

PAISLEY EAST & WHITEHAUGH COMMUNITY COUNCIL

<p>MINUTES of a meeting of Paisley East & Whitehaugh Community Council that was held at Sherwood-Greenlaw Church on Wednesday, 7th September 2022 at 7.00pm.</p>	<p>07/09/2022</p>
<p>Present: Gaynor Corry; Christine McLellan; Robert Moore; Jean Ramsay; Andrew Ramsay</p> <p>Attending: Councillor Graeme Clark & Councillor Carolann Davidson (both Renfrewshire Council); Sgt Gail Fitzpatrick & PC Graham McCann (Police Scotland) (to end of item 2 only); Charlie Crawford (Renfrewshire Community Wardens – to end of Item 3 only); Alison Ritchie and Andrew McGlynn (Local Residents)</p> <p>Apologies: John Bell; Margaret Cowie; Graham Paterson; Diane Watt; Jhulia Watt; Councillor John McNaughtan (Renfrewshire Council)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Chair: Andrew Ramsay</p>	<p>Outcome/Action</p>
<p>1. Chair’s Opening Remarks</p> <p>The Chair welcomed those present and thanked everyone for attending the first meeting of the 2022/2023 session of the Community Council.</p>	
<p>2. Police Scotland</p> <p>The Chair invited Sgt Fitzpatrick and her colleague to address members.</p> <p>Sgt Fitzpatrick briefly introduced herself and her colleague, PC McCann, explaining that they are attached to a different team as local officers are currently deployed on operational matters elsewhere.</p> <p>The officer went on to provide members with an overview of local crime statistics/trends in the area.</p> <p>Between 1st and 31st August, Police had been alerted to 318 incidents, which had given rise to 38 crime reports.</p> <p>Much of the activity had related to shoplifting, theft, vandalism, drug possession and some fairly minor road traffic offences. However, there were no major issues that the community needs to be particularly concerned about.</p> <p>A question was raised if there was any further information available regarding an incident in which the Sub-Postmaster at the Post Office on Arkleston Road had been assaulted. It appears that the perpetrators may have been looking for alcohol and the incident could possibly have been racially motivated. After providing some background regarding what is presently known of the incident, Sgt Fitzpatrick confirmed that she would look into this on return to the station and email the Secretary.</p> <p>It was also highlighted that people are frequently walking their dogs in the grassed area surrounding Paisley Abbey, which seems wholly inappropriate. However, the officers were unable to confirm if there were any local bye-laws that might specifically prohibit this activity.</p> <p>Sgt Fitzpatrick referred to the campaign mounted by them in co-operation with</p>	<p>Noted</p>

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<p>Trading Standards to raise awareness of cyber-crime, which includes financial fraud. She left some leaflets with helpful information so that residents can be alert to various types of scams that are becoming more prevalent during the current Cost of Living Crisis</p> <p>http://www.tsscot.co.uk/cost-of-living-scams/</p> <p>In conclusion, Sgt Fitzpatrick highlighted to members a new item of equipment that has been issued to all operational officers up to and including the rank of Inspector. The equipment in question is an Intra-Nasal Naloxone spray, which is designed to reverse opioid-related drug overdoses.</p> <p>The Chair thanked Sgt Fitzpatrick and PC McCann for their helpful report and participation in the ensuing discussion</p> <p><i>[Sgt Fitzpatrick and PC McCann left the meeting at this point]</i></p>	
<p>3. Renfrewshire Warden Service</p> <p>The Chair invited Charlie Crawford of Renfrewshire Wardens Service to address members.</p> <p>While he has attended meetings in the past, Mr. Crawford went on to introduce himself and provide an overview of the issues tackled by the Wardens Service over recent weeks.</p> <p>This included 3 instances of fly tipping at various locations; 4 complaints of dog fouling; 3 concerns about youths congregating and causing a disturbance; 3 instances of fire-raising; and 1 instance of major vandalism</p> <p>Between 1st July and 6th September there had been additional Community Safety Patrols, both mobile and on foot conducted across Wards 3 and 5. A total of nine patrols have been recorded across the two wards that the Community Council area straddles.</p> <p>While there still some instances of fly-tipping, the situation has improved to some extent. It is understood that Renfrewshire Council is looking at revising arrangements for Special Uplifts to try to the tackle the blight caused through flytipping.</p> <p>Mr. Crawford reiterated that the Service has been facing a high turnover of staff and is undergoing change</p> <p>A brief discussion then took place regarding various issues arising from the Warden's s report.</p> <p>Following conclusion of that discussion the Chair thanked Mr. Crawford for his informative input.</p> <p>[Charlie Crawford left the meeting at this point</p>	<p>Noted</p>

