

# PAISLEY EAST & WHITEHAUGH COMMUNITY COUNCIL

<p><b>MINUTES of a meeting of Paisley East &amp; Whitehaugh Community Council that was held via Zoom Technologies on Wednesday, 9th March 2022 at 7.00pm.</b></p>	<p><b>09/03/2022</b></p>
<p>Present: John Bell; Gaynor Corry; Margaret Cowie; Christine McLellan; Robert Moore; Graham Paterson Jean Ramsay; Andrew Ramsay</p> <p>Attending: Councillor John McNaughtan (Renfrewshire Council) and Stewart Miller (ROAR – to end of Item 3 only)</p> <p>Apologies: Diane Watt; Jhulia Watt and Councillor Jim Sharkey (Renfrewshire Council)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Chair: Andrew Ramsay</p>	<p><b>Outcome/Action</b></p>
<p><b>1. Chair's Opening Remarks</b></p> <p>The Chair welcomed those present and thanked everyone for attending the March virtual meeting of the Community Council.</p>	
<p><b>2. Police Scotland</b></p> <p>The Secretary reported that, so far, no report has been received from Sgt Carter or Sgt Fitzpatrick regarding the crime statistics and Police activity over the past month. Should a report arrive during the course of the meeting members will be updated</p> <p>Cllr McNaughtan confirmed that he has raised concerns with the Police over the lack of reports and will mention it again when the Scrutiny Board is due to meet during the week ahead.</p>	<p>Noted</p>
<p><b>3. Stuart Miller, Community Regeneration Co-ordinator Williamsburgh Housing Association</b></p> <p>The Chair welcomed Stuart Miller to the meeting and invited him to address members.</p> <p>Following correspondence with the Secretary in recent weeks, Stuart welcomed the opportunity to introduce himself and explain his role with Williamsburgh Housing Association.</p> <p>Stuart explained that he was previously with Engage Renfrewshire and has developed a range of contacts un the third sector</p> <p>Having joined the Association's team in early February, Stuart's role is to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To assist the regeneration of Williamsburgh HA's communities by securing funding and developing projects</li> <li>• To develop effective partnerships with relevant organisations.</li> <li>• To deliver projects in partnership with the community and community groups.</li> </ul> <p>To this end, he has been in touch with and met with various organisations in the areas where WHA has a presence.</p>	<p>Noted – to discuss future plans to improve local street scene with Stuart</p>

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<p>Stuart explained that while his predecessor had fulfilled the Community Engagement role on a part time basis, 2½ days a week, he is now full time.</p> <p>Apart from local groups, such as Williamsburgh Parents' Council, Stuart has been in touch with a gardening group in Kilbarchan and ROAR, among others, providing support and advice.</p> <p>As well as supporting groups, Stuart is seeking to encourage more people to participate and take an active part in groups of interest to them</p> <p>Stuart took an opportunity to remind members that WHA has a Community Room, which is available for events.</p> <p>Given that COVID restrictions are now relatively relaxed, it would be viable to look at organising Gala Days again</p> <p>A lively discussion then took place during which hope was expressed that the Community Council might possibly look at reviving the project to set up hanging baskets on Glasgow Road to enhance the local street-scene. This could be done in conjunction with the plan to restore and utilise the planters in front of the advertising hoardings beside Iceland. Hopefully, local businesses might still be encouraged to get on board to help look after the baskets and planters</p> <p>These may be project(s) that Stuart could lend some assistance to get in place and it was agreed that the Community Council would get back in touch with him again to discuss if it is decided to resurrect those plans in due course.</p> <p>On conclusion, the Chair thanked Stuart for coming along and his input to the meeting.</p> <p><i>[Stuart Miller left the meeting at this point]</i></p>	
<p><b>4. Minutes of Meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> February 2022</b></p> <p>The Secretary highlighted that the text '(Renfrewshire Council)' at the end of the apologies in the sederunt had been included in error. This should have been picked up and deleted during the final edit.</p> <p>In relation to the item at Section 6 regarding <i>Integrated Smoke Alarms</i>, Graham Paterson took the opportunity to clarify that he had only been in touch with his MSP but had not contacted his MP regarding his concerns surrounding this issue. Accordingly, that sentence should be amended to read "<i>Graham explained again that he had previously written to his MSP but had not received any satisfactory response.</i>"</p> <p>Subject to inclusion of those amendments, the minutes of the previous meeting were proposed as an accurate record by Gaynor Corry and this was seconded by John Bell so those were formally approved without dissent.</p>	Approved subject to agreed amendments

