

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, 9th November 2022 at 7.00pm.</p>	<p>09/11/2022</p>
<p>Present: Gaynor Corry; Margaret Cowie; Christine McLellan; Robert Moore; Graham Paterson; Andrew Ramsay; Jean Ramsay; Catherine Scally</p> <p>Attending: Councillor Graeme Clark (Renfrewshire Council- From Item 2); Andrew McGlynn (Local Resident); Gary Wallace (Western Desert Recce Group [WDRG])</p> <p>Apologies: John Bell; Diane Watt; Jhulia Watt; Councillors Carolann Davidson, Neill Graham and John McNaughtan (all 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 thanked everyone for attending the November meeting of the Community Council.</p> <p>In the absence of representatives from Police Scotland and Renfrewshire Wardens Service, it was agreed to move to the next scheduled item on the agenda.</p>	
<p>2. Presentation by Gary Wallace of the Western Desert Recce Group (WDRG)</p> <p>The Chair invited Gary Wallace to address members regarding the Western Desert Recce Group (WDRG) and their bid for a Community Asset Transfer in relation to the Whitehaugh Barracks.</p> <p>Gary introduced himself and explained to members the history of the group and their aims in relation to the Whitehaugh Barracks which they hope to secure via a Community Asset Transfer.</p> <p>Western Desert Recce Group was established in 2008 by a skilled and experienced group of serving Territorial Army and Reservist Soldiers with the aim of delivering community regeneration activities in and around Paisley. The group currently has over twenty members and is looking to recruit locally to grow numbers and interest.</p> <p>Elected representatives were invited to view the premises but only one local Councillor and an MSP took up that opportunity. However, an Information and Meet and Greet Afternoon is due to take place on Sunday, 20th November, when people from the local community and beyond will be afforded an opportunity to see around the premises and hear more about their plans.</p> <p>The broad though not exhaustive objectives of the projects are as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Run a viable military museum and vintage vehicle repair and restoration workshop • Share group member's knowledge and experience widely • Mentor young people in vehicle restoration, increasing engagement, skills and motivation 	<p>Noted</p>

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<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Facilitate men’s shed type activities, increasing social well-being (already doing this in other areas)• Engage positively with the local community and provide opportunities to use asset.• Deliver on site and outreach events for groups including older people’s homes, youth groups, schools, veterans and mental health groups• Deliver associated projects for schools and local groups – eg ‘dig for Victory’ project• Deliver paid-for events and experiences to generate income and reach a wider audience <p>Gary explained that at the end of the day the scope to progress the project will depend on the viability of restoring the building into a functional state suited to the needs of their project.</p> <p>A brief discussion took place following which Gary thanked members for the opportunity to explain the group’s plans. He left some leaflets for members regarding the group and the forthcoming Open Day.</p> <p>The Secretary confirmed that he would arrange for the event to be publicised on the Community Council’s Facebook page</p> <p>Further details can be found at https://wdrg.org/</p> <p>Following conclusion of that discussion the Chair thanked Gary Wallace for coming along and for his informative input.</p> <p>[Gary Wallace left the meeting at this point]</p>	
<p>3. Minutes of Meeting held on 12th October 2022</p> <p>It was pointed out that under Any other Business, in the section relating to Kelburne Hockey Club, the word “mele” should be replaced by “male”</p> <p>The Secretary also pointed out that prior to the last meeting, Cllr Neill Graham had intimated standing apologies for future Community Council meetings as those tend to clash with his ongoing charity commitment. Unfortunately, that had not been reflected in the minutes, so the Secretary apologised for that omission.</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 Margaret Cowie and those were formally approved without dissent.</p> <p>A copy of the minutes of the 2022 Annual General Meeting were also circulated to members for information. Those will be tabled for formal approval at the 2023 AGM.</p>	<p>Agreed subject to incorporation of highlighted revisions</p>

