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Present: John Bell; Gaynor Corry; Christine McLellan; Robert Moore; Graham Paterson; Jean Ramsay; Andrew Ramsay	
Attending: Councillor Jim Sharkey (Renfrewshire Council)	
Apologies: Margaret Cowie; Diane Watt; Jhulia Watt	
Chair: Andrew Ramsay	
	Outcome/Action
1. Chair's Opening Remarks	
The Chair welcomed those present and thanked everyone for attending the April virtual meeting of the Community Council.	
2. Police Scotland	
The Secretary reported that following the discussion at the last meeting, contact was made with Police Scotland to ascertain if the problem receiving their reports recently might be due to the prevailing email issue.	
Initially, Sgt Carter had responded to say that he has managed to look back at their records and notes that Sgt Fitzpatrick had emailed across the statistics for the February meeting. The meeting was missed in March due to an oversight on their part and apologised for that. He has confirmed that they will stats across to us for the April meeting	
Sgt Fitzpatrick has since sent across the report that was intended for the January meeting and a copy of that had been circulated in advance of the meeting.	Noted
Members were then referred to a report that was received from Sgt Carter prior to the meeting relating to March/April.	
Over that period there had been 51 crime reports raised relating to a variety of offences, including serious assault, common assault, theft by shoplifting, vandalism, offensive weapons, breach of the peace and road traffic offences. Crimes of note were:	
 Serious assault – 24-year-old male struck on the head with an object unknown. Enquiries ongoing by Paisley CID. 53-year-old male charged with assault against a taxi driver 40-year-old female charged with racially aggravated conduct 36-year-old male charged with driving without insurance 3 persons arrested and charged with breaking bail conditions 	
CPT officers have been focussing on issues surrounding speeding motorists, illegal and anti-social use of quad bikes & scrambler bikes as well as general disorder with the lighter nights coming in. They have also	

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focused on monitoring those on curfew bail conditions to ensure compliance and ensuring the risk to the community is minimised. There have been recent operations, working jointly with road policing, to carry out speed checks in and around the area to maintain road safety.	
The Police are aware of increasing calls of complaint regarding pupils from Paisley Grammar causing annoyance to local residents and have increased patrols during break times and at the close of the school day to try and cut down on this type of behaviour. They also link in with the schools at least once per month and will feed back this issue during the next scheduled meeting. As this ties in with the discussion last month, it was agreed to return to this issue later in the meeting	
3. Minutes of Meeting held on 9 th March 2022	
It was pointed out that in the Secretary's report on Page 5, Cllr Sharkey had been inadvertently referred to s Cllr Sharking. The Secretary apologised for this and for the fact that it had not been picked up on prior to publication Subject to inclusion of that amendments, the minutes of the previous meeting were proposed as an accurate record by John Bell and this was seconded by Gaynor Corry so those were formally approved without	Approved subject to incorporation of amendment
dissent. 4. Business arising from Minutes of Meeting held on 9th March 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.	
Safer Schools Pilot - Review Survey	
Further to the discussion at the last meeting, a request was lodged under the Freedom of information (Scotland) Act 2002 for information regarding the number of Fixed Penalty Notices	
Renfrewshire Council has responded in the following terms: -	Noted
In relation to this request it was explained that enforcement is carried out by Police Scotland the numbers below have been provided by them.	
 19 issued in THRUSHCRAIG CRESCENT PAISLEY 3 issued in QUARRY ROAD PAISLEY 5 issued in BRABLOCH CRESCENT PAISLEY 	
Integrated Smoke Alarms	
As agreed at the last meeting, a request lodged under the Freedom of information (Scotland) Act 2002 for details of the cost incurred in installing the integrated alarms in Council tenancies	