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<p>4 occasions to explain the noise is bad he has given up trying reason with him. He points out that as well as being stressful, it is not always fault on the part of the staff</p> <p>He feels that the owner should be encouraged to introduce soundproofing, to combat the fact they have stripped back the walls and created an effective 'echo chamber' by getting rid of a partition wall. That would solve everyone's problems and allow people to get on with each other.</p> <p>The Secretary has advised the complainant to get back in touch with the Noise Enforcement Officer.</p> <p>It was agreed that the Secretary should continue to liaise with the complainant for the time being.</p> <p><i>Blocked Gullies in Cyril Street, Paisley</i></p> <p>Members were reminded that previously the Service Co-ordination Assistant at Environment & Infrastructure had responded to say that the necessary works have now been programmed with an estimated timescale of 15th June.</p> <p>However, Gaynor reported that the problem persist so the secretary confirmed that he would go back to Environment & Infrastructure at the earliest opportunity to follow this up</p> <p><i>Concerns over removal/closure of Bus Stops at Seedhill Road.</i></p> <p>Further to the discussion that took place at the last meeting, Cllr Clark subsequently had emailed the following day say that he has been informed that SPT's notice regarding the potential removal of the stop from Seedhill Road was a way of gauging the use of the stop. However, given the response there is no intention of removing these stops in isolation. The current locations are not ideal given access issues for the bus but are the best available for the moment.</p> <p>SPT agree that there are too many stops which are too close together on Seedhill Road, and most have access issues due to the conflict with residents parking. The best option would probably be to take the pair of stops around Lacy St/Anchor Dr and the pair of stops near Auchentorlie Quad and combine them into a single pair of stops somewhere between their current positions. However, that in itself does not change the current issue of passengers generally having to leave the footway, go between parked cars and then step up to the bus (and vice versa). These issues could only be solved by either:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. A very long bus stop markings kerbside, which would have a massive effect on parking; or2. Constructing buildouts. Given the bus is normally stopping in the carriageway at the moment this would make no difference to traffic, and would have minimum possible effect on kerbside parking	<p>Secretary to follow up again so noted pending further feedback</p> <p>Noted pending further feedback</p>