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<p>4. Co-option of Member</p> <p>Following the brief discussion that took place at the last meeting, Robert Moore formally moved the co-option of Andrew McGlynn to the Community Council</p> <p>This was formally seconded by Andrew Ramsay.</p> <p>No dissent having been expressed, it was agreed to co-opt Andrew McGlynn as a member of the Community Council.</p> <p>Andrew McGlynn passed a completed co-option form to the Secretary who confirmed that he would arrange to have that countersigned and submitted to Anne McNaughton at Renfrewshire Council. The co-option will become effective once that has been formally approved by her on behalf of Renfrewshire Council.</p>	<p>Agreed to co-opt Andrew McGlynn as a member of the Community Council subject to approval of the Local Authority</p>
<p>5. Business arising from Minutes of Meeting held on 12th October 2022</p> <p><i>Blocked Gullies in Cyril Street, Paisley</i></p> <p>Following previous discussions regarding this issue, Gaynor reported that there had recently been signs of contractor activity with hazard cones placed around one of the drains.</p> <p>Once there has been a spell of heavy rain it will be clear whether or not their recent efforts have been successful.</p> <p>Gaynor confirmed that she would continue to monitor the situation and report back on any developments</p> <p><i>Email from Stuart Miller Community Regeneration Co-ordinator Williamsburgh Housing Association Funding/ Possible Arrangements for provision of Dog Bins</i></p> <p>The Secretary reported that he has been in touch with Stuart at WHA advise that we are willing to work with him on a funding application to purchase bins etc. for siting around the Seedhill area,</p> <p>WHA's Estates Team have confirmed that they will empty and maintain the bins.</p> <p>Stuart has since drafted an outline application to the Glasgow Airport Flightpath Fund for the purchase of bins, a copy of which had been circulated to members.</p> <p>https://wybone.co.uk/product-category/dog-waste/</p> <p>https://www.bin-shop.co.uk/dog-waste-bins</p> <p>Stuart has also provided a link to some items that could be used initially to promote use of the bins.</p>	<p>Noted pending further developments</p> <p>Members to come forward with suggestions for purchase of bins etc so that the funding application can be progressed in January</p>

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<p>https://www.smartbark.co.uk/post/dog-poo-bag-holders</p> <p>While the deadline for the current funding round has passed, no doubt a fresh opportunity will be available next year. In readiness for that, a decision will have to be made regarding types of bins, how many are required and their eventual siting. Due regard will have to be given for any permissions required.</p> <p>It appears that the meetings are held quarterly with the application deadline three weeks before the meeting is due to take place so it seems that the next application will need to be lodged towards the end of January.</p> <p>Members were encouraged to review the information provided, consider and suggest specific proposals for the types of bins etc. to purchase so that the application for funding can be progressed after the meeting in January.</p> <p><i>30mph Speed signs on Bins</i></p> <p>The letters were circulated by 2nd November so by next month there should be some feedback following the closing date of 25th November.</p> <p>Andrew reported that thus far there have been around 20 responses with just over two weeks to go - there is a noticeable disparity between the level of feedback received from the residents on each side of the road. There so far appears to be somewhat fewer responses from the even numbered properties.</p> <p><i>Email from Rebecca Livesey-Wright, Project Coordinator EVOLVE and Park Life! Community Consultation - McKerrell Street Play Park</i></p> <p>The meeting with Rebecca has been scheduled for 17th November so feedback should be available for December</p> <p><i>Caring in the Community - Sherwood Greenlaw Church/ Williamsburgh Primary School & St. John Ogilvie Primary Schools</i></p> <p>Following the discussions at the previous meeting, contact was made with the church and the respective primary schools on the agreed basis</p> <p>Cheques were subsequently sent to the Church and to Williamsburgh Primary School for £500 and £200 respectively</p> <p>Members were also referred to the correspondence, including acknowledgements received from the Rev John Murning and Vhairi Cochrane the Headteacher at Williamsburgh Primary, circulated in advance of the meeting.</p> <p>In his response, the Rev Murning had also taken the opportunity to clarify the position surrounding the speculation regarding the possible merger between Sherwood Greenlaw and St. Marks Churches alluded to at the last meeting</p> <p>Despite having contacted the Headteacher at St. John Ogilvie Primary on two occasions, there has been no response. The Secretary confirmed that he would</p>	<p>Noted pending further feedback/developments</p> <p>Noted pending further feedback/developments</p> <p>Noted pending further feedback/developments</p>