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Renfrewshire Council has responded in the following terms: -	
 The overall cost of purchasing and installing interlinked fire alarms/ heat monitors/Carbon Monoxide monitors in Renfrewshire Council tenancies. The overall cost from April 2019 to date is £1,884,718 	
When lodging that request, for the sake of completeness, the Secretary reported that he had taken the opportunity to ask if the Council has received any funding from the Scottish Government to cover the cost of installing alarms. Their response to that question is	Noted
 Renfrewshire Council has not received any funding from Scottish Government to cover these costs 	
Cable-laying works being carried out by PMK o/b City Fibre	
Following the last meeting, in light of the issues being encountered in the Whitehaugh/Arkleston area, Renfrewshire Council had been asked what oversight was exercised in relation to works carried out by contractors	
Their Supervisory Engineer, Statutory & Maintenance has offered the following explanation.	
Renfrewshire Council have a responsibility to inspect at least 6% of a Public Utility's (PU's) works (unless there are particular issues reported, such as health & Safety concerns or traffic/pedestrian management concerns), this is a national standard set out by the Roads Authority & Utilities Committee (Scotland) (RAUC) which provides co-ordination and an overview of activities carried out on roads under the New Roads and Street Works Act 1991 (NRSWA). In the case of City Fibre's work, they have carried out significantly more inspections than the previously mentioned 6% as we are working closely with the company to ensure broadband rollout throughout Renfrewshire.	
All PU's use private contractors in at least some part of their works and as such have a responsibility for the supervision of these contractors and to ensure that any reinstatements are carried out to the Specification for the Reinstatement of Openings in Roads (SROR). Most PU's have a very robust inspection regime and City Fibre have one of the best in Scotland as they have instigated an internal coring programme to test any reinstatements which they may have missed during the works. It is therefore Mr. McLaren's opinion that if a reinstatement has not been carried out correctly then this will be discovered during the course of City Fibre's and Renfrewshire Council's investigations.	Noted
In terms of the footway works carried out in the areas mentioned, they have identified some areas which do not conform to the SROR and are currently engaging with the PU to have these rectified. He goes on to point out however, that the areas we have identified as requiring remedial works have been identified because of the non-conformance to the standards laid out in the SROR, not because of any aesthetic reasons (which would be in contravention of NRSWA and, consequently, leave Renfrewshire Council open to reproach by	

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the Scottish Road Works Commissioner's Office).

In terms of the pedestrian safety issues mentioned by the Community Council, Council inspectors have reprimanded the contractor regarding this matter and will continue to enforce measures laid out in the Code of Practice: Safety at Street Works and Road Works.

Cllr Sharkey explained that given issues that had been highlighted regarding these works here and in other places in Renfrewshire, those have been brought to the attention of PMK's Scottish Manager.

It was noted that the contractors do not appear to have been near the unadopted areas in Arkleston although the works elsewhere around Whitehaugh/Arkleston appear to be all but complete.

Planning Permission Appeal: Grounds of Dykebar Hospital Grahamston Road, Paisley PA2 7DE

Following the discussion that took place at the last meeting and with the concurrence of the Chair, representations were made to the Reporter, via Morag Smith, Case Officer in the Planning and Environmental Appeals Division, in response to the Environmental Impact Report (EIR) in the following terms

"For the record, our position regarding the proposed development remains unchanged from that set out in our earlier objection submitted to Renfrewshire Council as the planning authority.

However, in recognition of the possibility that the consortium's appeal is upheld, we would ask that the Construction Environmental Management Plan [5.3] includes a condition for the consortium and/or their appointed contractor and subcontractors 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.

Noted pending outcome of Consortium's appeal.

Moreover, 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 transporting plant, equipment and supplies by all contractors and sub-contractors.

The Hawkhead Road/ Arkleston Road arterial corridor to/from the M8 goes through our Community Council area and for many years has been experiencing significant difficulties caused by heavy vehicles using the route.

We would also request that there is a condition that all potentially affected communities are provided with details of the dedicated point of contact so that they can readily highlight any issues that might arise."

An acknowledgment has since been received from Morag Smith advising that the comment have been passed to the Reporter for information. The appellant's agent will have 14 days to address those observations once the consultation period has ended.