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<p>It seems that any potential changes will be dependent on more detailed surveys to see if they are possible, and on engagement with the community prior to any changes being made.</p> <p>Cllr Clark advised that there was no further update beyond that but he will keep the Community Council informed of any subsequent developments</p> <p><i>Email from Stuart Miller Community Regeneration Co-ordinator Williamsburgh Housing Association Funding for Provision of Dog Bins</i></p> <p>Following the item continued from the last meeting, Stuart Miller had come back to say that Renfrewshire Council have indicated that Green Spaces fund could be a source of funding for dog bins, signs etc. to put around the area. However, they have said that the Authority would not service those as they were not on Council land/property. Stuart has had an initial chat with the WHA Estates Team and they could potentially look at servicing the bins, refilling with bags etc.</p> <p>While Stuart will no doubt get back to us at some point now that the recess is over, the Secretary confirmed that he had responded at that time to say that while receptive to the idea, at the June meeting members had continued consideration to give him time to come back regarding the outstanding issues that he had alluded to. At that time, Stuart was asked also to let us have his thoughts regarding the number of bins, siting etc.?</p> <p>As there has been no further feedback since then, the Secretary confirmed that he would follow this up and hopefully be in a position to report back in substantive terms at the next meeting.</p> <p><i>Email from Graeme Crawford Renfrewshire Council Update on Not far? Leave the Car</i></p> <p>The Council's active travel campaign Not Far? Leave the Car is gaining momentum with now more than 750 people signed up.</p> <p>The scheme campaign rewards people In Renfrewshire for leaving the car at home and walking, cycling or using sustainable transport instead. with points, which in turn can be redeemed for discounts and money off at more than 100 local businesses.</p> <p>More information and the free app can be found at www.renfrewshire.gov.uk/leavethecar.</p> <p><i>Suggestions for improvement/ development of East End Park</i></p> <p>As agreed, the observations that had been put forward were sent to Environment & Infrastructure who have responded to the respective points.</p>	<p>Noted pending further feedback</p> <p>Noted pending further feedback</p>

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<p>be sent.</p> <p>Particular attention was drawn to the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Council Ward boundaries <u>do not</u> match Community Council boundaries, resulting in some overlap.• All Ward Councillors are entitled to attend meetings of Community Councils that are wholly or partially within their Ward.• Ward Councillors must receive an invitation/agenda; however, they <u>are not</u> obliged to attend.• It is not unusual for Ward Councillors to “share” responsibility for attending Community Council meetings. <p><i>30mph Speed signs on Bins</i></p> <p>Following the discussion at the last meeting, Graham had come back to report that he had spoken to a resident on Hawkhead Road. Based on that, he ascertained that a letter had been distributed to residents there to explain that someone was proposing to put these signs on the bins and if they did not want the sign on their bin to contact the person concerned. The person to whom he had spoken could not remember who the letter was from. He did not think it was Ralston Community Council but it might have been.</p> <p>An indicative estimate had been circulated for the likely cost of purchasing the stickers. This was the lowest price with some charging several pounds per sticker.</p> <p>The price of £15.99 for each pack of 12 stickers was noted. Should there be a 100% take up some 110 stickers would be required.</p> <p>A discussion took place regarding the feasibility of the scheme following which it was agreed to embark on a consultation with residents in Arkleston Road to gauge interest and to determine who would be willing to participate by placing a sticker on their bins.</p> <p>The Secretary confirmed that he will draft a letter for distribution to residents and the Chair agreed that their address could be used as a ‘mailbox’ for residents to drop off their responses.</p> <p>Residents who do not respond will be deemed not to be interested in taking part</p> <p>Once the level of interest has been ascertained an appropriate number of stickers can be purchased. A further scoping exercise to determine the best price can be done once it has been determined how many stickers will be required.</p> <p>It was agreed to proceed on the foregoing basis.</p>	<p>Secretary to draft a letter to residents in Arkleston Road to find out who is willing to participate in this scheme.</p>

