

# 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, 10<sup>th</sup> May 2023</b>	<b>10/05/2023</b>
<p>Present: Gaynor Corry; Margaret Cowie; Robert Moore; Christine McLellan Graham Paterson; Andrew Ramsay; Jean Ramsay; Diane Watt</p> <p>Attending: Councillors Graeme Clark; Neill Graham (both Renfrewshire Council); Grace Paterson, Caroline Verdier, Fraser McDonald (Local Residents)</p> <p>Apologies: John Bell; Andrew McGlynn; Catherine Scally; Jhulia Watt; Councillor Carolann Davidson (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>Before proceeding with the business of the meeting, the Chair announced that the church minister, the Rev John Murning had recently been unwell and that he had passed on best wishes to his wife Linda. While she had hoped to come along tonight, she had just returned from a hospital appointment with John. While he is making progress, he is very tired now, so she had thought it best to stay at home to be with him this evening. There is an issue which Linda has highlighted and that will be raised under AOCB later in the meeting.</p> <p>In the absence of representatives from Police Scotland and the Wardens Service, the chair confirmed that the business of the meeting would start with the next item on the agenda.</p>	
<p><b>2. Minutes of Meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> April 2023</b></p> <p>It was pointed out that there was an inadvertent error in the second paragraph of Item 2 under the heading Police Scotland and that the word "herself" should be replaced by "himself".</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 Gaynor Corry and those were formally approved without dissent.</p>	Approved subject to amendment
<p><b>3. Business arising from Minutes of Meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> March 2023</b></p> <p><i>Speeding issues in Arkleston Road.</i></p> <p>The Secretary reported that despite yet a further reminder being sent, there has still been no further feedback from Gerry Hannah in response to the issues that were raised with him at the meeting on 8th March.</p> <p>Some dismay was expressed about this lack of response and the elected members were asked to highlight this to the officer concerned and urge a response at the earliest opportunity.</p>	Noted pending further feedback.

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<p><i>Renfrewshire Community Council Forum (RCCF)</i></p> <p>Gaynor announced that the next meeting of RCCF is now due to take place on Monday, 5<sup>th</sup> June.</p> <p>An update will follow at the June meeting.</p> <p>This will be a routine meeting and will be followed by a special meeting to formally adopt the amended “future-proofed” constitution referred to previously</p> <p><i>Sherwood Greenlaw Church New Life Magazine</i></p> <p>The Secretary reported that a brief article, as circulated in advance of the meeting, has been submitted for inclusion in the next edition due to be published in June, which might hopefully generate some interest in the forthcoming elections and will lead to recruitment of some new members.</p> <p>That has been acknowledged and they have confirmed that they will welcome any further articles for inclusion in the next edition of the magazine due for publication in August.</p> <p><i>Curtailment of McGills Service #20</i></p> <p>Further to the discussion at the last meeting, Cllr Clark indicated that the meeting that was called for has not yet taken place.</p> <p>However, it now seems clear that SPT does not intend to intervene in relation to the curtailment of the service.</p> <p>It was also noted that a motion tabled at the last full meeting of Renfrewshire Council, by Councillors Andy Doig and John Hood was deemed incompetent in light of the previous motion that had been agreed at the Council’s Leadership Board.</p> <p>A discussion took place during which Mrs. Paterson, as a local resident, had made representations to the local MSP, George Adam, and to the Transport Minister, Kevin Stewart, expressing understandable concerns regarding the curtailment of this service. The general impression from the responses received was that this was a matter for the local authority rather than the Scottish Government.</p> <p>Mrs. Paterson agreed to pass to the Secretary a copy of the correspondence that has passed between her and the MSP and the Minister of Transport/Transport Scotland.</p> <p>The issue was then remitted to the Secretary to liaise with the other office bearers to formulate appropriate representations based on the available information.</p>	<p>Noted pending further feedback.</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Officebearers to consult to agree appropriate representations on this issue</p>

