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MINUTES of a meeting of Paisley East & Whitehaugh Community Council that was held via Zoom Technologies on Wednesday,9th February 2022 at 7.00pm.	09/02/2022
Present: John Bell; Gaynor Corry; Margaret Cowie; Christine McLellan; Robert Moore; Graham Paterson Jean Ramsay; Andrew Ramsay	
Attending: Councillor Jim Sharkey & Councillor John McNaughtan (both Renfrewshire Council)	
Apologies: Catherine Scally; Diane Watt; Jhulia Watt (Renfrewshire Council)	
Chair: Andrew Ramsay	Outcome/Action
1. Chair's Opening Remarks	Outcome/Action
The Chair welcomed those present and thanked everyone for attending the February meeting of the Community Council.	
2. Police Scotland	
The Secretary reported that while Sgt Carter had sent him an email on 2 <sup>nd</sup> February to say he would pass over the usual statistics and operations of note prior to this meeting, that has not yet transpired. If that arrives during the course of the meeting or afterwards, he will convey or circulate its content to members	Noted -if report arrives this will
On a separate but related issue, following the discussion at previous meeting, the Chair had written to Sgt Fitzpatrick raising concerns about the paucity of detail in the reports and seeking a breakdown of the crime statistics	be forwarded to members
At the same time, he had highlighted concerns that officers cannot participate in meetings via the ZOOM Platform	
Sgt Fitzpatrick has since replied to say that it has now been confirmed by their IT Department that due to Zoom not being a secure platform, they cannot use that to join our meetings, that is whether it be via the link provided or via any downloaded application.	
With regard to reports, the information it seems that the report we are looking for takes an inordinate amount of time for an officer to prepare. It is not considered a good use of local officers' time to interrogate police systems for such levels of context to crime statistics each month for each local area and Sgt Fitzpatrick is keen to keep local officers out in communities as much as possible. However, they have asked for some support from their Analysis and Performance Unit to standardise their reports across all the Community Councils in Renfrewshire and this work is ongoing.	Noted
Cllr McNaughton explained that he is aware that other Community Councils are experiencing similar difficulties with the Police and he will mention these concerns to Chief Superintendent David Duncan at the earliest opportunity. Even if officers cannot participate virtually, they should still be able to provide a written report	
It was also mentioned at the conclusion of this discussion that other public-sector bodies are not keen on using ZOOM.	
3. Minutes of Meeting held on 12th January 2022	
The Secretary highlighted that there was anomaly insofar as while Margaret Cowie had duly submitted apologies for her anticipated absence in advance of the meeting, she	Page 1 of 9

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had also been included in the sedereunt as present. Unfortunately, this had been overlooked while the minutes were being finalised for publication  Subject to inclusion of that amendment, the minutes of the previous meeting were proposed as an accurate record by Graham Paterson and this was seconded by Jean Ramsay and those were formally approved without dissent.	Approved subject to amendment
4. Business arising from Minutes of Meeting held on 12th January 2022	
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.	
Outstanding Roads Issues	
Members were referred to correspondence received in relation to the outstanding issues, as follows:	
Firstly, from Stephen Heron, Assistant Transportation & Development Manager (13/1) advising that their Roads Inspector shall visit the locations depicted in our photographs and raise instructions for the reinstatement of the barriers and check if any other works are required. At the same time, he has copied in his colleague, Gwyneth Heaney so that she can provide us with an indication of timescales for that to take place.	
In relation to the recent speed survey, Mr. Heron goes on to explain that additional information is provided from their survey report including 15-minute total volumes; 1 hour total volumes and volume per class of vehicles. For example, the volume of vehicle classes for Arkleston Road was 94.4% cars/light vans, 5% 2-axle truck or bus, 0.4% 3-axle or more vehicles and 0.2% Motorcycles.	Noted pending further feedback
Update subsequently received from Gwyneth Heaney (24/1) advising that the pedestrian barriers were reinstated the previous week.	
Following on from that, the Chair advised that while the missing barriers have been replaced, the damaged one had not and so he has provided two further images of it in its current state. The Secretary confirmed that those have been passed on to Gwyneth Heaney to follow up with the contractors concerned. A reply is awaited and will be conveyed to members in due course	
Network Rail Bridge & Building Improvement Work at Incle Street, Paisley	
Following the discussion that took place the previous meeting, a response has been received from Mark Higginbotham Transportation & Development Manager in Environment & Infrastructure regarding the Community Council's suggestion that Smithhills Street should be opened to all classes of transport.	
Mr. Higginbotham explains that this is still under consideration. The lane restriction on Incle Street is now planned to start on 17th January. However, two separate on-street events may also be vying for the use of Gauze Street and will affect the ability to offer Smithhills Street as a diversion. Officers are working on their coordination to get the best out of the situation.	Noted pending further feedback
It has not been made clear what these events are though this will likely become	