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Difficulties Being Encountered by Neighbour(s) Of Local Café	
The Secretary confirmed that following the last meeting, he had been in touch with the complainant.	
It appears that the complainant has matters pretty much in hand, having been in touch with the relevant officers at Renfrewshire Council. However, he has asked at this stage that we watch out for a potential application for a Premises Licence to sell alcohol on a more permanent basis.	Secretary to liaise
The Secretary has explained to the complainant that if an application is submitted members shall certainly give that due consideration at the time.	with the Licensing Enforcement Officer and
However, the Secretary went on to suggest that it might be worth asking the Council's Licensing Enforcement to find out if they can legally suspend the current occasional licence and/or defer consideration on any further applications for occasional licences until the noise problem troubling the neighbours has been satisfactorily addressed by the owner. This might not be feasible but, if so, it might provide some leverage to get the noise problem addressed.	complainant
It was agreed that the Secretary should proceed along those lines and continue to liaise with complainant	
Blocked Gullies in Cyril Street, Paisley	
After this ongoing issue was highlighted at the meeting in March, members were referred to a copy of correspondence that has passed between the Secretary and Environment and Infrastructure. Following the initial report, some images were also sent to demonstrate the scale of the problem.	Secretary to
A response has been received to confirm that the issue has been logged to the inspector for the area to assess and arrange works to clear these gullies.	follow up with Environment & Infrastructure
It was reported that at the last bout of heavy rain during the previous week the road surface had flooded again. The Secretary confirmed that he would contact Environment and Infrastructure for an update regarding this issue.	
Conduct of Paisley Grammar Pupils around Seedhill	
Further to the reference to this issue in Sgt Carter's Police report a further discussion took place	
It was reported that there is still ongoing misbehaviour on the part of some pupils from Paisley Grammar loitering outside the offices of Williamsburgh Housing Association at lunchtime. Apart from the litter there is vaping paraphernalia being left. Some photographs are available and those will be passed on to the Secretary	Secretary to liaise with the Police and Wardens to highlight this hotspot
While they have been asked to move on by members of WHA staff, some of the pupils involved continue to be abusive.	

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A torrent of racial abuse recently directed to a couple passing in the street by this group, which consists of around 7 or 8 pupils. It seems that the teaching staff are aware who these individuals are	
It was mentioned that the disturbance caused to residents in and around Clarence Street due to rowdy behaviour on the part of some pupils making their way between the school and Seedhill Community Sports Ground appears to have abated significantly	
Christine McLellan confirmed that she has spoken with the Headteacher who is aware of the problem and is trying to address the situation by having staff out around the area during lunch breaks.	
It was agreed that the Secretary should highlight to the Police and Wardens that the Cyril Street area around the WHA offices is a hotspot for pupil misbehaviour. Christine McLellan confirmed that she would pass on the Secretary a note of the times for lunchbreaks as those can vary.	
5. Arrangements for future Community Council Meetings	
Following discussion at the meeting in January, further consideration was given to the possibility of returning to meeting in person at Sherwood-Greenlaw Church now that the COVID situation is showing signs of improvement and restrictions are being relaxed.	Secretary to liaise with the Church
After discussion, it was agreed that arrangements should be put in hand to return to meeting at the Church from the next meeting in May.	to ascertain what measures need to be put in hand, arrangements for
The Secretary confirmed that he would liaise with the Church to find out what measures need to be in place and to sort the necessary formalities in readiness for returning there in May.	uplifting keys etc.
6. Secretary's Report	
Keegan & Pennykid Annual Insurance Renewal	
The annual renewal of the Community Council's insurance cover is due by no later than $1^{\rm st}$ May and the renewal premium for the coming 12 months is £84.28.	Renewal Premium
It was moved by Andrew Ramsay and seconded by Christine McLellan that the policy be renewed via Keegan & Pennykid at the price quoted and this was agreed without dissent. The Treasurer confirmed that she would arrange for payment to be remitted.	Approved – Treasurer to arrange to pay that
Emails from Graeme Crawford Renfrewshire Council Launch of The Big Spring Clean 2022	
Renfrewshire's Big Spring Clean is back for 2022 with thousands set to litter pick this April as part of the award-winning <i>Team Up to Clean Up</i> campaign.	