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<p>6. Secretary's Report</p> <p><i>Planning Permission Appeal: Grounds of Dykebar Hospital Grahamston Road Paisley PA2 7DE</i></p> <p>A letter has been received from Morag Smith, Case Officer, Planning and Environmental Appeals Division of the Scottish Government advising that following consideration of the appeal, the Reporter has decided that planning permission will be granted. This is subject to an agreement under Section 75 of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997 being reached between the planning authority and the appellant. The planning permission will not be issued until that agreement is reached and registered.</p> <p>A copy of the Reporter's formal Notice of Intention was circulated to members in advance of the meeting.</p> <p>A brief discussion took place during which it was highlighted that one of the conditions, specifically number 17, had stipulated that</p> <p><i>"Prior to the commencement of development, the applicant shall submit for the written approval of the planning authority, a construction environmental management plan (including a site waste management plan), construction traffic management plan and landscape and ecological management plan (including a deer management plan) which will outline all mitigatory measures and activities, timescales and phasing, details of implementation of the mitigatory measures as well as post-construction monitoring. The plans shall then be implemented unless otherwise agreed in writing by the planning authority. "</i></p> <p>Following discussion, it was agreed to approach Gerry Hannah at Renfrewshire Council in order to ascertain if Community Councils, whose areas are likely to be impacted by construction traffic, can be assured that before any Construction Traffic Management Plan is approved by Planning/Roads that they will be consulted on its content and be entitled to make representations on any issues that might give rise to concern.</p> <p>The Secretary confirmed that he would do so and hopefully receive clarification by the time of the next meeting.</p> <p><i>Email from Sharon Marklow, Place Strategy Manager Renfrewshire Council Draft Strategic Housing Investment Plan 2023 to 2028</i></p> <p>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.</p> <p>https://www.renfrewshire.gov.uk/article/4232/Strategic-Housing-Investment-Plan</p> <p>This draft Strategic Housing Investment Plan 2023 to 2028 includes projects which are being taken forward over the next 5 years.</p>	<p>Secretary to approach Gerry Hannah to find out what input CCs will have in relation to the approval of the Construction Traffic Management Plan to mitigate impact on affected areas</p> <p>Noted</p>

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<p>The Council is inviting comments and feedback on the draft Strategic Housing Investment Plan by 23 September 2022. to allow them to take account of feedback before submitting it to the Scottish Government in October 2022.</p> <p><i>Email correspondence with Rebecca Livesey-Wright, Project Coordinator EVOLVE and Park Life!</i> <i>Community Consultation - Mckerrell Street Play Park</i></p> <p>Rebecca has written to introduce herself and suggest that a meeting be arranged to discuss some creative consultations around McKerrell Street Play Park. They intend delivering a range of activities in Seedhill and are always keen to find meaningful ways to connect with local people so the Community Council's insight would be much appreciated.</p> <p>Andrew has indicated that he is agreeable to meeting with Rebecca to discuss matters further so this will be arranged once she gets back to us.</p> <p><i>Sarah Findlay</i> <i>RAMH (Recovery Across Mental Health) Presentation</i></p> <p>Sarah has written to offer the Community Council a presentation on the work of RAMH,/Acumen who work locally to offer mental health support services and activities. Post-COVID and with the cost-of-living crisis, it is important that communities have information on where to get help and support around mental health.</p> <p>RAMH are keen to ensure that there is awareness of their services within communities, and Community Councils have a unique position to disseminate information.</p> <p>Sarah has been offered an opportunity to attend the business meeting after the AGM in October, which she has accepted</p> <p><u>RAMH Recovery Across Mental Health</u></p> <p><i>Email from Graeme Crawford</i> <i>Renfrewshire Council</i> <i>Beat the Street Challenge</i></p> <p>Following the success of the <i>Beat the Street</i> game in Renfrewshire in 2021, the Council's active travel team have commissioned its return – and this time it's in Paisley.</p> <p>It was a huge success in Johnstone, Linwood, Lochwinnoch, Elderslie, Howwood, Bridge of Weir, Houston and Kilbarchan last time, with more than 6,300 people signing up and collectively they clocked up 53,100 miles in six weeks.</p> <p>People can take part in the Paisley game at any point between 31 August and 12 October 2022,</p>	<p>Noted pending further feedback once meeting takes place</p> <p>Noted pending presentation at October meeting</p> <p>Noted</p>