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apparent with the passage of time.	
An observation was made that has been a marked increase in traffic volumes evident in Arkleston Road since the commencement of these works and this is likely due to displacement of traffic avoiding the Incle Street route.	
ROAR-Connections for Life Follow -up to presentation on Connectedness	
As agreed, an invitation was extended to ROAR to come along to this meeting. However, Gregor Smart has written back to say that unfortunately, due to developments around the Omicron COVID variant at the end of last year and in the early weeks of this year, they have had to postpone restarting some of services. They have also had to scale back what their two new Well-Connected Project Workers were doing to get things moving forward on face-to-face and other initiatives to tackle loneliness and isolation in the local area. As a result, they do not have very much new to report at the moment.	Noted – ROAR's representative(s) to attend a subsequent meeting
Accordingly, it has been suggested that they might wish to come along to the meeting in March or April to provide an update.	
Donations to Barshaw Toddlers and Toddler Plus Group and Renfrewshire Women's Aid	
Members were referred to copies of acknowledgments received from Yvonne Reilly and Sharon McNeillie of the respective organisations following receipt of the donations. Jean Ramsay added that the Yvonne Reilly has said that they are "over the moon" at the support received from the Community Council and also Sherwood-Greenlaw Church, which has agreed to put a temporary moratorium on the charges for their premises where the group meets.	Noted
So far, no acknowledgement has been received from Renfrewshire Foodbank.	
Security Lighting in Whitehaugh	
Graham Paterson asked Cllr. Sharkey if he had any update on this issue. Cllr Sharkey confirmed that he had taken this up and while he recalls receiving a response from an officer, he did not appear to have that to hand. He confirmed that he would look it out and call Graham at the earliest opportunity to let him know the current position on this issue.	Noted pending further feedback
6. Secretary's Report	
E-mail from Stuart McMillan Renfrewshire Council Future Paisley Grand Conversaziones 2022	
Further to the advance notification circulated previously, members' attention was drawn to the Grand Conversaziones series, which forms part of the Future Paisley Exhibition that opened on 5th January in Paisley's Piazza Centre and runs until 19 March, to showcase the exciting collection of transformational projects currently happening in Paisley and what they mean for our communities and our future. Also included was a programme for the events on 11th February, 25 February and 11th March for which registration is now open	Noted

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I smoke alarm in the room where they spend most of the day, usually

In particular, it is necessary for householders to have

your living room

Noted

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- I smoke alarm in every circulation space on each storey, such as hallways and landings
- I heat alarm in the kitchen

All of the above appliances should be interlinked i.e. so that when one goes off, they all do. These devices require to have a sealed battery or be mains wired. All devices must comply with appropriate British Standards and can either be put in by resident or they can get someone to install those for them.

In addition, where there is a carbon fuelled appliance, a carbon monoxide monitor should be put in place – however, it does not require to be interlinked with other devices.

The Scottish Government have stated that the believe the cost will be approximately £220 for a 3-bedroom house. It is the property owner's responsibility for meeting the new standard. To protect the most vulnerable, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service will only fit interlinked alarms into owner-occupied homes where the individual/household is assessed as "high risk" through their <a href="Home Fire Safety">Home Fire Safety</a> assessment process. If the individual / household does not meet these criteria, staff will provide safety advice, information and details of the revised legislation during the visit.

Following the Police and Fire & Rescue Scrutiny Sub Committee held on Tuesday 18 January 2022, the officer was instructed by the Convener to raise this with all Community Councils to make them aware of changes as some people may not have been aware of or read the communications from the Scottish Government.

Further information and details on the requirement can be found at <a href="https://www.mygov.scot/home-fire-safety">www.mygov.scot/home-fire-safety</a>

Within Renfrewshire, the Council is looking to include a leaflet in all Council tax letters this year to make residents aware, especially to be wary of any scams.

It should be noted that the Scottish Government Housing Secretary, Shona Robinson MSP has confirmed that there will be no criminal offence for non-compliance. However, it will be flagged up if someone is looking to sell their property and if anyone is unsure about their insurance policy, they should check with their insurer directly to ensure they remain covered. The main aim is to minimise risk, therefore the sooner someone can put them in place, the better.

https://www.gov.scot/publications/fire-alarm-legislation-joint-statement-with-cosla/

https://www.thenational.scot/news/19861801.scottish-fire-alarm-rules-explained-full-ahead-february-1-deadline/

The Secretary confirmed that the leaflets provided have been posted to the Facebook Page for wider circulation.