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The annual event was postponed last year due to the pandemic with Renfrewshire supporting <i>Keep Scotland Beautiful's</i> Summer Clean event instead, but the popular event is back for 2022 and excitement is building already.	
Previous events have seen thousands take part in litter picks across the month of action, with the campaign's sister event Spotless September in 2021 seeing almost 1,500 people take part in 430 litter picks – which is more than 14 every day.	Noted
Email from Graeme Crawford Renfrewshire Council Creation of Wildflower Areas	
As set out in an email from Lyall Rennie, Operations Manager, explaining that as previously agreed by the Infrastructure, Land and Environment Policy Board prior to the Coronavirus pandemic, the Council will shortly be creating seven wildflower areas in Renfrewshire.	
This will include three wildflower corridors, two wildflower areas and two tree plantations.	
These form part of the Council's commitment to improving our local environment and reaching our ambitious climate change target of becoming net-zero by 2030. Work will set to begin shortly on the following areas to ensure that planting can take place during the appropriate season.	Noted
The mail goes on to set out a list of where each wildflower area will be located.	
During discussion, it was emphasised yet again the importance of ensuring that such areas are properly managed and not just neglected. An area in neighbouring Penilee was cited as an example of a similar project that had been unmanaged and allowed simply to run down.	
Email forwarded from the Community Council Mailbox Renfrewshire Council National Planning Framework 4 - Community Group Discussion Events	
Email from the David Wood of Planning Aid Scotland [PAS] setting out details of some additional online workshops aimed at community groups and to help them respond to the NPF4 consultation.	
National Planning Framework 4 (NPF4) will set the direction for planning in Scotland for the next ten years, looking towards 2045. As the deadline approaches for public consultation on the Draft (31 March 2022), PAS want to support as many communities to respond as possible.	Noted
Interested parties can find out more about NPF4 on the <u>Scottish Government's</u> <u>Transforming Planning website here.</u>	

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Email from Graeme Crawford Renfrewshire Council Launch of Not Far? Leave the Car Campaign	
Email circulated on behalf of Mark Higginbotham, Transportation and Development Manager, explaining that as part of their commitment to active travel and continued drive to meet their ambitious climate change aims, the Council has launched a new campaign called Not Far? Leave the Car.	
The campaign launched on Friday 11 March 2022 and will reward people in Renfrewshire for walking, cycling and using public transport, with discounts and prizes at local Renfrewshire businesses.	Note d
It is being provided through the BetterPoints app and has been funded by the Scottish Government.	Noted
Everyone across Renfrewshire over the age of 14 is encouraged to download the free BetterPoints app on their mobile phone and track their day-to-day journeys – with sustainable journeys rewarded with points.	
That can be done via this link	
The purpose of the campaign is to motivate people to make positive changes to their behaviour by travelling more sustainably and to live healthy lives – with active travel a key part of our drive to lower emissions and become net-zero by 2030.	
E-mail from Anne McNaughton Renfrewshire Council Consultation document – Murdo Fraser MSP's Bill on Fly-tipping	
Forwarded emails from The Improvement Service re a consultation document for MSP Murdo Fraser's Members' Bill on Fly-tipping.	
https://www.parliament.scot/-/media/files/legislation/proposed- members-bills/murdo-fraser-consultation-documentfinal.pdf	Noted
The consultation period on the bill will run until May 23	
While the consultation was noted, a brief discussion took place about the difficulties encountered by residents in disposing of certain items such as paint tins at the depot in Underwood Road	
Email from Dorothy Kerr Renfrewshire Council Public Procession Notification - Community Procession as part of EVOLVE - 20/03/2022	
Notification that Renfrewshire Council had received notice of a proposal to hold a public procession.	