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<p><b><i>Development on Grounds at Dykebar Hospital Grahamston Road Paisley PA2 7DE</i></b></p> <p>Further to the discussion at the last meeting, a copy of the Construction Traffic Management Plan is still awaited.</p> <p>Cllr Clark reported that there was no further progress in relation to this issue, but he will follow it up again.</p> <p><b><i>Design for the Junction of Glasgow Road, Hawkhead Road and Arkleston Road</i></b></p> <p>Further to the discussion at the last meeting, a copy of the proposed design modifications is awaited.</p> <p>Cllr Clark again reported that there was no further progress in relation to this issue, but he will follow it up again.</p> <p><b><i>Concern over RingGo App Charges</i></b></p> <p>Further to the report at the last meeting, members were referred to the correspondence with the relevant officer circulated in advance of the meeting.</p> <p>When the officer had replied he indicated that he had checked with the Parking Project team who implemented the RingGo arrangement in November 2022. It seems that a full price breakdown is shown to customers when booking a parking slot via the RingGo app, including the convenience fee for using the app and the optional SMS reminder fees.</p> <p>It has been pointed out however that motorists only find this out after they have engaged with the RingGo app.</p> <p>The officer has therefore been asked whether or not, in the interests of transparency, the Council, RingGo, or whoever maintain the meters on their behalf, could affix a conspicuous sticker to the meters highlighting that there is a price differential, albeit this a relatively modest one.</p> <p>Hopefully a substantive response will be available by the next meeting.</p>	<p>Noted pending further feedback.</p> <p>Noted pending further feedback.</p> <p>Noted pending further feedback.</p>
<p><b>5. Secretary's Report</b></p> <p><b><i>Renfrewshire Foodbank Appeal for Donations</i></b></p> <p>The Secretary reported that the Chair has highlighted a recent press article in the Daily Record, a copy of which had been circulated in advance, highlighting the increasing demand on the Foodbank and the need for donations.</p> <p>A discussion ensued during which it was mentioned that while Breakfast Clubs are helping to mitigate the situation to some extent, an increasing number of people are reliant on support from the foodbank.</p>	<p>Agreed to make a further donation of £300 to Renfrewshire Foodbank</p>

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<p>It was pointed out that while the local situation is quite concerning, the national figures are also very stark.</p> <p>Following conclusion of the discussion, it was moved by Jean Ramsay and seconded by Christine McLellan that the Community Council make a further donation of £300 to Renfrewshire Foodbank. There been no dissent expressed this was duly agreed.</p> <p>The Treasurer confirmed that she would arrange for the payment to be remitted to the Foodbank.</p> <p><b><i>Email from Community Planning Renfrewshire Council Celebrating Renfrewshire Funding 23/24 - Applications now open</i></b></p> <p>The Secretary referred to emails received from Community Planning advising that Celebrating Renfrewshire is a £150,000 fund for young people, by young people. It is available for young people aged 12-25, and groups who work with young people this age, from across Renfrewshire who have an idea to make their community better for them. Schools are also eligible to apply via their parent councils, as long as the project benefits the wider community and not just the school.</p> <p>The fund uses a Participatory Budgeting process (PB) which encourages young people and youth-led organisations to develop ideas for their community and apply for funding for that idea.</p> <p>The fund launched for applications on the 21<sup>st</sup> of April and will be open for four weeks, closing on the 21<sup>st</sup> of May.</p> <p>Full details on priorities and how to apply are available on the council's website <a href="http://www.renfrewshire.gov.uk/CelebratingRenfrewshire">www.renfrewshire.gov.uk/CelebratingRenfrewshire</a></p> <p>Otherwise, potential applicants can go straight to the application form here: <a href="https://arcg.is/1Of0Kv">https://arcg.is/1Of0Kv</a></p> <p><b><i>Email from Carole Paton Co-op Member Pioneer Paisley &amp; Renfrew Co-op Local Community Fund</i></b></p> <p>The primary funding offer from the Co-op is their Local Community Fund and applications for this open on 10<sup>th</sup> May. Invitation is extended to organisations to pre-register for the application process using the link provided. They will be looking to support three organisations in each of their Renfrew and Paisley stores via this fund.</p> <p>Although groups apply in May/June 2023 for this fund, funding won't actually be paid out until September 2024, although they do understand that this might not suit every group or project.</p> <p>Money for this fund is generated by Co-op members swiping their card every time they shop in store. They can choose to support a particular group via the</p>	<p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p>