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<p><b>5. Business arising from Minutes of Meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> February 2022</b></p> <p><i>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.</i></p> <p><b>Outstanding Roads Issues</b></p> <p>Members were referred to correspondence that has been received in relation to the outstanding issues, as follows:</p> <p>Email from Stephen Heron, Assistant Transportation &amp; Development Manager (11/2) advising that the Driver Activated Signage has arrived with their supplier and they are looking to get them installed next week.</p> <p>As an update, it was reported that the signs are in the course of being installed but have still to be activated.</p> <p>Update from Gwyneth Heaney (21/2) advising that she has asked for the damaged barrier to be replaced and this will be programmed in over the next few weeks.</p> <p>It was noted that, as of yet, this has not been actioned.</p> <p><b>Security Lighting in Whitehaugh</b></p> <p>Graham Paterson confirmed that Cllr Sharkey had been in touch following the last meeting and it seems that the issue has since been satisfactorily addressed.</p> <p><b>Safer Schools Pilot - Review Survey</b></p> <p>Members were referred to a copy of correspondence that has passed between the Secretary and Graeme Crawford, Senior Communications Officer at Renfrewshire Council re the number of Fixed Penalty Notices issued to errant motorists during the pilot scheme</p> <p>In his response, the officer has explained that that it was very much an advice-first approach to try and educate any drivers as to why and ensure they were aware, but repeat offences were punished with FPNs by Police Scotland.</p> <p>While he would endeavour to ascertain if the relevant statistics might be available, this might necessitate a request under the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002.</p> <p>As Graeme Crawford has since advised that he has been unable to obtain the statistics, a request under the FoI(S)A 2002 has been lodged and a response is awaited in line with the statutory timescale. Hopefully, a response will be to hand in time for the April meeting.</p>	<p>Noted pending further developments</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted pending response to request under FoI(S)A 2002</p>

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<p><b><i>Integrated Smoke Alarms</i></b></p> <p>As agreed at the last meeting, an invitation had been extended to George Adam MSP to come along to this meeting. This was to discuss concerns that had been expressed previously regarding the financial burden that this requirement is imposing on already hard-pressed families and single occupants in an economic climate where the cost of living is already spiralling.</p> <p>Members were dismayed to note that despite the Secretary sending emails to Mr Adam on 10<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> February, no response or acknowledgment has been received.</p> <p>Cllr McNaughtan also expressed surprise that Mr Adam had not been in touch.</p> <p>Graham Paterson asked if it would be possible to ascertain how much it has cost to install these integrated alarms in council tenancies. The Secretary confirmed that he would endeavour to find out this information by way of a request under FoI(S)A 2002 and report back once a response is received.</p> <p><b><i>Cable Laying Works By/On Behalf of City Fibre</i></b></p> <p>Following the discussion that took place at the last meeting, it was reported that cable laying work has begun in the Whitehaugh area, which is giving rise to difficulties. Specifically, in parts, the footways are not being restored to a satisfactory standard. The specific location mentioned, by way of example, was Endrick Drive but there are other locations in that vicinity where remediation might be required</p> <p>Moreover, it seems that the contractors are not putting in place adequate measures to ensure the safety of pedestrians while work is ongoing and, specifically, in some instances, are closing of the footways on both sides of a road at the same time so that pedestrians do not have a safe alternative route.</p> <p>It was mentioned that much seems to depend on which squad is carrying out the work as some seem to be carrying out the work to a satisfactory standard</p> <p>Accordingly, it was agreed to raise these concerns with Roads Officers to find out what oversight they exercise in relation to utility works and if they can bring any pressure to bear on the contractors to ensure that a) Footways are restored to a reasonable standard, whether adopted or not and b) that appropriate risk assessments are carried out so that adequate measures are in place to ensure the safety of pedestrians while these works are ongoing.</p> <p>The Secretary confirmed that he would raise these issues with Environment &amp; Infrastructure and report back at the next meeting on any feedback received.</p> <p><b><i>Donation to Friends of Barshaw Park</i></b></p> <p>Members were referred to the copy of an acknowledgment received from Irene McDonald of Friends of Barshaw Park following receipt of the Community Council's donation of £150.</p>	<p>Secretary to submit a request for this information under FoI(S) 2002 and report back once response received</p> <p>Secretary to raise these issues with Environment &amp; Infrastructure and report back on any feedback received at the next meeting</p> <p>Noted</p>

