p> <p>Members were dismayed to note that there was no report from the Police available for this evening's meeting, though it was appreciated that operational priorities might possibly have given rise to this lapse.</p> <p>The Secretary confirmed that if t report is received after the meeting, then that will be circulated to members</p>	<p>Noted</p>
<p>3. Minutes of Meeting held on Wednesday, 8th September 2021</p> <p>Clarification was sought regarding the reference to "15 3" in paragraph 2 minute of in relation to ROAR-Connections on Page 5, which read "<i>The pandemic has hugely exacerbated the loneliness and isolation 15 3 people are experiencing.....</i>". The Secretary apologised, explain that for some reason "15 3" appears to have strayed into that paragraph in error so should be disregarded</p> <p>Subject to that deletion, the minutes of the previous meeting were proposed as an accurate record by Gaynor Corry, and this was seconded by Margaret Cowie and those were formally approved without dissent.</p>	<p>Approved</p>
<p>4. Business arising from Minutes of Meeting held on 8th September 2021</p> <p>In relation to matters arising and his subsequent report, the Secretary referred members to the papers that had been circulated electronically in advance of the meeting, insofar as those relate to the respective items.</p> <p>Local Roads-Related Issues</p> <p>The Secretary explained that following the last meeting he had written to Gerry Hannah to highlight the following issues.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The defective flashing speed sign on Arkleston Road is still in want of repair and requesting that he let the Community Council know the likely timescale to remedy this problem. 	

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- In relation to proposed improvements to the Barshaw Park junction (Arkleston Road/Glasgow Road/Hawkhead Road) members had not favoured any of the proposed measures. The Community Council remains of the view that the priority at this time has to be rephrasing of the traffic lights at the junction so would welcome the Council's thoughts on how this could be affected.

So far, a response is awaited from Mr Hannah regarding these issues.

The Chair explained that there may still be other outstanding issues relating to gully cleaning etc. so he will check and let the Secretary know at the earliest opportunity so that he can follow this up

The Secretary reminded members that earlier in the month Mr Hannah had emailed him to say that the speed survey in Arkleston Road was scheduled to take place for two weeks from 27th September. Accordingly, feedback is awaited in due course regarding the outcome.

While on the subject of roads-related issues, it was mentioned that there has recently been two road traffic accidents in Arkleston Road involving injury to pedestrians

McGills Buses

Cllr Sharkey took an opportunity to update members on the issues arising from representations made to the operator regarding recent service changes and assured members that the threat of legal action by McGills will not deter him from standing up for the interests of the local community and its residents.

While on the issue of McGills, it was mentioned that during the pandemic, their drivers have not been giving change to passengers tendering cash in payment of fares but are apparently donating any surpluses accrued to the NHS. The Secretary explained that he has not heard anything about this but will report back on any information that comes to light.

Forthcoming meetings for the 2021/2022 session

Meetings for the remainder of the current session are scheduled as follows:

2021

10th November
8th December

2022

12th January
9th February
9th March
13th April
11th May
8th June

Members were reminded of the discussion that took place at the last meeting, when it was agreed to defer returning to meeting in person for the time being and for this to be reviewed in January 2022.

Noted pending further developments

Noted

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Accordingly, as virtual meetings are to continue in the meantime, it was agreed without dissent to extend the leave of absence granted to those members who have indicated that they are not comfortable with participating in online meetings. This will be reviewed again in January at the same time arrangements for meetings during the rest of the session are considered.

Agreed to extend the leave of absence granted to members not comfortable in participating in virtual meetings

The Secretary confirmed that the ZOOM subscription for the current session has been renewed for twelve months to 8th September 2022 in the sum of £105.25. This brings the renewal date back by a few weeks but this was to take advantage of a 20% discount that had been offered to secure renewal. In relation to the unexpired period on the previous subscription between 9th September and 3rd October 2021, a credit of £9.85 (£8.21+VAT) has been raised. Accordingly, the overall saving for the year is £38.63

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

Following the discussion at the last meeting, the Secretary confirmed that he had again highlighted to Strategy & Place at Renfrewshire Council that it was felt that an Executive Summary would have provided a useful overview of the draft, Accordingly, this is something that they might wish to consider including in the finalised strategy once that has been formulated and agreed.