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Co-op App, or the money is just held generally and divided between the three causes for that store. There is no way of knowing how much will be generated in advance, but previous pay-outs have been over £1000. However, funding at this level cannot be guaranteed.

*Email from Anne McNaughton*

*Renfrewshire Council*

*Formal Consultation on Renfrewshire Licensing Board's Statement of Licensing Policy*

Forwarded email from Douglas Campbell Assistant Managing Solicitor (Licensing)/ Depute Clerk to the Licensing Board regarding this consultation, which is open until 21<sup>st</sup> July 2023.

Renfrewshire Licensing Board carried out an initial, informal consultation in relation to the review of its liquor licensing policy statement between December 2022 and February 2023.

At a meeting of the Licensing Board on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> April 2023, the Board considered the responses received to that initial, informal consultation, which have now been published on the Licensing Board's web page and approved the terms of a draft revised policy statement and a draft consultation paper. The consultation paper asks for views on particular issues raised in response to the initial consultation, as well as seeking views more generally on the terms of the draft licensing policy statement prepared for the purpose of further consultation. The draft revised Statement of Licensing Policy and the consultation paper referred to above can be accessed on the Licensing Board's website at: <https://www.renfrewshire.gov.uk/article/3207/Statement-of-Licensing-Policy-Alcohol-Licensing>

The Board decided, at its meeting on 27<sup>th</sup> April 2023, which localities it would wish to formally consult upon for the purpose of assessing whether there is overprovision of licensed premises in Renfrewshire. The Board identified one area, in Paisley Town Centre, in respect of which it would welcome views for this purpose.

A plan for this locality, with statistical information in relation to numbers, capacities and licensed hours within that area can be accessed via the following link: <https://www.renfrewshire.gov.uk/article/3207/Statement-of-Licensing-Policy-Alcohol-Licensing> The Board will require to decide whether this area is overprovided in respect of all licensed premises or premises of a particular type. The Board's existing policy declares this area overprovided but only in respect of liquor or pub type premises (excluding hotels, restaurants and nightclubs). Consultees should state, if they consider the area overprovided, whether they think it is overprovided in respect of all, or certain types (if so, which) of premises.

Consultees should note that the Statement of Licensing Policy should seek to promote the licensing objectives set out in the Licensing (Scotland) Act 2005. These are: preventing crime and disorder; securing public safety; preventing public nuisance; protecting and improving public health; and protecting children and young persons from harm.

