

# PAISLEY EAST & WHITEHAUGH COMMUNITY COUNCIL

<b>MINUTES of a meeting of Paisley East &amp; Whitehaugh Community Council that was held at Sherwood-Greenlaw Church on Wednesday, 8<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>08/03/2023</b>
<p>Present: Gaynor Corry; Margaret Cowie; Andrew McGlynn; Christine McLellan; Robert Moore; Graham Paterson; Andrew Ramsay; Diane Watt</p> <p>Attending: Councillors Graeme Clark (all Renfrewshire Council); PC Louise Sung (Police Scotland – Item 2 Only); Moya Garner (Renfrew); Grace Paterson; (Local Resident) and Gillian Roberts (Paisley Grammar Parents Council)</p> <p>Apologies: John Bell; Jean Ramsay; Jhulia Watt; Councillors Carolann Davidson; Neill Graham and John McNaughtan (all Renfrewshire Council)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Chair: Andrew Ramsay</p>	<b>Outcome/Action</b>
<p><b>1. Chair’s Welcome &amp; Opening Comments</b></p> <p>The Chair welcomed those present and thanked everyone for attending.</p>	
<p><b>2. Police Scotland</b></p> <p>The Chair invited PC Sung to address members.</p> <p>PC Sung briefly introduced herself.</p> <p>The officer then went on give an overview of the crime statistics since the last meeting.</p> <p>During that period there had 7 common assaults/crimes of violence in and around the area with 4 of those in Gallowhill area, 2 in Hawkhead and 1 at the football pitches in Blackhall.</p> <p>There had been 2 incidents relating to possession and supply of drugs - one in Arkleston road and the other in Blackhall Street.</p> <p>During the period in question, there have been 5 instances of Wilful Fire - raising. One of those was in Whitehaugh Avenue with the rest outwith the area.</p> <p>2 instances of vandalism had been reported but those were both in the Gallowhill area.</p> <p>17 crimes of thefts and housebreaking had been brought to the attention of the Police; most of which had been of which had been instances of shoplifting by a regular offender at the Renfrew Road Retail Park</p> <p>There had been one theft from a motor vehicle and 6 thefts of various items including fuel: a wheelie bin and wooden pallets. There had also been a theft at St. Mirin’s Cathedral.</p> <p>Over this period there had been 9 road traffic complaints, including careless driving; no MOT; drink driving and driving without a licence or insurance.</p>	Noted

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<p>In addition, there have been ongoing issues involving pupils from Paisley Grammar at lunchtime, home time etc.</p> <p>Complaints have also been received regarding street parties and drugs issues in both Seedhill and Gallowhill.</p> <p>There is still a significant incidence of theft of Ford and also Land Rover vehicles across the division</p> <p>A brief discussion then took place regarding the report presented following which the Chair thanked PC Sung for her informative report.</p> <p>[PC Sung left the meeting at this point]</p>	
<p><b>3. Renfrewshire Wardens Service</b></p> <p>The Chair invited the representative from the Wardens Service to address members.</p> <p>Moya Garner introduced herself as a Senior Warden who has started with the service fairly recently and then went on to provide an overview of the issues that the service has dealt with since January.</p> <p>Since January there have been 26 complaints in relation to dog-fouling; 4 of which were in McKerrell Street. In relation to raising awareness of the nuisance that this causes, it has been found that the pavement stencilling seems to be more effective than posters and every opportunity is taken for enforcement against irresponsible dog-owners.</p> <p>There has been only one litter offence recorded.</p> <p>There was also a report of one dog biting another.</p> <p>Subject to availability of resources, there has been 14 additional patrols in the area, including some with Wardens on foot.</p> <p>It was noted that the service is still facing challenging circumstances but the situation is improving with more wardens being recruited insofar as resources permit. Nonetheless, the service is still continuing to support community clean-ups and litter picks wherever possible.</p> <p>Following a brief discussion of the issues raised the Chair thanked Moya Gardner for her helpful input.</p> <p>[Moya Gardner left the meeting at this point]</p>	<p>Noted</p>
<p><b>4. Traffic Management in Arkleston Road/Hawkhead Road – Discussion with Gerry Hannah, Infrastructure, Transportation &amp; Change Manager, Renfrewshire Council</b></p> <p>The Chair referred members to an overview of the Tracsis data that had previously been provided by the Department and after summarising that invited Gerry Hannah to address the meeting.</p>	

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Mr Hannah thanked the Chair for his summary of the Tracsis data and went on to explain that the department look at several factors when assessing the need for measures to tackle speed at any locus. Rather than look at average speed they consider the data at the 85<sup>th</sup> percentile, i.e. the speed at which 85 percent of people drive is reckoned to be the highest safe speed for that particular road, as well as accident statistics.