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<p>Essentially, Paisley is being transformed into a giant game and locals are invited to play.</p> <p><i>Beat the Street</i> is a free, fun, walking, wheeling and cycling game which gets communities, staff, pupils and their families out and about in the local area, having fun and being happy and healthy.</p> <p>It's designed to get children and communities moving by helping people to make small changes, such as walking or cycling to school or work, to improve physical and mental wellbeing and help embed physical activity into everyday life.</p> <p>So far 1.5 million people and 4,500 schools have taken part in games across the UK and beyond.</p> <p>Further information can be found at www.beatthestreet.me/paisley</p> <p><i>Email from Graeme Crawford o/b Gerard Hannah, Infrastructure, Transportation & Change Manager Renfrewshire Council Causeyside Street Proposals</i></p> <p>During the summer, Renfrewshire Council was consulting on their proposals for development of Causeyside Street, which, while out-with the Community Council boundary, is of course a major thoroughfare in the town centre.</p> <p>The proposals at Causeyside Street are part of plans to transform Paisley town centre by using its internationally significant cultural and heritage story to drive new footfall and life, and by promoting it as a great place to live and visit.</p> <p>They are making a major investment in our historic venues, including the plans to turn Paisley Museum into a world-class destination, Paisley Town Hall into a landmark entertainment venue, the new Learning and Cultural Hub on the High Street, and an extension and upgrade to Paisley Arts Centre.</p> <p>To support this investment, they want to make our towns and villages more attractive and safer for active travel by providing convenient connections to sustainable transport routes.</p> <p>Therefore, they have created designs for improvements to Causeyside Street which include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Potential addition of up to 51 on-street parking spaces and designated loading bays south of the Canal Street junction – with no loss of existing parking capacity - by removing the current single yellow line restriction- Adding four parking spaces and maintaining all loading spaces for business north of the Canal Street junction- A two-way cycle route from the Canal Street Station to Gilmour Street Station, which would be separated from the main road carriageway and pedestrians and connects in the popular National Cycle Route 7- Improving accessibility to bus stops which provide services to wider Renfrewshire, Barrhead and Glasgow	Noted

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<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Clearer footways to encourage safe walking- Junction alterations to improve pedestrian crossing facilities- A direct connection from the National Cycle Network to Paisley Town Centre- Addition of electric charging infrastructure in Stow Brae car park <p>Upgrades to the public space would not affect current property boundaries and would ensure Causeyside Street is a more inviting route for walkers and cyclists, as well as all other road users.</p> <p>The changes would allow more space for walkers and cyclists along the route, and remove street clutter such as unnecessary pedestrian guardrails, but retain the reflection of the town's heritage in the bespoke pavements and carved references to Paisley's industrial past.</p> <p>Cllr Clark spoke briefly on this issue explained that the Labour Group on the Council had submitted their objections and observation in relation to the proposals.</p> <p>The consultation is now closed so the outcome and final plans are awaited once the submitted representations have been considered</p> <p><i>E-mail from Paul Shiach, Senior Committee Services Officer Renfrewshire Council SPT Draft Regional Transport Strategy consultation - communicating with Community councils</i></p> <p>Forwarded information from Strathclyde Partnership for Transport advising that the public consultation on the draft Regional Transport Strategy is now open.</p> <p>SPT welcomes views on the draft</p> <p>The document and online questionnaire are available here: www.spt.co.uk/vision.</p> <p>Background reports and Impact Assessments are also available at that same webpage.</p> <p>The consultation is open until Friday 28 October 2022. Interested parties can contact rts@spt.co.uk if assistance is required when responding to the consultation.</p> <p><i>E-mail from Ray Walkinshaw, Housing Regeneration and Development Manager Renfrewshire Council Auchentorlie and Howard Street Housing Regeneration Area</i></p> <p>Members were referred to the most recent update regarding the proposals and ongoing consultations with affected residents at the respective locations.</p>	<p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p>