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The information detailed below has been provided by the applicant. The application has been made by Dav Bernard of Megahertz Theatre, 51 Albert Avenue, Glasgow, G41 8RA.	
The organisers of the procession are Megahertz Theatre and the purpose of the procession is Community Procession as part of EVOLVE. The procession was held on 20/03/2022 and start at 19:00. The procession route was as follows: Cochran Street, Dixon Street, Bank Street, Unsted Place, Kilnside Road, Ladyburn Street, Dunn Street, Crossflat Crescent, Howard Street, Ladyburn Street, Kilnside Road, Dixon Street, Cochran Street.	Noted
It was mentioned that this procession appears to have been well received in the Seedhill area and was generally regarded as an enjoyable event.	
Email from Judith Chalmers Renfrewshire Council Consultation on Renfrewshire Local Development Plan Draft New Development Supplementary Guidance Renfrewshire Council have published the Draft New Development	
Supplementary Guidance for consultation.	
The Renfrewshire Local Development Plan (2021) was adopted on the 15th December 2021 and the draft New Development Supplementary Guidance provides additional detailed information in relation to designing, delivering and implementing development, with an emphasis on place making and sustainable, inclusive development.	Noted
Consultation on the draft New Development Supplementary Guidance commences on 21st March 2022 and runs until 22nd April 2022.	
Copies of the draft New Development Supplementary Guidance are available in all public libraries in Renfrewshire or online at www.renfrewshire.gov.uk	
Email from Sharon Marklow Place Strategy Manager Renfrewshire Draft Local Housing Strategy 2022-2027	
The draft Local Housing Strategy 2022-2027 was approved for consultation at the Communities, Housing and Planning Policy Board on 15 March 2022	
Housing performs a fundamental role in meeting the needs of local people, communities and the economy. The Local Housing Strategy sets out a framework of action, investment and partnership working to deliver local housing priorities. It outlines Renfrewshire's strategic vision and priorities for the delivery of housing and housing related services and the outcomes we want to achieve and the range of actions the Council and its partners will take to achieve this. It covers all tenures and types of accommodation and reflects both national priorities and local needs.	Noted
They are seeking views on their consultative draft of the Local Housing Strategy	

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on what people think of the draft Strategic Priorities and accompanying actions. The detail of how they aim to achieve these Strategic Priorities is contained within the draft Local Housing Strategy with accompanying actions designed to achieve these priorities.	
The draft Local Housing Strategy 2022-2027, with a summary version, can be found on the Renfrewshire Council website at:	
https://www.renfrewshire.gov.uk/NewLocalHousingStrategy	
The quickest way to share views on this draft strategy, is by completing the online version of the questionnaire, which is available to register comments up to the closing date of 13 June 2022.	
Email from Stuart Miller Community Regeneration Co-ordinator Williamsburgh Housing association FLAIR For Life Funding	
FLAIR – the Federation of Local Housing Associations in Renfrewshire and East Renfrewshire, which includes Barrhead, Bridgewater, Ferguslie Park, Linstone, Paisley and Williamsburgh have recently launched FLAIR for LIFE. FLAIR for LIFE a small grant programme for residents' associations and community groups delivering activity that promotes good health and wellbeing within communities in Renfrewshire.	Noted
Groups can apply for up to £1,500 per project for activities that are delivered before March 2023, with £6,000 available from each housing association. The application process is simple and straightforward, with applications reviewed on an ongoing basis.	
FLAIR for LIFE has been made possible thanks to funding from Engage Renfrewshire and the Scottish Government	
Email from Dorothy Kerr Renfrewshire Council Barshaw Park Pond	
Email circulated on behalf of Karen Anderson, Sustainability, Place and Assets Manager advising that arrangements were in place to clean the pond within Barshaw Park, with work beginning on Friday 1 April.	
The works will remove the silt which has gathered in the pond over a number of years, as well as removing some invasive weed species which will protect the health of the pond. To do this, they will require to drain the pond and then remove the silt which will be kept at a location near the pond to dry out before being disposed of safely by our contractor.	Noted
They will have a fishing specialist on site to assist in keeping any fish in the pond safe and they will be stored in a bunded area within the pond until the works are complete.	