The officer mentioned that the Council is now tending to move away from speed tables/bumps in view of the vibration they can generate.

The engineering options for calming measures in Arkleston Road/Hawkhead Road are limited by the number of junctions, driveways etc.

Concern was expressed that the Arkleston Road overbridge is one of only a few opportunities motorists have to get across the railway line. The only other route open nearby is at Incle Street.

A lively discussion followed, the outcome of which can be summarised as follows:

- Speeding – To try to deter speeding, it was suggested that the mobile speed camera be positioned there from time to time. The officer explained that the Council is unable to commit the Police to deploying such resources. All the department can do is provide the necessary signage in the area and pass on a request to Police Scotland for targeted enforcement, which Mr Hannah will arrange to do.
- Manhole Covers and other iron work sunk at corner of Regent Street/Arkleston Road – this will be raised with the relevant utility providers and ensure work carried out to raise sunken ironwork.
- In response to a question raised, the officer will investigate and confirm the classification of Arkleston Road.
- Instructions will be raised for repair/replacement of the pedestrian guardrail up next to the roundabouts at the top end of Arkleston Road
- In relation to developing a strategy for HGV Movements across Renfrewshire– the officer provided an assurance that this will be addressed in Renfrewshire's next Local Transport Strategy, which is due to be updated. Consultants have already been commissioned for this purpose.
- In relation to the speed tables on Arkleston Road – the Department will review effectiveness and look at any alternative solutions, e.g. traffic lights. Members felt that traffic lights would be an effective method of reducing speed and deterring use of the route by HGVs

Following the discussion, Mr Hannah confirmed that he would respond regarding the various issues highlighted at the earliest opportunity.

Noted pending further developments

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<p>The Chair thanked the officer for coming along to discuss the various issues and members will await his further feedback with interest.</p> <p>[Mr Hannah left the meeting at this point]</p>	
<p><b>5. Minutes of Meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> February 2023</b></p> <p>The Secretary highlighted an omission from the previous minute, specifically in Section 5 at the end of the minute on Page 4, relating to <i>Kelburne Hockey Club - Appeal against Refusal of Community Asset Transfer Application</i>, which, for sake of completeness, should be remedied by inclusion of the following text.</p> <p><i>“The Secretary referred members to the responses submitted by the applicant (i.e. being he club), One Ren and Ralston Community Council to the Community Asset Transfer Review Sub-Committee circulated in advance of the meeting. Those had been forwarded by Euan Gray, Clerk to the Sub-Committee who advised that parties have an opportunity to submit further representations in light of those responses by 20<sup>th</sup> February.</i></p> <p><i>After a brief discussion it was agreed that the Community Council has nothing to add to the response previously submitted, as the content of the minute of 14<sup>th</sup> December 2022 is considered to adequately address the query made by the sub-committee regarding the extent of the club’s engagement with the Community Council”</i></p> <p>Subject to inclusion of that amendment, the minutes of the previous meeting were proposed as an accurate record by Graham Paterson and this was seconded by Margaret Cowie and those were formally approved without dissent.</p>	<p>Approved subject to incorporation of amendment</p>
<p><b>5. Business arising from Minutes of Meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> February 2023</b></p> <p><b><i>Kelburne Hockey Club – Appeal against Refusal of Community Asset Transfer Application</i></b></p> <p>The Secretary referred members to correspondence that had been circulated in advance of the meeting. This included further correspondence has been received from Kelburn Hockey and Sports Club together with copies of the representations that were submitted by them to the Community Asset Transfer Review Sub-committee as well as by One Ren and Ralston Community Council.</p> <p>KHSC’s detailed and fulsome response had previously been received from the clerk of the Sub-Committee and circulated to members on 6<sup>th</sup> February with the papers for that meeting.</p> <p>It was also confirmed that following the discussion at the last meeting, a response had been sent to Euan Gray, the Clerk to the Sub-Committee to advise, as agreed, that the Community Council had nothing to add to the previous representations; insofar as our position was clearly set out in the copy minutes of 14<sup>th</sup> December, which had previously been lodged.</p>	<p>Noted pending further developments</p>