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<p>try contacting the Headteacher again by way of a letter in case the e- mails are being diverted to an unchecked junk/spam folder.</p> <p>Meanwhile, the next Caring in the Community Meeting has been scheduled for Monday, 21st November.</p> <p><i>Email from Anne McNaughton Renfrewshire Council Re-Establishing Renfrewshire Community Council Forum</i></p> <p>Subsequent to the correspondence from Ferguslie Community Council, tabled at the last meeting, Anne McNaughton has written to say that while Renfrewshire Community Council Forum (RCCF) meetings were suspended during the pandemic and there was no appetite for virtual meetings, she believes that this presents an excellent `opportunity to re-establish the Forum with a fresh perspective and goals.</p> <p>Anne and her colleague, Paul Shiach, would like to set up a small Forum Working Group to examine what a new Forum might look like and how it could operate. The Forum Working Group would consist of no more than 6 community council members – all from different CCs. We hope to engage with 3 CC members from rural CCs and 3 from urban CCs.</p> <p>Ideally, the Forum Working Group will correspond via email, and if necessary any meetings will be held online via Teams, during office hours</p> <p>It is hoped that, on completion of this project, a new Forum will be established in April 2023</p> <p>Terry McTernan of Ferguslie Community Council has responded to say that Ferguslie Community Council fully supports the Community Council Forum as they believe it allows an opportunity to learn from and collaborate with our counterparts from across Renfrewshire. However, COVID guidance has not precluded meetings of the Community Council Forum for quite some time now and there appears to be an appetite for meetings of the existing structure to resume.</p> <p>He suggests that it would be a better approach for us to have a meeting of the existing representatives appointed as required at the AGM and that might allow for a broader discussion amongst Community Council to take place relating to 'perspective and goals' for the future.</p> <p>However, Anne has responded to say that the working group will seek the views and suggestions of all Community Councils.</p> <p>During the ensuing discussion, Catherine Scally indicated that subject to the timing of the meetings, provided those do not clash with her working hours. She would be willing to be nominated for membership of the working group, Andrew McGlynn also suggested that if Catherine was not available, if the meetings were held around the middle of the day then subject to the approval of his co-option, he could adjust his lunchbreak to participate in the working group.</p>	<p>Noted pending further feedback/developments</p>

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<p>Concern was expressed that while there may be practical reasons for meetings being held during the day, that effectively excludes a significant number of Community Council members who might otherwise be interested in participating</p> <p>Another group who might feel excluded are those who are not comfortable with virtual meetings or, in particular, those taking place on the MS Teams platform Cllr Clark indicated that he would convey these concerns to Anne McNaughton</p> <p>It was agreed that the Secretary should also go back to Anne McNaughton to pass on the Community Council's nominations for the prospective working group and to ask if further thought might be given to the timing and format of these meetings.</p> <p>#YouDecide: Launch of Phase 2</p> <p>Further to the discussion that took place at the last meeting, Cllr Clark was asked when Phase 2 of the Participatory Budgeting Campaign is likely to be launched. Cllr Clark undertook to make appropriate enquiries and revert to the Secretary at the earliest opportunity.</p> <p>Hope was expressed that once launched, Phase 2, which will be the public vote on the shortlisted projects, will be adequately publicised so that there is wide engagement and participation.</p>	<p>Noted pending further feedback/developments</p>
<p>6. Secretary's Report</p> <p><i>Email from Stuart Miller Community Regeneration Co-ordinator Williamsburgh Housing Association Training around Nature</i></p> <p>Email forwarded from Engage Renfrewshire advising that the Scottish Wildlife Trust are accepting applications for the Nextdoor Nature project</p> <p>This will begin in January 2023 and run for six months. They are particularly encouraging applicants from Ardrossan, Greenock, Paisley, Glasgow, Motherwell/Wishaw and rural Lanarkshire to come forward</p> <p>A link to their prospectus, as appended, was circulated in advance of the meeting. For a quick reminder, this is a course around training people in community organising, so they can go forth to take action for nature in their neighbourhoods. They would love as many people as possible to get the chance to apply</p> <p>https://engagerenfrewshire.org/couch/uploads/file/nextdoor-nature-prospectus.pdf</p>	<p>Noted</p>