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<p><b><i>Email from Anne McNaughton Renfrewshire Council Scottish Conference for Community Councils online – West Lothian Joint Forum of Community Councils – Democracy Matters – 10<sup>th</sup> June 2023</i></b></p> <p>Forwarded email from The Improvement Service advising that West Lothian Joint Forum of Community Councils extend an invitation to their online Democracy Matters conference on 10<sup>th</sup> June 2023</p> <p>As part of the invitation there is a link to a survey for Community Councils aimed at gauging their interest in the event and topics/speakers they'd like to hear from. They are also keen to present their blueprint document on the future of Community Councils for discussion at the online event. We would be grateful if you would consider sharing the link below which contains the invitation as well as links to the short survey and the blueprint document with community councils in your area.</p>	<p>Noted</p>
<p><b><i>Email from Laura McDonald Scottish Community Development Centre The Big Participation Request Survey.</i></b></p> <p>Email advising that the deadline for responding to the Participation Request survey had been extended to 30<sup>th</sup> April.</p> <p>As part of their work on Participation Requests (PRs), they were carrying out a survey asking people's thoughts on strengthening the process and improving the quality of participation with the public sector. This includes asking people's thoughts on the need for a review or appeals process and what one could look like. This will also feed into the review of the Community Empowerment Act (Part 3 – participation requests) so they were keen to hear both from people who have experience of submitting PRs, and those who have never submitted one.</p>	<p>Noted</p>
<p>The Secretary mentioned that while this was a notification regarding the extension of the deadline, there is no trace of any previous correspondence in this connection.</p> <p><b><i>Email from Scottish Environment Protection Agency SEPA News – Protect your Business from the Risk of Water Scarcity this Summer</i></b></p> <p>A repeat of the water shortages faced by businesses last year cannot be ruled out as parts of Scotland record low river levels and dry ground conditions in SEPA's first water scarcity report.</p> <p>The summer months are a crucial time of year for water demand. Abstractors and irrigators are advised to manage water wisely to minimise the need for restrictions. They have published the first water scarcity report of 2023, which shows parts of western, central and northern Scotland have reached Early Warning level for water scarcity.</p>	<p>Noted</p>



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<p><a href="#">23/0171/PP   Change of use of offices to 3 short term let serviced apartments   27 Glasgow Road Paisley PA1 3PA (renfrewshire.gov.uk)</a></p> <p>Cllr Graham mentioned that he has also been contacted in this connection by a constituent who has expressed a number of concerns about the particular proposal and its wider implications.</p> <p>Two of the local residents present explained that they live in the immediate area of the proposed development and in common with their neighbours do share a number of concerns about this proposal in the conservation area.</p> <p>If granted, adaptation of the property for use as an Airbnb may give a green light to other prospective developments of this nature as properties become vacant. On a wider scale this can lead to various problems, including diminished community cohesion, when there is a transient population.</p> <p>The Secretary explained that he had also been contacted by the concerned owner of a neighbouring property who has been in touch with Cllr Graham. This person apparently intends visiting the local neighbours in the coming days to gauge opposition to the application and to enlist support for an objection.</p> <p>The person concerned is, understandably, seeking to have the deadline for objections extended given the prevalence of public holidays in May</p> <p>Cllr Graham explained that if three elected members on the Planning Board approach its Convener it is possible that they might be minded to call the application in for consideration by members rather than being decided under delegated authority by a Planning Officer.</p> <p>After discussion it was agreed that this matter be better left to elected members of the local authority. It was felt that any objections submitted by neighbours, would carry significantly more weight than any representations that might be made by the Community Council, especially as this application does not immediately affect the wider area that it represents. Obviously, this can be revisited in the future if there is a spate of similar applications in and around the conservation area.</p> <p><b><i>Pavement Parking at Kelburn Oval</i></b></p> <p>Concern was expressed regarding the number of cars that still park partially on the footway at Kelburn Oval.</p> <p>It was pointed out that enforcement of the relevant provisions of the Transport Act 2019, which prohibits pavement parking will be brought into effect through secondary legislation at some point, which will enable local authorities to take appropriate measures to tackle this problem.</p> <p><b><i>Retirement of Graham Paterson</i></b></p> <p>On tendering his apologies that he will be unable to attend the meeting in June, Graham announced that he does not intend to seek nomination for the</p>	<p>Noted pending further feedback</p> <p>Noted</p>



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forthcoming Community Council election later in the year.  The Chair thanked Graham for his service and invaluable contribution to the Community Council over the years, remarking that his input will be sorely missed. This was echoed by many of the members present.	Noted
<b>8. Date of Next Meeting</b>  The next meeting, the last for this session is due, to take place on Wednesday, 7 <sup>th</sup> June at 7pm.	