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<p>The club has explained the Sub-Committee's decision meeting is due to take place on 22<sup>nd</sup> March. If this goes in the club's favour, they then have six months to accept whatever terms are offered by Renfrewshire Council. If it goes against the club they will have an opportunity to appeal to the Scottish Ministers as part of the Scottish Government process.</p> <p>They have also offered the Council the option of a twin-track approach and have suggested to build a 2nd hockey pitch (Linwood plus this one) at either Ralston or Seedhill and they will hire that from them.</p> <p><b><i>Initiatives to tackle Dog Fouling</i></b></p> <p>Following the discussion that had taken place at the last meeting, as agreed, the Secretary had written to all the other Community Councils in the Renfrewshire area to find out if any have managed to come up with innovative idea(s) to try to influence and modify the irresponsible behaviour of the minority of dog owners and encourage them to clean up after their animals.</p> <p>The feedback, a copy of which had been circulated to members in advance of the meeting, has been somewhat underwhelming as replies had only been received from Langbank, Johnstone, Brookfield and Ralston Community Councils.</p> <p><b><i>30mph Speed Signs on Bins in Arkleston Road/Speeding issues in Arkleston Road</i></b></p> <p>In relation to the point raised at the last meeting, Cllr Clark has raised the issue about drivers speeding on the rural stretch of Arkleston Road, beyond the children's home when approaching the bend. Just beyond the home is where there is signage indicating that the 30mph limit ends and the national speed limit then applies.</p> <p>A response has been received from Elaine Lorimer, Supervisory Transportation Officer in Environment and Infrastructure advising that they are aware of the issues at this location and have increased the signage and lining. They are currently in the process of producing their programme of works for the next financial year and this location is on their list to address. Reducing the speed limit is being considered along with a number of other options.</p> <p>On the other Chair reported that some more stickers are starting to appear on residents' bins and hopefully this will encourage participation by others in the coming weeks.</p> <p><b><i>Graffiti/Issues at East End Park</i></b></p> <p>Following the discussion that took place after PC Lynch had delivered his report last month, Cllr Clark has forwarded an email subsequently received from David Carslaw in Environment &amp; Infrastructure.</p>	<p>Noted</p> <p>Noted pending further developments</p> <p>Noted</p>

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<p>That response confirms that the officer has passed the request for the graffiti to be removed over to the Graffiti Team and also addresses concerns that have been raised about the upkeep of footpaths in the park.</p> <p><b><i>Brown Bin Deliveries to The Poplars, Cyril Street</i></b></p> <p>Following the last meeting, as requested, Gaynor had written to Cllr Clark regarding her concerns in her capacity as a constituent.</p> <p>It is understood that another resident at The Poplars had also raised the issue about the lack of brown bin(s) with Renfrewshire Council</p> <p>Since then, on Sunday, 12<sup>th</sup> February, a brown wheelie bin has been delivered to No.7 Cyril Street and the green food waste caddy bins were also emptied so at least the matter has been satisfactorily resolved for now.</p> <p><b><i>Variation of boundary with Hawkhead and Lochfield Community Council</i></b></p> <p>The Secretary confirmed that following the discussion at the last meeting, the Secretary has responded to Joe Woods, Secretary of Hawkhead and Lochfield Community Council to confirm that this Community Council has no objection to their suggestion to vary the boundary.</p> <p>The boundary being moved to incorporate that new estate would effectively shift the boundary northwards to coincide with the Paisley Canal railway line.</p> <p>Obviously, this would be subject to the agreement of Renfrewshire Council as it would necessitate revision of the Scheme for Establishment of Community Councils, which is due for review later this year in any event. No doubt, Anne will keep us guided on the process for this change if it is considered reasonable and appropriate.</p> <p><b><i>#YouDecide Announcement Event – 9<sup>th</sup> February</i></b></p> <p>Further to the update at the last meeting, a further email had been received from Graeme Crawford confirming that he successful projects for the #YouDecide campaign were announced at the event that took place on 9<sup>th</sup> February. A list of the various approved projects had been circulated to members in advance of the meeting.</p> <p>£1.2million was made available, split across 16 local areas, and as many projects as possible have been funded until all the money has been allocated. Where plans were already in place for an idea, some projects have been taken on by council services outside of the campaign or council funding has topped up the project to ensure as many local ideas as possible could be brought to life. In the local area, the successful projects were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Creation of an enclosed dog exercise area in East End Park.</i></li> <li>• <i>Install lighting in Barshaw Park from Arkleston Road entrance to the car park.</i></li> <li>• <i>Making a contribution towards replacing all play equipment in Jenny's Well Play Park.</i></li> </ul>	<p>Noted</p> <p>Noted pending further developments</p> <p>Noted</p>