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<p><i>E-mail from Dorothy Kerr, Service Coordination Manager Renfrewshire Council Hawkhead Road and Hawkhead Road/Barrhead Road Roundabout</i></p> <p>As part of Renfrewshire Council's major £47million investment in Renfrewshire's roads, works have taken place during the summer to resurface Hawkhead Road - starting at the White Cart Bridge to Hawkhead/Barrhead Road Roundabout and to resurface the roundabout itself.</p> <p>Plans have been provided to illustrate the new road markings that have been applied on Hawkhead Road and those had been circulated to members in advance of the meeting.</p> <p><i>Email from Graeme Crawford o/b Ken Gray, Streetscene Manager Renfrewshire Council Tree works - Gleniffer Braes</i></p> <p>As reported in the media during the summer, the disease Phytophthora Ramorum has been aggressively spreading throughout the West Coast since it was first discovered in 2002, and Renfrewshire is part of the risk reduction zone.</p> <p>Scottish Forestry have confirmed an outbreak of Phytophthora Ramorum within the Braes, Renfrewshire Council has been served with a Statutory Plant Health Notice which requires the removal of all Larch trees within a designated radius control zone by 31 August 2022.</p> <p>That would see 1041 infected trees removed, as well as additional works to remove a small number of dead and windblown trees within the control zone. The works were planned to begin on 25 July 2022 and scheduled to be completed by 31 August 2022, in compliance with the notice issued.</p> <p><i>Email from Information Commissioner's Office Renewal of ICO Registration under Data Protection Legislation</i></p> <p>Members were referred to confirmation received from the ICO that the Community Council's registration has been duly renewed for 2022/2023.</p> <p><i>E-mail from Steve Whitton, Graduate Technician Renfrewshire Council Consultation on the draft, proposed - The Renfrewshire Council (Renfrewshire Council Area) (20 MPH Speed Limits) Order 202*.</i></p> <p>Renfrewshire Council has undertaken consultations in advance of any publication of proposals for the above draft traffic regulation order. - The Renfrewshire Council (Renfrewshire Council Area) (20 MPH Speed Limits) Order 202*.</p> <p>https://www.tellmescotland.gov.uk/notices/renfrewshire/traffic</p> <p>The publication reference was TRO/2022/SYSTR/422 .</p>	<p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p>

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<p>Any comments were due to be submitted by Tuesday, 30 August 2022. No observations were conveyed to the Secretary following circulation of this email so no representations have been made.</p> <p><i>Email from Gaynor</i> <i>Williamsburgh Housing Association Summer Newsletter</i> <i>Community Council Recruitment Article</i></p> <p>Members were referred to the link sent by Gaynor to the WHA Newsletter in which there had appeared an article seeking recruits to the Community Council. A copy of the article had also been circulated for the information of members.</p> <p>The Secretary asked if the same article could appear in their next newsletter and Gaynor confirmed that she would pass on this request to her colleague</p> <p><i>Email from Gerard Devaney</i> <i>Friends of Clyde Muirshiel Regional Park (FCMRP)</i> <i>Membership Information Update</i></p> <p>An email has been received from FCMRP advising that they are updating their membership information and asking members to return an updated membership form in order that they have all their membership information up to date. The Secretary confirmed that this has already been done</p> <p>Advising also that there has been slow progress due to a few factors but there has been some movement on peat land restoration and plans for woodland planting.</p> <p>The group have also been active in responding to planning applications for development within the park</p> <p><i>Email from Judith Chalmers</i> <i>Renfrewshire Council</i> <i>A Guide to Development in Conservation Areas 2022</i></p> <p>Members were referred to the circulated copy of a Guide to Development in Conservation Areas 2022 which was approved at the Planning and Climate Change Policy Board on the 14th June 2022. The purpose of the Guide is to clearly set out what development is and is not acceptable within Renfrewshire's eight Conservation Areas. Planning officers are happy to meet to discuss the guidance and its implementation if considered beneficial.</p> <p><i>Enquiry from resident in Balgair Drive</i> <i>Installation of Cabling by PMK on behalf of CityFibre</i></p> <p>The Secretary reported that a resident had approached to say that he was intending to renew the surface of the non-adopted pavement outside his home but had been waiting for the cabling work to be carried out before doing so. As the contractors have since gone from the area, he was wondering if and when they will return to carry out the work on Balgair Drive and who would be best to contact to clarify the position</p>	<p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p>