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<p><i>Sarah Ritchie</i> <i>SHARE Deputy Programme Manager</i> <i>School of Medicine, University of Dundee</i> <i>NHS Scotland Initiative – SHARE</i></p> <p>Email reminding interested parties that Health Research is very important for society so that the NHS can prevent people from getting unwell and try to improve treatments if they do become ill. This is why they need to involve more people in research and need volunteers to sign up the SHARE Register. SHARE – The Scottish Health Research Register and Biobank - is a Register of people who are happy to be sent information about health research projects (studies).</p> <p>Potential participants need to be aged 11 or over to sign up to SHARE.</p> <p>They need healthy people and people with health conditions to join SHARE. When people join the SHARE Register, the SHARE Team may send you information from time to time about research studies that might be of interest to them. This might involve taking part in surveys online, sharing views on their healthcare or taking part in a study researching a new medication for an illness they might have. SHARE would also like to ask for permission to keep any leftover blood (sample) from tests that participants may undergo during their healthcare (such as blood tests organised by their GP). This sample can be used to help genetic research which looks to understand what causes different illnesses.</p> <p>To sign up, potential participants can register:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Online: www.registerforshare.org• Phone: 01382 383 471• Email: enquiries@registerforshare.org	Noted
<p><i>Cllr Neill Graham</i> <i>Renfrewshire Council</i> <i>Paisley Halloween Festival - Thursday 27 October/Saturday 29 October</i></p> <p>Further to previous correspondence on this subject, Cllr Graham had forwarded an email with information from Pauline Allan Renfrewshire Council's Events Manager.</p> <p>A short discussion ensued during which concern was expressed by several members about the somewhat inadequate and unsatisfactory crowd control at the events that they had attended.</p> <p><i>Cllr Neill Graham Renfrewshire Council</i> <i>Strathclyde Partnership for Transport Annual Report 2021/22</i></p> <p>Forwarded e-mail from Kirsty Smith, PA to Director of Finance & Corporate Support & SPT Chair with a link to their Annual Report 2021/22.</p> <p>https://bit.ly/3TfK77s</p>	Noted

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<p>This year's report presents the huge range of activities that SPT delivered in what was another difficult year, as they continued to deliver during periods of lock down and restrictions.</p> <p>The report reflects a significant amount of successful delivery and a fantastic commitment from staff to ensure that public transport continued to deliver. They point out that they deliver in challenging times and would do more with increased funding and more powers as they have argued before, and they are sure that this is a conversation they will continue to have.</p> <p>Their link has been shared on the Community Council's Facebook page</p> <p><i>Graeme Crawford Renfrewshire Council Celebrating Renfrewshire Fund announcement event - 28 October 2022</i></p> <p>Invitation to the Celebrating Renfrewshire announcement event that took place on Friday 28 October, 6pm-8pm, in the UWS Students' Union, Storie Street, Paisley, PA1 2HB.</p> <p>Since it launched in 2019, the Celebrating Renfrewshire Fund has awarded more than £400,000 to projects and initiatives suggested and created by local young people aged 12-25.</p> <p>Organised by the Youth Steering Group, the event was a great opportunity to meet the people behind Celebrating Renfrewshire, hear the successful projects being announced, and come together to celebrate youth projects and initiatives in Renfrewshire.</p> <p>Christine McLellan spoke briefly, explaining that she had taken the opportunity to attend this Participatory Budgeting event, which she had found interesting.</p> <p><i>Email from Laurence Marshall Graduate Environmental Consultant Arcus Consultancy Services Ltd. Stanely Water BESS Public Consultation Community Council Invite</i></p> <p>Email received from Arcus Consultancy Services on 1st November formally inviting the Community Council to attend their public consultation event for the proposed Battery Energy Storage System at the existing Stanley WTW on land off B775 Gleniffer Road, Paisley, PA2 8SW.</p> <p>The event will commence on 2nd November 2022 at 16:30-18:30 and can be accessed through the 'contact us' tab on the development's website.</p> <p>They have also advertised this event via newspaper advert, leaflet delivery to residents, local community council letters and through their website:</p> <p>stanelywaterbess.co.uk – Stanely Water Battery Storage</p> <p>The Secretary reported that he has replied o point out that the application has no immediate impact on our area so it remains to be seen what input we</p>	<p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p>