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<p><b>5. Secretary's Report</b></p> <p><b>Issues Surrounding Emails.</b></p> <p>The Secretary reported that there have been issues surrounding outgoing emails insofar as when those arrive with the recipient, the outgoing email secretary@paisleyeast.org is being corrupted and displaying as an unrecognised numerical value ( outlook_2172FA5931D8BE97@outlook.com). If the recipient uses the reply function in outlook to respond, their message is undeliverable.</p> <p>This appears only to be affecting outgoing emails and incoming emails addressed to the main address <a href="mailto:PEWCC2020@outlook.com">PEWCC2020@outlook.com</a> or specifically to <a href="mailto:secretary@paisleyeast.org">secretary@paisleyeast.org</a> appear so far to be unaffected.</p> <p>A notice is included in outgoing emails advising recipients that any response should be directed to the specific email address.</p> <p>John Bell explained that he doesn't use Outlook personally so is not sure what might be causing this. However, he will look at setting up a new dedicated Secretary@ mailbox and will liaise the Secretary regarding that.</p> <p>Cllr McNaughton suggested that this issue might explain the difficulties receiving reports from the Police or a response from George Adam's office. The Secretary explained however, that all outgoing emails now have a message asking recipients to ensure that they reply to the actual email address (rather than use the reply function). Moreover, if any recipients did happen to have email messages "bounced" then they would likely call the Secretary to highlight and query that.</p> <p><b>Difficulties Being Encountered by Neighbour(s) Of Local Café</b></p> <p>The Secretary reported that he had been contacted by a local resident who is experiencing loud noise from a café situated below his home. The Secretary had suggested that this was an issue the complainant might be best to raise with a local elected member and understands that the resident had since been in touch with Cllr Sharking regarding this issue.</p> <p>It seems that when the property now occupied by the café was refurbished, the inner walls were stripped back to the brick so there is no effective noise insulation.</p> <p>The situation has been exacerbated insofar as the café has been applying for occasional licenses to sell alcohol during the day, The Secretary believes that despite objections from the residents above, the licences have been granted. In terms of Occasional Licences, there is no requirement to consult the Community Council. That is only a requirement when a Premises Licence is being applied for. The resident who has raised concerns is naturally worried that might be the café's intention in due course.</p> <p>After discussion, it was agreed that the Community Council try to assist the</p>	<p>John Bell to liaise with Secretary with a view to finding a more permanent workaround</p> <p>Secretary to liaise with complainant to determine what support can be afforded</p>

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<p>resident(s) affected in relation to their concerns surrounding the noise issue and it was agreed that the Secretary would contact the complainant to see what support can be offered.</p> <p><b><i>E-mail from Michelle Lockard Housing Regeneration Officer, Renfrewshire Council Auchentorlie area - Housing-led Regeneration and Renewal Programme</i></b></p> <p>Following approval of a report by the Communities, Housing and Planning Policy Board at its meeting on 18 January 2022, the Council is writing to all tenants, residents and owners in the eight Housing Regeneration Areas to confirm the next steps.</p> <p>In three of the eight Areas – including the Auchentorlie area – they are re-consulting with tenants, residents and owners of properties which were not previously recommended for demolition but which now are.</p> <p>The Council be carrying out further consultation for these addresses of next. The additional properties that have been added to the proposal for demolition are as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 5 to 9 Auchentorlie Quadrant</li></ul> <p>In addition, all other tenants and residents in the area will receive information regarding the programme to date.</p> <p>Copy of the updated proposal are also included but can also be found at <a href="#">Auchentorlie Quadrant/Seedhill Road, Paisley - Renfrewshire Website</a></p> <p><b><i>Emails from Anne McNaughton Renfrewshire Council Scotland's Census 2022 - Stakeholder Toolkit and Support Sessions</i></b></p> <p>Members were referred to the email forwarded from the Communication and Engagement Team for Scotland's Census 2022</p> <p>Scotland's next census will be held in March 2022. This census will be a digital first census and we want to encourage as many households in Scotland as possible to complete it online. They have created a toolkit and supporting assets to support groups as they engage with their own communities, groups, partners and service users about the census. The toolkit has lots of information about the census, as well as advertising, social media and other promotional materials that be downloaded and shared.</p> <p>They ask that groups use the toolkit and assets to promote the census, encourage participation and answer questions.</p> <p>They are also holding sessions to provide a live demo of the online census completion website, information on the toolkit and supporting assets and the help and support available to enable people to complete the census</p>	<p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p>