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<p>After the Secretary had taken this up with the contractors, PMK, they promptly referred it on to City Fibre who have explained the procedure in relation to cabling non-adopted areas.</p> <p>Regrettably, Balgair Drive, Kingsburgh Drive, Dalmary Drive and a large part of Avondale Drive, are unadopted, so legally City Fibre cannot lay their network there without securing the permission of each and every householder along the proposed route in a legal document known as a wayleave.</p> <p>During this correspondence, the Secretary had taken the opportunity to enquire to what standard footways would be reinstated were the necessary wayleaves obtained. CityFibre have clarified the position in their email of 24th August, circulated to members in advance of the meeting</p> <p>Cllr Clark spoke briefly as he had been assisting residents regarding this issue and while there had been few objections to the plan, he acknowledged that without full agreement from everyone in the affected streets, the CityFibre cabling will not be installed.</p> <p>Complaint regarding “Funfair” at Barshaw Park</p> <p>The Secretary reported that the Community Council had recently been copied into a complaint circulated to the three local Councillors in Ward 3 – Paisley Northeast & Ralston via the <i>WritetoThem</i> website regarding a funfair that had been taking place in Barshaw Park over the previous two weeks.</p> <p>The resident had expressed disgust that Renfrewshire Council agreed to this without any consideration to the detrimental effect it has had on surrounding residents with regard to noise, traffic congestion and general nuisance being held so close to their homes.</p> <p>The resident had pointed out that they have lived on Glasgow Road for 23 years and have never been subjected to anything like this and wish it to be known that they object in the strongest possible terms to any recurrence of a funfair that lasts this duration and in front of their home.</p> <p>Th Secretary advised that he has received no other complaints regarding this issue and had replied to the resident to say that as they had also been in touch with local councillors, we would defer to them to follow up these concerns with the relevant officers.</p> <p>Cllr Clark spoke briefly regarding the resident’s concerns that had been brought to his attention, explaining that the Funfair had been sited at that particular part of the park due to the works that were ongoing there. He had noted the concerns and particularly that nearby residents had been disturbed to bright lights and generator noise until after midnight over that fortnight. Cllr Clark has been assured that should such an event take place in future it will be sited in a different part of the park away from the road and properties opposite</p>	Noted

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<p><i>Accounts Commission Newsletter</i></p> <p>A copy of the most recent newsletter published by the Accounts Commission was tabled for information.</p> <p><i>Email from Anne McNaughton Renfrewshire Council Alcohol Focus Scotland - Alcohol Licensing Toolkit</i></p> <p>While this has been circulated previously, a further copy of the Alcohol Licensing Toolkit, which is in the course of being updated during the months ahead, has been distributed for information.</p> <p><i>Email from Anne McNaughton Renfrewshire Council Cycling UK's Shift Funding Programme open to Community Councils</i></p> <p>Forwarded email from The Improvement Service advising that Cycling UK's Shift funding programme is open to organisations including community councils based in Scotland for 2022-23</p> <p>The scheme has changed from last year and is now more comprehensive, offering organisations up to £1500 of funding plus additional support from a local Development Officer to cover the increased range of activities Shift is supporting.</p> <p>The Shift initiative is designed to fund projects which encourage and support more people to use bicycles for short journeys within their community, such as:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Buying equipment for people within the community for hire or loan • Bike try-out sessions with training to build confidence • Essential repair skills • Bike security advice • Education sessions to ensure people ride safely <p>Further information can be found on the Cycling UK website. Their Development Officers will work with organisations to agree on a programme that meets their needs and the organisation will then be invited to apply following these initial discussions.</p> <p><i>Email from Stuart Miller Community Regeneration Co-ordinator Williamsburgh Housing Association Funding Opportunity</i></p> <p>Email received providing a link to information regarding funding from Engage Renfrewshire through their Community Health & Wellbeing Fund.</p> <p>https://engagerenfrewshire.org/engage-support/community-mental-health-wellbeing-fund.html?utm_source=Social+Media&utm_medium=Online&utm_campaign=Launch</p>	<p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p>