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<p>could have made. However, in general, going forward, it would be helpful to provide interested parties more than one day's notice of these events.</p> <p><i>Email from Claire Morrison BBC Scotland Scotland Sings 2022.</i></p> <p>Email advising that Claire is working on a new BBC Scotland entertainment programme called 'Scotland Sings', presented by vocal coach to the stars Yvie Burnett, which seeks to find some of Scotland's best hidden singing talent across the country.</p> <p>They want to show the therapeutic power of communal singing and how the joy and fun of singing, especially as part of a group, can change lives and communities for the better.</p> <p>They are currently in the process of casting for the show and wondered if this might be of interest to any individuals you may work with and in your community. If so, it would be hugely appreciated if they could share the information on how to apply for the show, and to spread the word far and wide to all of those secret singers who would love to have the chance to perform as part of Yvie's choir later this year. If anyone is interested and would like to apply to take part or to nominate someone else, just fill in their form and upload a singing video by 31st October.</p>	Noted
<p><i>Email from Logan Stewart Scottish Water Corporate Affairs Team Autumn Newsletter</i></p> <p>With link to their latest Newsletter and enclosing an up-to-date contact list.</p> <p><i>Email from Stuart Miller Community Regeneration Co-ordinator Williamsburgh Housing Association Toast & Tea Talk</i></p>	Noted
<p><i>Boundary Commission for Scotland Consultation on Revised Constituencies</i></p> <p>On 8th November, the Boundary Commission for Scotland published its Revised Proposals for new UK Parliamentary constituencies in Scotland as part of its 2023 Review. That marks the start of a 4-week public consultation, running until Monday 5 December 2022.</p> <p>The Commission has prepared these Revised Proposals after considering the responses to its consultations on the Initial Proposals which were published in October 2021 and again in February 2022 when the Commission held five public hearings.</p>	Noted

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<p>The main change affecting the local area will be changing the names of the new proposed constituencies, Renfrew North and Renfrew South back to Paisley and Renfrewshire North and Paisley and Renfrewshire South. However, the proposed revised boundaries will remain as before with a significant part of Seedhill moving over to Paisley and Renfrewshire North from Paisley and Renfrewshire South. In essence, the whole of local authority Ward 3 – Paisley North East & Ralston will now fall entirely within the revised Paisley and Renfrewshire North constituency, whereas before it was split with the boundary being along Glasgow Road.</p> <p>It was agreed to note the revised proposals.</p> <p>Email from Graeme Crawford Renfrewshire Council RingGo now available for Car Parking Payments</p> <p>Anyone parking within Paisley town centre is now able to pay using the Ringo app, via their website RingGo.co.uk or by calling 0141 437 8378.</p> <p>Cash payment is still available at car parks and on-street spaces for those who prefer to pay in this way</p> <p>The <i>Free for Three</i> pilot remains in place at Orchard Street, Weighhouse Close, Hunter Street (upper and lower), Oakshaw, School Wynd and the Lagoon Leisure Centre.</p> <p>The first three hours of parking after 10am at these locations is provided for free and the RingGo system will be able to incorporate that when you are paying for additional parking over the three-hour period.</p> <p>Email from Phil Prentice Chief Officer, Scotland's Towns Partnership Get involved with the Scotland Loves Local Gift Card</p> <p>Email promoting Scotland Loves Local - the campaign that is encouraging people across Scotland to choose local - in doing so, supporting local businesses and building stronger and more resilient local communities.</p> <p>The <i>Scotland Loves Local Gift Card</i> is one way of helping people to do just that. A localised product for each of Scotland's 32 local authority areas, the Scotland Loves Local Gift Card can only be spent in businesses that have a 'bricks and mortar' presence in that local authority area, therefore locking that spend into the local area.</p> <p>When Scotland Loves Local Gift Cards are seen as local currencies, the potential for regeneration and transformation in our Scottish regions is immense. With your support, I hope we will allow businesses and communities across Scotland to unlock a new level of local spending, and benefit from this truly innovative scheme.</p> <p>Gift cards can be purchased at www.scotlandgiftslocal.com. Gift card recipients can also visit this website to find out where they can spend their gift card.</p>	<p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p>