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There are no swans nesting at the pond so no nests will be disturbed by the works taking place.	
During the works, the pond will be fenced off to stop anyone entering the area while it is drained, and we anticipate that it will take around 3 weeks to complete the works and refill the pond to its previous level. Signage will be put up in the park.	
It was reported that the work does appear to have started, insofar as the pond is currently fenced off.	
On a separate matter relating to the park, mention was made about recent reports in the media about the uncovering of the former bandstand there. While members seemed keen for this to be restored, it was noted that there are no specific plans at this stage.	
Email from Dorothy Kerr Renfrewshire Council Grass Cutting Programme	
Email circulated on behalf of Ken Gray, StreetScene Manager advising that their grass cutting programme was rescheduled to restart on Monday 4 April 2022.	
In line with their successful new approach launched last year, their teams will work to a 14-day cycle and will tackle a different area of Renfrewshire each day – although they will return the following day to finish any section that they weren't able to complete.	
This means that they will cut grass panels, open spaces, school playing fields, public parks, cemeteries, and provide grass and hedge cutting assistance scheme for council house tenants, at the same time in each area. If they are unable to complete an area due to the weather, they will retain some resources to complete that area when the grass is able to be cut as normal.	Noted
Email includes the fortnightly timetable, which can also be found on the Council website – www.renfrewshire.gov.uk/grasscutting	
E-mail from Anne McNaughton Renfrewshire Council Strategic Transport Project Review 2 (STPR2) Formal Consultation Closing Date: 15 April 2022	
Forwarded email via The Improvement Service reminding stakeholders that there is still time to provide feedback on the published STPR2 documents and draft recommendations.	Noted
The STPR2 Consultation will remain open until Friday 15 April 2022 and can be accessed here.	

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E-mail from Anne McNaughton	
Renfrewshire Council	
Local Partnership Grants	
Forwarded email from Community Planning advising that Local Partnerships were inviting applications for funding in 2022-23 up until midnight on 8th April 2022 but this has since been extended to 18th April.	Noted
E-mail From Anne McNaughton Renfrewshire Council Planning Aid Scotland [PAS]	
Forwarded email from David Wood of Planning Aid Scotland setting out details of the assistance that PAS can afford Community Councils to help navigate the Planning System.	Noted
Accounts Commission Newsletter	
Copy of the March newsletter from the Accounts Commission.	Noted
Scottish Community Councils Newsletter	
Copy of the latest newsletter Scottish Community Councils Website forwarded by Anne McNaughton.	Noted
E-mail from Stuart Miller Community Regeneration Co-ordinator Williamsburgh Housing association Vegan/Veggie Taster Session.	
Vegetarian/Vegan for Life's (V for Life) roving chef is hosting a one-off free taster session in the Williamsburgh Housing Association's community flat 0/2, 10 Lang Street. The session was on 21st April 2022 starting at 1.30pm and finishing at 2.30pm.	Noted
7. Treasurer's Report	
The Treasurer reported that the balance at the bank stands at £3588.83 after applying the debit amounting to £150 in respect of the sum agreed as a Donation to DEC's Humanitarian Appeal for Ukraine.	Noted
A short discussion followed regarding the Community Council's financial position	
8. Councillor Jim Sharkey – Valediction	
As Councillor Sharkey will not be seeking re-election to Renfrewshire Council at the forthcoming polls on 5 th May, the Chair took the opportunity on behalf of the Community Council to extend his best wishes. Over the years Cllr Sharkey has been a regular attender at Community Council meetings, has been most assiduous in his efforts in relation to issues raised with him and had shown a real commitment to the area during his tenure.	

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Cllr Sharkey thanked the Chair for his kind words and took the opportunity to express his gratitude to members for their valued co-operation over the years. During his time as an elected member, he has had the pleasure of working with a number of different Community Councils in his ward and had found his engagement with this Community Council most constructive and enjoyable.	
9. Any other Business There was no other competent business	
10. Date of Next Meeting	
The next meeting of the Community Council is due to take place on Wednesday, 13th April at 7pm	