Graham Paterson took the opportunity to again express his concerns regarding this legislation and in particular, the financial burden that this imposes on already hard-pressed families and single occupants in a climate where the cost

Noted but George Adam MSP to be invited to the March meeting to discuss the concerns raised.

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Graham explained again that he had previously written to his MP and MSP but had not received any satisfactory response.	
A discussion ensued, on the basis of which it was agreed that the Secretary should extend an invitation to George Adam MSP to come along to the next meeting so that these concerns could be discussed in more detail. The Secretary confirmed that he would write to Mr. Adam in appropriate terms.	
E-mail from Michelle Mackintosh on behalf of Dr Victoria Hollows Chief Executive Officer	
OneRen (formerly Renfrewshire Leisure Limited)  Email advising that with effect from 18th January, Renfrewshire Leisure Limited (RLL) would be rebranded as OneRen	
It is a change which has been shaped by input and feedback through research among their staff, stakeholders and members of the public since early 2019. They are grateful to the senior leadership team and cabinet members of Renfrewshire Council, as well as their own board members, for their involvement and support as they navigated the process of rebranding.	Noted
Email from Graeme Crawford o/b Oliver Reid Head of Communities and Public Protection Renfrewshire Council	
Launch of free bus travel for 5-21-year-olds  From Monday 31 January, nearly a million 5-21-year-olds are now eligible for free bus travel across Scotland. The aim of the scheme is to make sustainable travel more normal and ingrained in young people's travelling habits and it will also contribute to a reduction in carbon emissions with Scotland aiming to become net-zero by 2045.	Noted
To access the scheme, young people need to apply for a new entitlement card, with 5 to 10-year-olds using a junior card which does not require a photograph and those aged 11 and over, using an updated Young Scot card – which is also a photo identity and proof of age card.	
Email from Graeme Crawford o/b Roz Smith Climate Emergency Lead Officer Renfrewshire Council £50,000 Community Climate Fund launched 31st January	
Following the declaration of a climate emergency in Renfrewshire in 2019, they have set the ambitious target of Renfrewshire reaching net-zero by 2030 and we are putting climate change at the forefront of our decision making now and in the future.	
To support local communities to engage with our climate change ambitions, we are making $£50,000$ available for community projects in Renfrewshire via the Community Climate Fund.	
Applications are now open and local organisations can bid for up to £3,000 for projects which respond to the climate emergency and help build resilience	

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within communities from the impact of climate change.	
The £50,000 has been allocated from the Council's Climate Change Action Fund and grants will be targeted towards groups where funding will make a significant difference to community participation in climate change aims.	
Projects likely to be considered include community gardens, food growing initiatives, improvements to biodiversity, hosting of climate change awareness raising events, equipment or tools for green projects or active travel initiatives – but all ideas are welcomed for consideration.	
Any properly constituted community or voluntary organisation with a bank account can apply and the Council will support individuals with ideas to engage with a local group that may support their proposal.	Noted
Successful applicants will require to show an understanding of local need, outline how their project aligns with the area's climate change ambitions, be inclusive and ensure a partnership network is in place to signpost people to additional support.	
All applications for funding should be submitted by 14 March 2022, with the Council's climate change team available to support groups to apply before the deadline.	
All the information required is on their website at	
www.renfrewshire.gov.uk/community-climate-fund	
Another email along similar lines was forwarded by Anne McNaughton from Kellie Miller, Senior Policy & Development Officer (Community Empowerment) at Renfrewshire Council,	
Email from Graeme Crawford o/b Gerry Hannah Infrastructure, Transportation & Change Manager Renfrewshire Council Safer Schools Pilot - Review Survey	
Renfrewshire Council had previously introduced exclusion zones around four primary schools with the aim of improving safety at the school gates, reducing congestion and emissions, and encouraging active travel for parents, carers and pupils on their daily commute.	
Significant consultation took place around this project at the time and feedback was received from elected members, head teachers, school staff, parent councils, parents and carers, community organisations and local residents.	Noted pending further feedback re number of Fixed Penalty
The scheme was due to finish on 31 December 2021, but to allow them to fully evaluate the project, it has been extended until 31 March 2022.	Notices issued to date
They now wish to seek further feedback from all stakeholders about how they believe the pilot has gone and would ask that interested parties complete a short survey at <a href="www.renfrewshire.gov.uk/SaferSchoolsReview">www.renfrewshire.gov.uk/SaferSchoolsReview</a> .	
The project sees all vehicles, except those with exemptions, unable to use the specified streets in vicinity of the school during the restricted times.	