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<p>Subsequently, an email was circulated with a link to a video of the event of 9<sup>th</sup> February, which can be found at <a href="https://vimeo.com/801587987/b417cc1523">https://vimeo.com/801587987/b417cc1523</a></p>	
<p><b><i>Neighbourhood Place Plan - Seedhill and Auchentorlie</i></b></p>	
<p>Members were referred to an email received from Jamie Mackie, Principal Regeneration &amp; Space at Renfrewshire Council following his telephone discussion with the Secretary on 6<sup>th</sup> February. The officer has offered apologies that he was unable to share plans ahead of the last Community Council meeting. A draft of the plan is now being finalised and following discussion with his Housing colleagues, he hopes to be in a position to share this in the coming weeks.</p>	<p>Noted pending further developments</p>
<p><b><i>My Guide Volunteer: Guide Dogs My Sighted Guide Service</i></b></p>	
<p>Further to the email tabled at the last meeting, the Secretary reported that digital material has since been received from Guide Dogs and posted to the Community Council Facebook Page.</p>	<p>Noted</p>
<p><b><i>Rescheduling of the April Meeting – 19<sup>th</sup> April</i></b></p>	
<p>The Secretary report that since the last meeting, he has notified rescheduling of the next meeting to 19<sup>th</sup> April to the Police, the Wardens Service, Anne McNaughton and Colin McNaught, from whom the church keys are collected.</p>	<p>Noted</p>
<p><b><i>Circle Recovery Hub</i></b></p>	
<p>Following receipt of contact details from Cllr Clark, Derek Kennedy, the Team Lead in the Alcohol &amp; Drug Recovery Service has been contacted and an arrangement is in place for a speaker to attend the meeting on 7<sup>th</sup> June.</p>	<p>Noted</p>
<p><b><i>Taylor Wimpey Development at Hawkhead Gardens s75 Agreement</i></b></p>	
<p>Following the discussion at the last meeting, Cllr McNaughton has obtained and forwarded further information regarding this matter.</p>	
<p>A copy of the s75 Agreement and the Report on Handling had been circulated to members in advance of the meeting</p>	
<p>The Chair commented briefly on that, explaining funding had been provided to create a footpath (£100,000) and bridge (£300,000) on the site and to provide a new classroom extension with the associated reconfiguration of the school grounds at St. John Ogilvie Primary School (£250,000)</p>	<p>Noted</p>
<p>A brief discussion followed in relation to the s75 funding in relation to this development.</p>	