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<p>questionnaire. There will also be time for a Q &amp; A session at the end. Each online session will last no longer than 1 hour and invite interested parties to register for the relevant session.</p> <p>Wednesday, 2 March 2022 11:00 -12:00 Wednesday, 9 March 2022 11:00 -12:00 Wednesday, 16 March 2022 11:00 -12:00</p> <p>An appropriate poster has been posted to the CC Facebook Page</p> <p><b><i>E-mail from Morag Smith Case Officer Planning and Environmental Appeals Division Planning Permission Appeal: Grounds of Dykebar Hospital Grahamston Road Paisley PA2 7DE</i></b></p> <p>The applicant for the development, NHS GGC, BDW Trading Ltd, Bellway Homes &amp; CALA Land Management, has appealed to Scottish Ministers against Renfrewshire Council's refusal of their application. A Reporter, Mr J Alasdair Edwards MA(Hons) MRTPI, has been appointed to determine the appeal on behalf of Scottish Ministers. The applicant has now submitted an EIA (Environmental Impact Assessment) report for the proposed development. The Reporter considers that the report should be advertised under the Town and Country Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) (Scotland) Regulations 2017. These Regulations require that the report must be publicised.</p> <p>The EIA report is published on their website under the Appeal Documentation tab</p> <p><a href="https://www.dpea.scotland.gov.uk/CaseDetails.aspx?id=121511">https://www.dpea.scotland.gov.uk/CaseDetails.aspx?id=121511</a></p> <p>Any comments interested parties might wish to make on the EIA report should be sent by 24 March 2022 to <a href="mailto:Morag.Smith@gov.scot">Morag.Smith@gov.scot</a></p> <p>A discussion ensued during following which it was agreed to respond to the EIA report along the following lines: -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The Community Council's position regarding the proposed development remains unchanged from that set out in the earlier objection submitted to Renfrewshire Council as the planning authority. However, in recognition of the possibility that the consortium's appeal is upheld, we should ask that the Construction Environmental Management Plan [5.3] includes a condition for the consortium and/or their appointed contractor and sub-contractors to engage and consult not only with the community in which the development is based but also with others that might be potentially affected by the works;</li><li>• Any planning conditions attached to the development in the event that the application is granted should also include some provision that any Construction Traffic Management Plan [8.7] imposes a requirement to consult with affected communities regarding preferred routes for</li></ul>	<p>Secretary to make agreed representations regarding the EIR</p>

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<p>transporting plant, equipment and supplies by all contractors and sub-contractors.; and</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• That there is a condition imposed that all potentially affected communities are provided with details of the dedicated point of contact for the development so that they can readily highlight any issues that might arise.</li> </ul> <p>The Secretary confirmed that he would make appropriate representations to the Scottish Government prior to the closing date.</p> <p><b><i>E-mail from Lauren Fox Researcher Beezr Studios Community Project -Scotland Search- Channel 4's 'Tool Club'</i></b></p> <p>Email explaining that the writer is currently working on an exciting and upbeat, new daytime DIY series called 'Tool Club'. They have a team of experts who will be on hand to help anyone in a DIY crisis.</p> <p>They want to give something back to the community, so are looking for a space that needs help from their experts. So, by way of examples there might be a local project that would benefit from a magical garden overhaul or a day centre that could do with a fantastic interior upgrade or perhaps a mini makeover project to bring life to a community centre. If so, they would love to hear about it and are looking for people in and around the local area. The project could be a wide range of things, provided that it is for the benefit of the community they would love to help.</p> <p>They had provided a flyer for inclusion in social media channels or to send to anyone who may be interested!</p> <p>Their flyer has been posted to the CC Facebook Page.</p>	<p>Noted</p>
<p><b><i>Email from Dorothy Kerr o/b Laura Anderson, Technician, Traffic Section Renfrewshire Council Paisley Food &amp; Drink Festival 2022 - Road Closures and Waiting &amp; Loading Restrictions - Thursday 28th April 2022 until Sunday 1st May 2022</i></b></p> <p>Details of forthcoming road closure and restrictions at Abbey Close &amp; Bridge Street, Paisley for the Food &amp; Drink Festival.</p> <p><b><i>Email from Anne McNaughton Renfrewshire Council Scottish Government - Coronavirus Modifications and Planning Legislation - New Scottish Statutory Instruments Laid in Parliament</i></b></p> <p>Forwarded email from The Improvement Service who have asked that the information be shared with local Community Councils</p> <p>On 28<sup>th</sup> February, the Scottish Government laid the following Scottish Statutory</p>	<p>Noted</p>