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<p>Email from Anne McNaughton Renfrewshire Council National Power of Attorney Campaign</p> <p>Email forwarded by the Improvement service from Fiona Farrell, Community Engagement Manager from the National Power of Attorney campaign.</p> <p>Every year thousands of people across Scotland lose capacity. It could be an accident, a head injury, a stroke or an ongoing progressive illness such as Dementia. Over the last couple of years COVID-19 has had a huge impact with people of all ages incapacitated while being treated. The only way people can plan for their future is to appoint someone with Power of Attorney.</p> <p>Having a Power of Attorney in place ensures the welfare and financial choices made before incapacitation are protected.</p> <p>The purpose of the campaign is to bring this message to local communities letting people know the benefits of having one and what can potentially happen if you don't.</p> <p>National Power of Attorney Day was on the 29th of September this year.</p> <p>ZOOM Subscription</p> <p>The Secretary reported that now meetings have resumed. the annual ZOOM subscription due to auto-renew on 9th September was duly cancelled before the payment was due.</p>	<p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p>
<p>7. Treasurer's Report</p> <p>The Treasurer report that the balance at the bank at the end of the financial year on 31st August was £3294.55 after the agreed contribution to Renfrewshire Foodbank was debited.</p> <p>Since then, the £35.00 Fee to the Information Commissioners Office has been debited so the balance now amounts to £3259.55</p> <p>A brief discussion took place as to how some of the available funds can be applied towards projects of benefit to the local community and it was agreed to look at proposals that might come forward during the months ahead.</p>	<p>Noted</p>
<p>8. Any other Business</p> <p>Proposed Community Asset Transfer – Whitehaugh Barracks</p> <p>Cllr Clark asked if the Community Council have been approached regarding a proposed community Asset Transfer at Whitehaugh barracks. It was explained that Paisley Opera had previously come along to explain their proposals but there has been no feedback since</p> <p>He went on explain an application is being made by a registered charity, the Western Desert Recce Group (WDRG) made up of retired military personnel</p>	<p>Noted pending further feedback re application in relation to Whitehaugh Barracks</p>

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<p>and others with an interest in restoring military vehicles and showcasing artifacts from various conflicts including from the First World War to more recent conflicts in Afghanistan and the Middle East.</p> <p>The Secretary confirmed that there has been no contact from the group so Cllr Clark said that he will email more detailed information received from the Group</p> <p>While on the subject of Community Asset Transfers it was noted that the application by Kelburn Hockey Club to take over Ralston Community Sports Centre on Penilee Road had been unsuccessful. They are currently looking to find alternative facilities for their group.</p> <p>It was noted that Renfrewshire Council are looking again at the procedures surrounding applications for Community Asset Transfers.</p> <p><i>Renfrewshire Affordable Credit Alliance (RACA)</i></p> <p>https://www.raca.org.uk/</p> <p>Cllr Davidson highlighted this body which comprises a variety of organisations including credit unions, banks, Renfrewshire Council and others in order to help people to access fair and affordable forms of credit.</p> <p><i>East Buchanan Street, Paisley</i></p> <p>The presence of a large puddle at this locus was highlighted. Cllr Clark confirmed he will look into getting that attended to at the earliest opportunity</p>	<p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p>
<p>9. Date of Next Meeting</p> <p>The next meeting of the session of the Community Council is due to take place on Wednesday, 12th October at 7pm. This will be the AGM followed by a routine business meeting</p>	