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<p><b>6. Secretary's Report</b></p> <p><i>Email from Cllr Marie McGurk Convener of Communities &amp; Housing Policy Board, Renfrewshire Council Funding Sources Relevant to Tree Planting</i></p> <p>Further to questions which have been raised by community representatives in relation to funding sources relevant to tree planting, Cllr McGurk has forwarded an email that she has received from Mr. Alistair Allan, Biodiversity officer with a link to potential funding sources:</p> <p><a href="https://www.tnlcommunityfund.org.uk/funding/programmes/climate-action-fund-programme">https://www.tnlcommunityfund.org.uk/funding/programmes/climate-action-fund-programme</a></p> <p><i>Email from Anne McNaughton Renfrewshire Council Renfrewshire Community Council Forum</i></p> <p>Email received from Anne with a copy of the agenda circulated to RCCF representatives for the first meeting of the reconvened Forum scheduled to take place on 13<sup>th</sup> March at Johnstone Town Hall</p> <p><i>Email from Graeme Crawford Renfrewshire Council Mobile Vaccination Unit – Ferguslie – 7 March 2023</i></p> <p>The NHS has informed Renfrewshire Council that a mobile vaccination unit will be visiting Ferguslie on Tuesday 7 March at Ferguslie Sports Centre, 106 Blackstoun Rd, Ferguslie, Paisley PA3 1EX between 9am and 4pm.</p> <p>The 'flu vaccination was offered to anyone aged 50 or over on a first come, first served basis. Participants will also be offered the Covid-19 booster vaccination, providing it is a minimum three months since their last dose.</p> <p><i>Email from Joe Greenless Friends of Clyde Muirshiel Regional Park Future of Castle Semple</i></p> <p>This was a consultation event taking place on Thursday 23rd February at Castle Semple from 14:00- 19:00.</p> <p>Although the consultation is new, the issues being discussed are not. This is a report commissioned by Renfrewshire Council by the Babbie Group from 2002.</p> <p>One of the main issues is that the weir on the Black Cart allows water sports to happen on Castle Semple by raising the water level by around 1.2 metres. It also points out that the weir prevents flushing of the river systems and, due to sedimentation, this will ultimately limit the types of water sports on the loch.</p> <p>Currently Scottish Water is allowing the weir to enter a period of managed decline. They have asked the water sports groups if they would like to incur</p>	<p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p>



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<p>the liability and costs of maintaining the weir but this could be beyond their available resources.</p> <p>The site was designated a SSSI in 1948 and then flooded by the construction of the weir in 1970/71.</p> <p><a href="https://www.renfrewshire.gov.uk/article/13146/Residents-invited-to-share-their-views-on-shaping-the-future-of-Castle-Semple">https://www.renfrewshire.gov.uk/article/13146/Residents-invited-to-share-their-views-on-shaping-the-future-of-Castle-Semple</a></p> <p><b><i>Email from Cllr Graeme Clark Renfrewshire Council Penilee Road / Arkleston Road – Litter</i></b></p> <p>Following concerns expressed by Ralston Community Council about excessive litter at those locations, Cllr Clark had taken those up with Environment &amp; Infrastructure.</p> <p>He has since forwarded to the Secretary a copy of the response received from the officer who has confirmed that he would arrange for one of their supervisors to visit the above locations and assess the amount of work required.</p> <p>If the litter is on the grass verges beyond the end of the 30mph speed limit it then requires road closures to be put in place for Health and Safety reasons. It is also classed as a rural road if over 30 mph, therefore is only lifted once per annum. They are intending to carry out that litter removal prior to cutting the rural road verges at the start of the cutting season in April.</p> <p><b><i>Email from Cllr Neill Graham Renfrewshire Council Renfrewshire Local Housing Need &amp; Demand Assessment</i></b></p> <p>Cllr Graham has forwarded for information details of a Local Housing Need and Demand study that has been commissioned for the Renfrewshire area.</p> <p>This study will help Renfrewshire Council develop a robust, evidenced based estimate of the overall need/demand for new affordable housing over the next 10 years and will help inform housing investment priorities, affordable housing policy, housing supply targets and finalise the new Local Housing Strategy 2023 - 2028</p> <p>As part of the research, the consultants will be carrying out a phone and online household survey. Phone survey - A telephone survey of approximately 500 households will be undertaken by the market research company Research Resource.</p> <p>A letter has been sent to a sample of households in Renfrewshire inviting them to participate.</p> <p>Phone surveys will take place throughout February/early March.</p>	<p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p>