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<p>Instruments before Parliament:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Town and Country Planning (Miscellaneous Temporary Modifications) (Scotland) Regulations 2022</a> (The Coronavirus Regulations 2022)</li> <li>• <a href="#">The Planning (Scotland) Act 2019 (Commencement No. 6 and Transitional Provision) Amendment Regulations 2022</a> (The Commencement Regulations)</li> </ul> <p>Subject to Parliamentary scrutiny, the regulations are due to come into force on 30 March 2022. Details of the effect of the new provisions are described in the relevant policy note for each SSI, available through the above links (see 'More Resources').</p> <p>These two sets of regulations would mean:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• the provisions on extended duration will remain in place with the emergency period ending on 30 September 2022 and with the 'extended period' ending on 31 March 2023 (that is, where development is not started and duration would otherwise expire before 30 September, the duration period will be extended to 31 March 2023);</li> <li>• the suspension of requirements for a public event as part of pre-application consultation (PAC) requirements will remain until 30 September 2022; and</li> <li>• the changes to PAC requirements which are due to come into force on 1 April 2022, will not now come into force until 1 October 2022.</li> </ul>	<p>Noted</p>
<p><b>6. Treasurer's Report</b></p> <p>The Treasurer reported that the balance at the bank stands at £3728.83 after applying the debits amounting to £150 in respect of the sum agreed as contribution towards Friends of Barshaw Park.</p>	<p>Noted</p>
<p><b>7. Any other Business</b></p> <p><b>Humanitarian Crisis in Ukraine</b></p> <p>Concern was expressed regarding the unfolding humanitarian crisis in Ukraine following the invasion by Russian forces on 24<sup>th</sup> February.</p> <p>While it is encouraging to hear of the tremendous efforts of individuals and others gathering clothes etc. and transporting that over to the country, there seems to be a major logistical problem ensuring that those donations in kind are distributed to those in need. Accordingly, financial donation to aid organisations allow them to try to ensure that support is targeted.</p> <p>After discussion, it was moved by Graham Paterson and seconded by Margaret</p>	<p>Agreed to donate the sum of £150 to the DEC (Disasters Emergency Committee) Humanitarian appeal. for Ukraine</p>

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<p>Cowie that the Community Council donate the sum of £150 on behalf of the local community to the DEC (Disasters Emergency Committee) appeal. There being no dissent that was duly agreed and it was remitted to the Treasurer to organise payment.</p> <p><b><i>Blocked Drains in Cyril Street</i></b></p> <p>Gaynor Corry reported that there are still ongoing issues with blocked gullies in Cyril Street, particularly outside the Poplars, numbers 5 &amp; 7, as those are overflowing during spells of heavy rainfall, causing significant surface water to accumulate on the road surface.</p> <p>The Secretary advised that he follow this up with Environment &amp; Infrastructure and report on any response received in relation to this issue.</p> <p><b><i>Conduct of Paisley Grammar Pupils around Seedhill</i></b></p> <p>Concern was expressed regard the behaviour of some pupils from Paisley Grammar who have been loitering outside the offices of Williamsburgh Housing Association at lunchtime. Apart from the litter they leave behind them, some tend to stand immediately outside the office's fire exit in Cyril Street, thereby blocking that. While they have been asked to move on by members of WHA staff, some of the pupils involved can become abusive.</p> <p>On a separate but related issue, it was mentioned that there is regular disturbance caused to residents in and around Clarence Street due to rowdy behaviour on the part of some pupils as they are making their way between the school and Seedhill Community Sports Ground.</p> <p>Christine McLellan assured members that in her capacity as Chair of the Parents Council she would bring the concerns expressed to attention of the Headteacher who no doubt will take those seriously and act accordingly</p>	<p>Secretary to raise this issue with Environment and Infrastructure</p> <p>Concerns to be brought to the attention of the Head Teacher</p>
<p><b><i>8 .Date of Next Meeting</i></b></p> <p>The next meeting of the Community Council is due to take place on Wednesday, 13<sup>th</sup> April at 7pm</p>	