Noted

This had been among some other observations that the Community Council had made last year during the pre-consultation on the Developing Renfrewshire's new Local Housing Strategy so it would be helpful if the Department and the Council generally could take this on board for future consultations and when publishing other policy or strategy documents.

Roar - Connections for Life

Further to the discussion at the last meeting, the Secretary confirmed that he had extended an invitation to Gregor Smart and Cassie Forbes of *Roar – Connections for Life* to come along to either the November or December meeting.

Gregor Smart has since written to accept the invitation extended to him and their CEO, Cassie Forbes, to come along to the meeting on 10th November to address members regarding “*An Introduction the Paisley East Loneliness & Isolation Project and to Roar – Connections for Life.*”

To include in agenda for November meeting

The Secretary confirmed that he would include this on the agenda for the next meeting

Foliage encroaching on to Footway at Seedhill Road and Mill Street

Margaret Cowie mentioned that this issue has since been attended to. While some of the foliage had been cut back it could perhaps have been done somewhat better.

Noted

However, the action taken has removed the immediate danger posed by the foliage to passing pedestrians.

#YouDecide: Participatory Budgeting campaign – Roads

Following the email tabled at the last meeting, a discussion took place regarding potential projects for submission in the #YouDecide Participatory Budgeting Campaign.

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<p>After discussion, it was agreed to put forward the following projects:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Extension of the existing car park at Hawkhead Station as has previously been suggested to increase capacity, encourage better use of the Park and Ride facility and remove or reduce the need for commuters to park on Seedhill Road. • Creation of a new gate/route to the rear of Williamsburgh School to allow entrance to and egress from the school, thereby alleviating some of the issues caused by parents' parking on Lacy Street at the start and end of the school day. <p>Kelburne Cricket Club Fundraising to install Defibrillator</p> <p>Following mention of this at the last meeting, the Secretary referred members to correspondence that has passed between him and Raymond Nelson, President of Kelburne Cricket Club in Whitehaugh.</p> <p>As this could be beneficial to the wider community, members may wish to consider contributing.</p> <p>After a brief discussion, Robert Moore moved that the Community Council donate the sum of £250 towards the cost of purchasing and installing a Defibrillator. This was seconded by John Bell.</p> <p>Andrew Ramsay proposed an amendment insofar as only once the club has either raised or is in a position to pledge sufficient funds to cover the balance, the Community Council should contribute the sum of £250 towards the cost of purchasing and installing the Defibrillator.</p> <p>The proposer and seconder of the original motion accepted this qualification as reasonable amendment and agreed that should be incorporated therein</p> <p>Accordingly, it was agreed that the Secretary should convey this decision to Mr. Nelson and explain that once the club has the rest of the funds in place and is in a position to place an order with the supplier, he should let us know so that the Community Council can arrange to remit the agreed contribution</p>	<p>Secretary to submit these proposals via the #YouDecide portal on Renfrewshire Council's website</p> <p>Agreed to contribute the sum of £250 once the club has raised or can pledge the balance of funds and are in a position to place an order to purchase and instal the defibrillator</p>
<p>5. Secretary's Report.</p> <p><i>Email from Gerard Hannah, Infrastructure, Transportation & Change Manager, Renfrewshire Council. Micro Surfacing of Roads</i></p> <p>Ahead of the Council's micro surfacing programme getting underway in Renfrew and Paisley, an email has been sent to provide some further information about this process and to confirm the locations at which it will be carried out</p> <p>It was noted that this forms part of a £47million, six-year investment in the roads network and their entire programme can be found on the Council's website www.renfrewshire.gov.uk/Roads2021-22.</p> <p><i>Email from Paul Shiach Senior Committee Services Officer Renfrewshire Council. Review of the Council's Petition process</i></p> <p>As part of a review of the Council's Petition process, Renfrewshire Council were</p>	<p>Noted</p>

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<p>with any problems that might arise.</p> <p>It was pointed out that despite similar assurances last year there were still some issues, such as a bonfire of pallets left still smouldering in Seedhill Park the following morning.</p> <p>Members expressed hope that the situation will be more closely monitored this year</p>	
<p>8. Date of Next Meeting</p> <p>The next meeting of the Community Council is due to take place on Wednesday, 10th November 2021 at 7pm</p>	