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Parents and carers are asked to walk, wheel or cycle to school with their children and those who need to drive should park safely away from the school gates and walk the final part of their journey.	
Exemptions are in place for residents in the restricted streets and school staff through a permit scheme, as well as automatic exemptions for the emergency services, including doctors on call, district nurses, carers and support workers, postal service vehicles serving properties within the restricted roads, school buses and school transport serving the school within the restricted roads, school contract taxis and blue badge holders dropping their child at school, or residing at or visiting a property in the restricted street.	
An experimental traffic regulation order (ETRO) is in place and Police Scotland are able to issue Fixed Penalty Notices for anyone found driving in these streets during the restricted times without a valid exemption.	
Further information about the project can be found on their website – <a href="https://www.renfrewshire.gov.uk/SaferSchoolsPilot">www.renfrewshire.gov.uk/SaferSchoolsPilot</a> .	
A short discussion took place and while recognizing that no schools within the Community Council area were included in the pilot scheme, members expressed interest in knowing how many Fixed Penalty Notices have been issued to errant drivers to date. The Secretary confirmed that he would go back to the Council to find out if they have this information or here it can be obtained	
Email forwarded by Cllr Sharkey from Kerry Mosson @ Quantum Communications Help with Household Bills	
Advice Direct Scotland has launched a £3million support fund to help Scots struggling with their energy bills amid a growing cost-of-living crisis. The Scottish Government funded scheme is designed to help prevent households falling into fuel poverty.	Noted
The Home Heating Support Fund is open until 31 March and applications can be made on behalf of individuals by 'referral partners' (e.g. local authorities, housing associations, charities providing debt/energy advice) through <a href="https://www.homeheatingadvice.scot">www.homeheatingadvice.scot</a> .	
Alternatively, individuals can contact Advice Direct Scotland for free on 0808 800 9060 or visit <a href="www.advice.scot">www.advice.scot</a> , and trained advisers can assess their eligibility and refer them if appropriate.	
8. Treasurer's Report	
The Treasurer reported that the balance at the bank stands at £3878.83 after applying the debits amounting to £450 in respect of the sum agreed as contributions towards the work of Renfrewshire Foodbank, Barshaw Toddlers and Toddler Plus Group and Renfrewshire Women's Aid	Noted
9. Any other Business	
Friends of Barshaw Park	
Jean Ramsay took an opportunity to highlight the sterling work being carried out in the park by the dedicated volunteers of Friends of Barshaw Park	_
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Welcome to Friends of Barshaw Park - Friends of Barshaw Park	
A brief discussion followed following which it was moved by Graham Paterson and seconded by Jean Ramsay that the Community Council make a donation to of $\pounds150$ to the group, which is a registered charity, to support their ongoing work and activities around the park.	
There being no dissent, this was carried and it was agreed to make a donation of $£150$ . Jean confirmed that she would pass on contact details for the group to the Secretary so that payment can be arranged in conjunction with the Treasurer.	Agreed to donate £150 to support the work of the group.
On a separate issue in relation to the park, some concern was raised about the amount of weed in the pond. While it was pointed out that the weed does not pose any danger as such, some members of the Paisley Model Boat Club do seem concerned	
Leaves on Footways.	
Concern was raised about the amount of decaying leaves on the footway at Greenlaw Drive, between the manse and Sherwood-Greenlaw Church, as those pose a slip hazard to pedestrians and can also block the gullies,	Cllr Sharkey to
It was mentioned that there are similar issues at the top of Arkleston Road and also outside the barracks in Whitehaugh Avenue, where there is already an existing problem with the drain at the corner becoming blocked, giving rise to pooling of surface water on the road surface.	Cllr Sharkey to take this issue up with the relevant officers
Cllr Sharkey confirmed that he would take this up with the relevant officer and report back in due course.,	
Works by City Fibre	
Given forthcoming works in and around Arkleston Road to lay cables, concern was expressed as to whether the unadopted stretches of footways would be restored to a reasonable standard following completion of the works.	
Moreover, it was pointed out that there is clearly need for effective measures to mitigate the potential dangers to pedestrians being diverted on to busy roads while the footways were being excavated.	Noted
It is hoped that the contractors carrying out these works do have in place contingency plans to address these issues.	
A discussion took place regarding these issues. It was noted that in relation to the unadopted stretches they would need the consent of frontagers to open the surfaces outside their properties. This might give rise to some issues in places where the owners do not give their consent.	
10.Date of Next Meeting	
The next meeting of the Community Council is due to take place on Wednesday, $9^{\rm th}$ March at $7\rm pm$	