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<p><i>Accounts Commission Newsletter March 2023</i></p> <p>A copy of the latest newsletter had been circulated to members in advance of the meeting.</p> <p><i>Scottish Environmental Protection Agency SEPA 2023 Opinion Survey</i></p> <p>The Scottish Environment Protection Agency (SEPA) is Scotland's principal environmental regulator. SEPA's role is to make sure that the environment and human health are protected, to ensure that Scotland's natural resources and services are used as sustainably as possible and contribute to sustainable economic growth.</p> <p>SEPA would very much welcome the views of Paisley East and Whitehaugh Community Council which will help inform our work on regulation and flooding services by participate in their 2023 survey, which is now live and closes on 17 March.</p> <p>Survey has been duly completed.</p> <p><i>Email from Anne McNaughton Renfrewshire Council Scottish Sentencing Council - free online webinar - 22nd March</i></p> <p>Forwarded email from The Improvement Service advising that the Scottish Sentencing Council are giving a talk on how sentences in criminal cases are decided by judges in our courts. They will explain the guidance in place to help judges make these challenging decisions; and what particular factors are taken into account when sentencing young people.</p> <p>It also offers an opportunity to hear more about community sentencing and what the public thinks about that.</p> <p>The Scottish Sentencing Council is an independent statutory advisory body with responsibility for preparing sentencing guidelines for the Scottish courts. The Council also promotes greater awareness and understanding of sentencing and publishes information about sentencing.</p> <p><i>Email from Robyn Dale Media and Communications Manager – AMEY PLC Essential Inspections on the M8 (Junctions 27 and 28 - White Cart Viaduct) Commences Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> March 2023</i></p> <p>Amey, on behalf of Transport Scotland as part of the Network Management Contract for the South-West Trunk Road Unit, is undertaking essential inspections at White Cart Viaduct on the M8 between Junctions 27 and 28 from Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> March until Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March 2023. This work will take place from 8pm until 6am, each night.</p>	<p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p>

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<p>These inspections will benefit around 51,000 vehicles using this route each day, by informing future maintenance work at this location to improve the condition of the structure and its carriageway.</p> <p>The work will be carried out using overnight road closures and there will be a signed diversion in place. They thank road users for their patience and co-operation while this essential work takes place.</p>	Noted
<p><b>7. Treasurer's Report</b></p> <p>The Treasurer explained that as per her report at the March meeting, the balance at the bank stands at £3154.55 with no new transactions during the preceding month.</p>	Noted
<p><b>8. Any other Business</b></p> <p><i>Review of Scheme for Community Councils</i></p> <p>Cllr Clark advised that there is a cross-party meeting of councillors due to take place on 20<sup>th</sup> March to discuss the revision of the scheme.</p> <p><i>Cladding Works in Whitehaugh</i></p> <p>It was highlighted that a company has been visiting households in the Whitehaugh area touting cladding services, This gives rise to concerns on the following grounds:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Whitehaugh houses that were built by George Gibson can be insulated using bead insulation, contrary to cladding promoters' claims that cladding is the only option.</i></li> <li>• <i>Some specific cladding presents several issues: higher cost, time-consuming installation, and potential negative effects on historic buildings.</i></li> <li>• <i>Consumer expert Martin Lewis called for increased regulation and a Royal Commission to examine cladding safety; he is inundated with a vast amount of emails on the issue.</i></li> <li>• <i>Lack of safety certifications for some claddings may prevent homeowners from remortgaging.</i></li> <li>• <i>White cladding fares poorly in wet Atlantic climates and is prone to staining and damage.</i></li> <li>• <i>Sustainable cladding alternatives, such as clay tiles or harling, should be considered.</i></li> <li>• <i>Caution and review advised due to deceptive promotion of cladding and lack of industry regulation.</i></li> <li>• <i>Bead insulation as a cost-effective and less invasive solution can attract government grant support.</i></li> <li>• <i>Cladding's potential impact on property value due to alteration of historic building aesthetics.</i></li> <li>• <i>Fire safety risks associated with certain types of cladding materials.</i></li> <li>• <i>Environmental impact of cladding production, installation, and disposal compared to alternative insulation methods.</i></li> </ul>	Noted

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<p>Consequently householders, particularly the vulnerable, should exercise considerable caution before agreeing to any cladding works being carried out to their property.</p> <p><i>New Residential Development at East Lane</i></p> <p>Members were interested to hear that that Link Housing are to embark on building 42 new flats at East Lane on the site previously occupied by Arnold Clark</p>	
<p><b>9. Date of Next Meeting</b></p> <p>The next meeting of the session is due to take place on Wednesday, 19<sup>th</sup> April at 7pm.</p>	