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<p>As a localised product for local businesses and communities, they are keen to work with Community Councils to unlock the potential of the Scotland Loves Local Gift Card in their local area</p>	
<p>7. Treasurer's Report</p> <p>The Treasurer reported that the balance at the bank on 7th November was £3604.55. This balance reflects the debit of £500 for the agreed payment to Sherwood-Greenlaw Church and the credit of the annual administration allowance of £845 from Renfrewshire Council</p> <p>The cheque for £200 issued to Williamsburgh Primary has yet to be presented to their bank or debited to the account so is not reflected in the reported balance</p>	<p>Noted</p>
<p>8. Any other Business</p> <p><i>School Capacity</i></p> <p>In light of recent media reports about the size of Dargavel Primary School in Bishopton, concern was expressed about the possible longer-term issues surrounding the capacity of the new Paisley Grammar School at Renfrew Road, which is currently forecast to accommodate 1000-1200 pupils.</p> <p>St. Andrews Academy is already full to capacity.</p> <p>The new Paisley Grammar is still in the design stage so it is hoped that this issue will be looked at again before the project is too advanced to change.</p> <p><i>Traffic Movements on Hawhead Road Corridor</i></p> <p>Cllr Clark mentioned that at the Paisley East Local Partnership Meeting that he had attended earlier in the evening, there had been a presentation by a council officer regarding traffic movements on Hawkhead Road</p> <p>That should be accessible online in due course [now on https://youtu.be/aaH4jqpM4Tc]</p> <p>A discussion followed during which Graham Paterson provided Cllr Clark and newer members with a summary of the governance issues that the Community Council has encountered in the past in relation to the Hawkhead Road-Arkleston Road corridor</p> <p><i>Issues at Hawkhead Cemetery.</i></p> <p>The Chair referred to a discussion he recently had with Des Barr who is actively involved in the Friends of Hawkhead Cemetery group</p> <p>Des has highlighted that during October more than 100 headstones within Hawkhead Cemetery have been laid flat by employees of Renfrewshire Council. Hundreds of headstones throughout Renfrewshire's cemeteries have met a similar fate. This had got Des wondering what others thought of this</p>	<p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p>

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<p>disgraceful practice, in the course of which he discovered a petition currently under consideration by the Scottish Parliament's Citizen Participation and Public Petitions Committee</p> <p>This petition was brought by Cllr Andrew Woods, Dumfries and Galloway Council on behalf of families in his area who have witnessed the lowering of headstones.</p> <p>A discussion took place regarding these understandable concerns but clearly there is a safety issue that needs to be considered.</p> <p>Given that many of these go back many years, the prospects of identifying who is responsible for the upkeep of some of the lairs is virtually impossible.</p> <p>While other solutions might be available, Cllr Clark explained that the Council are doing what they can in the circumstances to address this problem</p> <p>Following discussion of the issues raised, it was agreed to note these concerns</p>	Noted
9. Date of Next Meeting	
The next meeting of the session of the Community Council is due to take place on Wednesday, 14 th December at 7pm	